

Chiral Pumping of Spin Waves

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We report a theory for the coherent and incoherent chiral pumping of spin waves into thin magnetic films through the dipolar coupling with a local magnetic transducer, such as a nanowire. The ferromagnetic resonance of the nanowire is broadened by the injection of unidirectional spin waves that generates a nonequilibrium magnetization in only half of the film. A temperature gradient between the local magnet and film leads to a unidirectional flow of incoherent magnons, i.e., a chiral spin Seebeck effect.

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Introduction.—Magnonics and magnon spintronics are fields in which spin waves—the collective excitations of magnetic order—and their quanta, magnons, are studied with the purpose of using them as information carriers in low-power devices [1–4]. Magnons carry angular momentum or “spin” by the precession direction around the equilibrium state. By angular momentum conservation, the magnon spin couples to electromagnetic waves with only one polarization [5], which can be used to control spin waves [1–4]. Surface spin waves or Damon-Eshbach modes also have a handedness or chirality; i.e., their linear momentum is fixed by the outer product of surface normal and magnetization direction [6–9]. Alas, surface magnons have small group velocity, are dephased easily by surface roughness [10], and exist only in sufficiently thick magnetic films, which explains why they have not been employed for applications in magnonic devices [11].

The favored material for magnonics is the ferrimagnetic insulator yttrium iron garnet (YIG) with record low magnetization damping and high Curie temperature [12]. At frequencies up to a few terahertz, YIG is a magnetically soft, simple ferromagnet [13,14]. The long-range dipolar and short-range exchange interactions dominate the spin wave dispersion for long and short wavelengths, respectively, which are of the dipolar, dipolar-exchange, and exchange type over frequencies from a few gigahertz to a few terahertz [1–4]. Long-wavelength dipolar spin waves can be coherently excited by microwaves and travel over centimeters [14], but suffer from low group velocities. Exchange spin waves have much higher group velocity, but they can often be excited only incoherently [15] and are scattered easily with diffuse transport of reduced (micrometer) length scale. The dipolar-exchange spin waves are potentially most suitable for coherent information technologies by combining speed with long lifetime. Recently, short-wavelength dipolar-exchange spin waves have been coherently excited in magnetic films by attaching

transducers in the form of thin and narrow ferromagnetic wires or wire arrays with high resonance frequencies [16–22]. Micromagnetic simulations [22] revealed that the ac dipolar field emitted by a cylindrical magnetic wire antenna can excite unidirectional spin waves in a magnetic film with wave vector *parallel* to the magnetization, but no physical arguments or experiments supported this finding. Below we report that the chosen configuration [22] is not optimal and results do not hold for general magnetization directions and realistic nanowires. Recently, nearly perfectly chiral excitation of exchange spin waves was observed in thin YIG films with Co or Ni nanowire gratings with collinear magnetizations [23,24].

The chiral excitation of spin waves [23] corresponds to a robust and switchable exchange magnon current generated by microwaves. The generation of dc currents by ac forces in the absence of a dc bias is referred to as “pumping” [25]. Spin pumping is the injection of a spin current by the magnetization dynamics of a magnet into a contact normal metal by the interface exchange interaction [26,27]. We therefore refer to generation of unidirectional spin waves by the dynamics of a proximity magnetic wire as chiral spin pumping. Here we present a semianalytic theory of chiral pumping of exchange magnons for arbitrary magnetic configurations of the magnetic wire on top of ultrathin (up to tens of nanometers) magnetic films in which the Damon-Eshbach modes do not exist. We distinguish coherent pumping by applied microwaves from the incoherent (thermal) pumping by a temperature difference, i.e., the chiral spin Seebeck effect [28–31], as shown schematically in Fig. 1. The former has been studied by microwave transmission spectroscopy [23,24]. Both effects can be observed via inductive or optical detection schemes. Both processes are caused by the chirality of the dipolar photon-magnon coupling and the physics is very different from that governing the exchange-induced, nonchiral spin pumping and spin Seebeck effect [26–31].

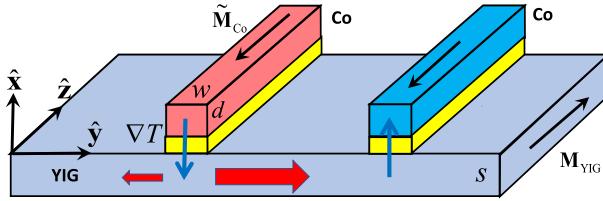


FIG. 1. Chiral spin Seebeck effect. A thin nonmagnetic spacer between the YIG film and Co nanowire (optionally) suppresses the exchange interaction. The magnitude of the magnon currents pumped into the $\pm\hat{y}$ directions is indicated by the size of the red arrows. Another Co nanowire (the blue one) detects the excited magnons.

Chiral spin pumping turns out to be very anisotropic. When spin waves propagate perpendicular to the magnetization with opposite momenta, their dipolar fields vanish on opposite sides of the film; when propagating parallel to the magnetization, their dipolar field is chiral, i.e., polarization-momentum locked. Purely chiral coupling between magnons can be achieved in the former case without constraints on the degree of polarization of the local magnet. We also find that the pumping by dipolar interaction is chiral in both momentum and real space; i.e., in the configuration of Fig. 1, unidirectional spin waves are excited in half of the film.

Origin of the chiral coupling.—The dynamic dipolar coupling of magnetization $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}$ of the local magnet with that of a film \mathbf{M} by the Zeeman interaction with the respective dipolar magnetic fields \mathbf{h} and $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$ [32] is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{int}}/\mu_0 &= - \int \tilde{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} \\ &= - \int \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where μ_0 is the vacuum permeability. We focus here on circularly polarized exchange spin waves in a magnetic film with thickness s at frequency ω and in-plane wave vector $\mathbf{k} = k_y \hat{y} + k_z \hat{z}$ in the coordinate system defined in Fig. 1 [the general case is treated in the Supplemental Material (SM), Sec. I. A [33]]. We set out from a classical picture in order to introduce the unique features of the dipolar fields, but use a quantum description to concisely and transparently describe the chiral coupling in terms of Hamiltonian matrix elements. The approximations limit the results to the classical regime, but the formalism can be extended to a future quantum magnonics. The vector field, $M_x(\mathbf{r}, t) = m_R^k(x) \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t)$ and $M_y(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv -m_R^k(x) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t)$, describes the precession around the equilibrium magnetization modulated in the \hat{z} direction, where $m_R^k(x)$ is the time-independent amplitude normal to the film and $\boldsymbol{\rho} = y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$. The dipolar field outside the film generated by the spin waves,

$$h_\beta(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_\beta \partial_\alpha \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{M_\alpha(\mathbf{r}', t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}, \quad (2)$$

in the summation convention over repeated Cartesian indices $\alpha, \beta = \{x, y, z\}$ [32], becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} h_x(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ h_y(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ h_z(\mathbf{r}, t) \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} (k + \eta k_y) \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_y(k_y/k + \eta) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_z(k_y/k + \eta) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\times \frac{1}{2} e^{-\eta k_x} \int dx' m_R^k(x') e^{\eta k_x'}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the spatial integral is over the film thickness s . $x > 0$ ($x < -s$) is the case with the dipolar field above (below) the film and $\eta = 1$ (-1) when $x > 0$ ($x < -s$), $k = |\mathbf{k}|$. The interaction Hamiltonian Eq. (1) for a wire with thickness d and width w [32] reduces to

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t) = -\mu_0 \int_0^d \hat{M}_\beta(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t) \hat{h}_\beta(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t) dx d\boldsymbol{\rho}. \quad (4)$$

The spin waves in the film with $k_z = 0$ propagate normal to the wire with dipolar field $h_z = 0$. The distribution of the dipolar field above and below the film then strongly depends on the wave vector direction: the dipolar field generated by the right (left) moving spin waves vanishes below (above) the film [23] and precesses in the opposite direction of the magnetization, as sketched in Fig. 2. The magnetization in the wire precesses in a direction governed by the magnetization direction and couples only to spin waves with finite dipolar field amplitude in the wire and matched precession [23,24]. We thus understand that the dipolar coupling is chiral and the time-averaged coupling

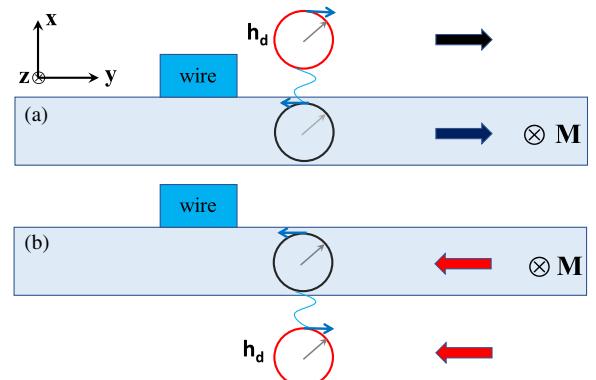


FIG. 2. Half-space dipolar fields generated by spin waves propagating normal to the (equilibrium) magnetization of an in-plane magnetized film ($\mathbf{M}_s \parallel \hat{z}$). The fat black arrows in (a) and red arrows in (b) indicate the spin wave propagation direction. The black (red) circles are the precession cones of the film magnetization (corresponding dipolar field) and precession direction is indicated by thin blue arrows.

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Chiral Pumping of Spin Waves: Supplemental Material

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I. MAGNETO-DIPOLAR FIELDS

A. In-plane magnetized films

Here we derive the dipolar field generated by spin waves in a magnetic film with arbitrary propagation direction and ellipticity of the polarization. The equilibrium magnetization of the film is along the $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ -direction. The transverse magnetization fluctuations are in general elliptical, i.e., a superposition of the right (m_R) and left (m_L) circular polarized components,

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_x(\mathbf{r}) \\ M_y(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_x^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ -m_y^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} = m_R^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ -\sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} + m_L^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix},$$

where $m_R^{\mathbf{k}}(x) = [m_x^{\mathbf{k}}(x) + m_y^{\mathbf{k}}(x)]/2$ and $m_L^{\mathbf{k}}(x) = [m_x^{\mathbf{k}}(x) - m_y^{\mathbf{k}}(x)]/2$. This magnetization generates the dipolar field ($\alpha, \beta \in \{x, y, z\}$)

$$h_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{M_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}. \quad (1)$$

Outside the film

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_x(\mathbf{r}) \\ h_y(\mathbf{r}) \\ h_z(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (|\mathbf{k}| + \text{sgn}(x)k_y) \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_y \left(\frac{k_y}{|\mathbf{k}|} + \text{sgn}(x) \right) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_z \left(\frac{k_y}{|\mathbf{k}|} + \text{sgn}(x) \right) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{-|\mathbf{k}||x|} \int dx' m_R^{\mathbf{k}}(x') e^{|\mathbf{k}|\text{sgn}(x)x'} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (|\mathbf{k}| - \text{sgn}(x)k_y) \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_y \left(-\frac{k_y}{|\mathbf{k}|} + \text{sgn}(x) \right) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ k_z \left(-\frac{k_y}{|\mathbf{k}|} + \text{sgn}(x) \right) \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{-|\mathbf{k}||x|} \int dx' m_L^{\mathbf{k}}(x') e^{|\mathbf{k}|\text{sgn}(x)x'}, \quad (2)$$

where $\text{sgn}(x)$ is the sign function.

The dipolar field above the film generated by a spin wave propagating normal to the magnetization ($k_z \rightarrow 0$) reads [1]

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_x(\mathbf{r}) \\ h_y(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{|k_y| + k_y}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_y y - \omega t) \\ \sin(k_y y - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{-|k_y|x} \int dx' m_R^{k_y}(x') e^{|k_y|x'} \\ + \frac{|k_y| - k_y}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_y y - \omega t) \\ -\sin(k_y y - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{-|k_y|x} \int dx' m_L^{k_y}(x') e^{|k_y|x'}, \quad (3)$$

while below the film

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_x(\mathbf{r}) \\ h_y(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{|k_y| - k_y}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_y y - \omega t) \\ \sin(k_y y - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{|k_y|x} \int dx' m_R^{k_y}(x') e^{-|k_y|x'} \\ + \frac{|k_y| + k_y}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_y y - \omega t) \\ -\sin(k_y y - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{|k_y|x} \int dx' m_L^{k_y}(x') e^{-|k_y|x'}. \quad (4)$$

Spin waves with right circular polarization generate a dipolar field with left circular polarization. Right (left) propagating spin waves with $k_y > 0$ ($k_y < 0$) only generate dipolar field above (below) the film. Spin waves

propagating parallel to the equilibrium magnetization ($k_y \rightarrow 0$) generate the fields

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_x(\mathbf{r}) \\ h_z(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |k_z| \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \\ \operatorname{sgn}(x) k_z \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} - \omega t) \end{pmatrix} e^{-|k_z||x|} \int dx' \left(m_R^{k_z}(x') + m_L^{k_z}(x') \right) e^{|k_z|\operatorname{sgn}(x)x'}.$$

Above the film, the dipolar field of spin waves with positive (negative) k_z , is always left (right) circularly polarized, viz. polarization-momentum locked. Below the film, the polarization is reversed.

B. Magnetic nanowire

Here we consider the dipolar field generated by a circularly polarized Kittel mode and show that its Fourier components are chiral. We consider a nanowire and its equilibrium magnetization along the $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ direction. The magnetic fluctuations are the real part of

$$\tilde{M}_{x,y}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \tilde{m}_{x,y} \Theta(x) \Theta(-x+d) \Theta(y+w/2) \Theta(-y+w/2) e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (5)$$

where d and w are the thickness and width of the nanowire. The corresponding dipolar magnetic field

$$\tilde{h}_\beta(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_\beta \partial_\alpha \int \frac{\tilde{M}_\alpha(\mathbf{r}', t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}' = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_\beta \partial_\alpha \int dz' \int_0^d dx' \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} dy' \frac{\tilde{m}_\alpha e^{-i\omega t}}{\sqrt{z'^2 + (x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2}}. \quad (6)$$

By substituting the Coulomb integral [1, 2],

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{z'^2 + (x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dk_x dk_y \frac{e^{-|z'| \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}}}{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}} e^{ik_x(x-x')+ik_y(y-y')}, \quad (7)$$

the magnetic field below the nanowire ($x < 0$) with Fourier component k_y

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{h}_\beta(k_y, x, t) &= \int h_\beta(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-ik_y y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dk_x (k_x \tilde{m}_x + k_y \tilde{m}_y) k_\beta e^{ik_x x - i\omega t} \frac{1}{k_x^2 + k_y^2} \frac{1}{ik_x} (1 - e^{-ik_x d}) \frac{2 \sin(k_y w/2)}{k_y}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Closing the contour of the k_x integral in the lower half complex plane

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{h}_x(k_y, x, t) \\ \tilde{h}_y(k_y, x, t) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{i}{4\pi} e^{|k_y|x} (1 - e^{-|k_y|d}) \frac{2 \sin(k_y w/2)}{k_y |k_y|} \begin{pmatrix} |k_y| & ik_y \\ ik_y & -|k_y| \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_x \\ \tilde{m}_y \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega t}. \quad (9)$$

A perfectly right circularly polarized wire dynamics ($\tilde{m}_y = i\tilde{m}_x$) implies that the Fourier components of $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$ with $k_y > 0$ vanish. The Fourier component with $k_y < 0$ is perfectly left circularly polarized ($\tilde{h}_y = -i\tilde{h}_x$).

II. ANGLE-DEPENDENT DIPOLAR COUPLING

Here we address the dependence of the coupling when the film magnetization rotates in the film while the nanowire magnetization is kept constant. We choose a rotated coordinate system in which the equilibrium magnetizations of nanowire and film are $\tilde{M}_s(0, \sin \theta, \cos \theta)$ and $M_s \hat{\mathbf{z}}$, as shown in Fig. 1. The two components of the dynamic

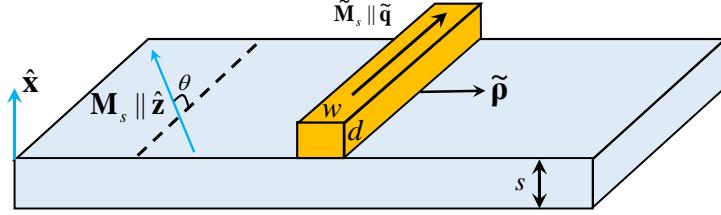


FIG. 1. (Color online) Parameters and coordinate system when the magnetizations of film and nanowire are non-collinear.

magnetization in the nanowire relative to the film magnetization are $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}) \parallel (\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_s/\tilde{M}_s \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{r}) \parallel (\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_s/\tilde{M}_s) \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}$. The Zeeman interaction with a magnetic field \mathbf{h} emitted by the film reads

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{int}} = & -\mu_0 \int_0^d \left\{ \tilde{M}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}) h_x(\mathbf{r}) + \left[\tilde{M}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{r}) \cos \theta + \tilde{M}_s \sin \theta \right] h_y(\mathbf{r}) + \left[-\tilde{M}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{r}) \sin \theta + \tilde{M}_s \cos \theta \right] h_z(\mathbf{r}) \right\} dx d\boldsymbol{\rho} \\ & \rightarrow -\mu_0 \int_0^d \left[\tilde{M}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}) h_x(\mathbf{r}) + \tilde{M}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{r}) h_y(\mathbf{r}) \cos \theta - \tilde{M}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{r}) h_z(\mathbf{r}) \sin \theta \right] dx d\boldsymbol{\rho}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The spatial integral is over the nanowire with thickness d and in the second step we disregard the fluctuating torques on the equilibrium magnetization. The magnetization operator \hat{M}_{α} in the film may be expanded into the magnon field operators $\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger$ with Boson commutator $[\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger] = \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}$

$$\hat{M}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) = -\sqrt{2M_s\gamma\hbar} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\rho}} \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}} + \overline{m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x)} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\rho}} \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \right), \quad (11)$$

where $\overline{A} = A^*$ and $m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x)$ is the amplitude of the spin waves over the film thickness. The magnons of nanowire propagate with momentum $\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = \tilde{q}(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \tilde{q} \mathbf{e}_n$ along the nanowire. In terms of the magnon field operators $\hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}$, $\hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}^\dagger$ with $[\hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}, \hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}'}^\dagger] = \delta_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}\tilde{\mathbf{q}}'}$

$$\hat{M}_{\delta}(\mathbf{r}) = -\sqrt{2\tilde{M}_s\gamma\hbar} \sum_{\tilde{q}} \left(\tilde{m}_{\delta}^{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}) e^{i\tilde{q}\tilde{z}} \hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}} + \overline{\tilde{m}_{\delta}^{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}})} e^{-i\tilde{q}\tilde{z}} \hat{\beta}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}}^\dagger \right), \quad (12)$$

where $\delta = \{\perp, \parallel\}$, $\tilde{z} = y \sin \theta + z \cos \theta$, and $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{y}(\cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}})$ is a vector in the nanowire cross section with $-w/2 \leq \tilde{y} \leq w/2$ and $0 \leq x \leq d$.

Using the dipolar field Eq. (1)

$$\hat{h}_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\hat{M}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}, \quad (13)$$

and substituting Eqs. (11) and (12) into Eq. (10) yields

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(g_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{\beta}_{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n} + \text{h.c.} \right), \quad (14)$$

where $k_{\parallel} = k_y \sin \theta + k_z \cos \theta$, the coupling constant

$$g_{\mathbf{k}} = -2\mu_0\gamma\hbar\sqrt{\tilde{M}_s M_s} \frac{1}{k_{\perp}} \sin \left(\frac{k_{\perp}w}{2} \right) \int_0^d dx \int_{-s}^0 dx' - (x-x') |\mathbf{k}| \left(\overline{m_x^{\mathbf{k}}(x')}, \overline{m_y^{\mathbf{k}}(x')} \right) \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{k}| & ik_{\perp} \\ ik_y & -\frac{k_y k_{\perp}}{|\mathbf{k}|} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n}(x) \\ \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n}(x) \end{pmatrix},$$

and $k_{\perp} = -k_z \sin \theta + k_y \cos \theta$. For thin films the magnetization is constant over the film (s) and nanowire (d) thickness and

$$g_{\mathbf{k}} \rightarrow -2\mu_0 \gamma \hbar \sqrt{\tilde{M}_s M_s} \frac{1}{k_{\perp} |\mathbf{k}|^2} \sin\left(\frac{k_{\perp} w}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|d}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|s}\right) \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{k}| & ik_{\perp} \\ ik_y & -\frac{k_y k_{\perp}}{|\mathbf{k}|} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n} \\ \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The normalized magnon amplitudes of exchange spin waves in the film [1, 3, 4]

$$m_y^{\mathbf{k}} = im_x^{\mathbf{k}} = i\sqrt{1/(4s)}, \quad (15)$$

and those in the nanowire are

$$\tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\mathcal{D}(k_{\parallel})wd}}, \quad \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_n} = i\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{D}(k_{\parallel})}{4wd}}, \quad (16)$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}(k_{\parallel}) = \sqrt{\frac{H_{\text{app}} + N_{xx}\tilde{M}_s + \tilde{\lambda}_{\text{ex}}k_{\parallel}^2\tilde{M}_s}{H_{\text{app}} + N_{yy}\tilde{M}_s + \tilde{\lambda}_{\text{ex}}k_{\parallel}^2\tilde{M}_s}}. \quad (17)$$

H_{app} and $\tilde{\lambda}_{\text{ex}}$ are the applied magnetic field and the exchange stiffness of the nanowire, respectively. The demagnetization factors are estimated to be $N_{xx} \simeq w/(d+w)$ and $N_{yy} = d/(d+w)$ [1] also govern the Kittel mode frequency

$$\omega_K = \mu_0 \gamma \sqrt{(H_{\text{app}} + N_{yy}\tilde{M}_s)(H_{\text{app}} + N_{xx}\tilde{M}_s)}. \quad (18)$$

We can now discuss special configurations.

(i) When magnetizations are antiparallel, $\theta = \pi$, $k_{\parallel} = -k_z$, $k_{\perp} = -k_y$, and $\mathbf{e}_n = -\hat{\mathbf{z}}$. The coupling strength

$$g_{\mathbf{k}}^{\parallel} \rightarrow -2\mu_0 \gamma \hbar \sqrt{\tilde{M}_s M_s} \frac{1}{k_y |\mathbf{k}|^2} \sin\left(\frac{k_y w}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|d}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|s}\right) \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{k}| & -ik_y \\ ik_y & \frac{k_y^2}{|\mathbf{k}|} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}} \\ \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

In the notation of the main text, $\tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}} = \tilde{m}_x^{(k_z)}$ and $\tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}} = -\tilde{m}_y^{(k_z)}$. When both spin waves in the film and nanowire are circularly polarized the chirality is perfect and the coupling strength is maximized.

(ii) When magnetizations are normal to each other, $\theta = \pi/2$, $k_{\parallel} = k_y$, $k_{\perp} = -k_z$, $\mathbf{e}_n = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$, and

$$g_{\mathbf{k}}^{\perp} \rightarrow -2\mu_0 \gamma \hbar \sqrt{\tilde{M}_s M_s} \frac{1}{k_z |\mathbf{k}|^2} \sin\left(\frac{k_z w}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|d}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|\mathbf{k}|s}\right) \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{k}| & -ik_z \\ ik_y & \frac{k_y k_z}{|\mathbf{k}|} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_{\perp}^{k_y \hat{\mathbf{y}}} \\ \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{k_y \hat{\mathbf{y}}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

The coupling to travelling waves in the nanowire with finite k_y is not perfectly chiral, even for the circularly polarized spin waves in the film and nanowire, but still directional, depending on k_y/k_z .

(iii) In the limit of coherent excitation of only the Kittel mode $k_{\parallel} = 0$, but at arbitrary angle $k_y = k_{\perp} \cos \theta$,

$$g_{k_{\perp}}^K \rightarrow -2\mu_0 \gamma \hbar \sqrt{\tilde{M}_s M_s} \frac{1}{k_{\perp}^3} \sin\left(\frac{k_{\perp} w}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|k_{\perp}|d}\right) \left(1 - e^{-|k_{\perp}|s}\right) \begin{pmatrix} |k_{\perp}| & ik_{\perp} \\ ik_{\perp} & -|k_{\perp}| \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_{\perp}^{(0)} \\ \tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

The Kittel mode in the nanowire with right circular polarization couples with the spin waves propagating perpendicular to the nanowire with perfect chirality (Sec. I B). In general, the Kittel mode in the nanowire is elliptic; the

chirality can then be tuned by the angle θ . In particular, the ellipticity leads to a “magic” angle θ_c at which the chirality of the (nonzero) coupling vanishes. Using $|g_{k\perp}^K| = |g_{-k\perp}^K|$ and assuming pure exchange spin waves in the film [Eq. (15)],

$$\cos \theta_c = -i\tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{(0)}/\tilde{m}_{\perp}^{(0)} \text{ or } i\tilde{m}_{\perp}^{(0)}/\tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{(0)}.$$

In the limit of small applied magnetic fields, Eq. (16) yields $\tilde{m}_{\perp}^{(0)} \simeq \sqrt{1/(4w\sqrt{wd})}$ and $\tilde{m}_{\parallel}^{(0)} \simeq i\sqrt{1/(4d\sqrt{wd})}$. With $w > d$, the critical angle is governed by the aspect ratio with $\cos \theta_c \simeq \sqrt{d/w}$. When $d \rightarrow w$ the Kittel mode is circularly polarized and the chirality vanishes with the coupling constant when approaching the parallel configuration.

III. LINEAR RESPONSE THEORY OF CHIRAL MAGNON EXCITATION

The coherent excitation of a magnetization by a proximity magnetic transducer can alternatively be formulated by linear response theory [5, 6]. The excited magnetization in the film can be expressed by time-dependent perturbation theory as:

$$M_{\alpha}(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t) = -i \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \left\langle \left[\hat{M}_{\alpha}(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t), \hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t') \right] \right\rangle. \quad (22)$$

In terms of the retarded spin susceptibility

$$\chi_{\alpha\delta}(x, x'; \boldsymbol{\rho} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}; t - t') = i\Theta(t - t') \left\langle \left[\hat{S}_{\alpha}(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t), \hat{S}_{\delta}(x', \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, t') \right] \right\rangle, \quad (23)$$

where $\hat{S}_{\alpha} = -\hat{M}_{\alpha}/(\gamma\hbar)$ is the spin operator,

$$M_{\alpha}(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t) = \mu_0(\gamma\hbar)^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \int_{-s}^0 dx' \tilde{M}_{\beta}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, t') G_{\beta\xi}(-\mathbf{k}, \tilde{x} - x') \chi_{\alpha\xi}(x, x'; \mathbf{k}; t - t') e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\rho}-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}})}.$$

Here $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}$ is the magnetization of the magnetic transducer. With $\tilde{x} > x'$, the Green-function tensor reads

$$G(-\mathbf{k}, \tilde{x} - x') = \frac{e^{-|\tilde{x} - x'| |\mathbf{k}|}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{k}| & ik_y & ik_z \\ ik_y & -k_y^2/|\mathbf{k}| & -k_y k_z/|\mathbf{k}| \\ ik_z & -k_y k_z/|\mathbf{k}| & -k_z^2/|\mathbf{k}| \end{pmatrix}. \quad (24)$$

In terms of eigenmodes $m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x)e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\rho}}$ and their frequency $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$,

$$\chi_{\alpha\xi}(x, x'; \mathbf{k}; \omega) = -\frac{2M_s}{\gamma\hbar} m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \overline{m_{\xi}^{\mathbf{k}}(x)} \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_{\mathbf{k}} + i0_+} \quad (25)$$

is the spin susceptibility in momentum-frequency space. The excited magnetization is

$$M_{\alpha}(x, \boldsymbol{\rho}, t) = -2\mu_0 M_s \gamma \hbar \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \int_{-s}^0 dx' \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega(t-t')+i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\rho}-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}})} \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_{\mathbf{k}} + i0_+} \\ \times m_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \tilde{M}_{\beta}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, t') G_{\beta\xi}(-\mathbf{k}, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_{\xi}^{\mathbf{k}}(x)}. \quad (26)$$

Under steady-state resonant microwave excitation of the Kittel mode Eq. (A18)

$$\tilde{M}_{\beta}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, t') \approx \tilde{M}_{\beta}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, t) e^{i\omega_K(t-t')}, \quad (27)$$

the film magnetization becomes

$$M_\alpha(x, \rho, t) = -2\mu_0 M_s \gamma \hbar \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{\rho} \int_{-s}^0 dx' e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\rho - \tilde{\rho})} \frac{1}{\omega_K - \omega_{\mathbf{k}} + i0_+} m_\alpha^{\mathbf{k}}(x) \tilde{M}_\beta(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\rho}, t) G_{\beta\xi}(-\mathbf{k}, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_\xi^{\mathbf{k}}(x)}.$$

When nanowire and equilibrium magnetizations are parallel to $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, the momentum integral in

$$\begin{aligned} M_\alpha(x, y, t) &= -2\mu_0 M_s \gamma \hbar \int_0^d \frac{dk_y}{2\pi} \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{y} \int_{-s}^0 dx' e^{ik_y(y - \tilde{y})} \frac{1}{\omega_K - \omega_{k_y} + i0_+} \\ &\quad \times m_\alpha^{k_y}(x) M_\beta(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, t) G_{\beta\xi}(-k_y, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_\xi^{k_y}(x)} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

can be evaluated by contours in the complex plane. The zeros of the denominator $\omega_K - \omega_{k_y} + i0_+$ generate two singularities at $k_\pm = \pm(k_* + i0_+)$ with $k_* > 0$, so k_+ and k_- lie in the upper and lower half planes, respectively. When $y > \tilde{y}$ the contour should be closed in the upper half plane and

$$M_\alpha^>(x, y, t) = 2i\mu_0 M_s \gamma \hbar \frac{1}{v_{k_*}} \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{y} \int_{-s}^0 dx' e^{ik_*(y - \tilde{y})} m_\alpha^{k_*}(x) M_\beta(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, t) G_{\beta\xi}(-k_*, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_\xi^{k_*}(x)}, \quad (29)$$

where $v_{k_*} = \partial\omega_k/\partial k|_{k=k_*}$ is the spin wave group velocity. A small or zero group velocity implies a large density of states and excitation efficiency. When $y < \tilde{y}$,

$$M_\alpha^<(x, y, t) = 2i\mu_0 M_s \gamma \hbar \frac{1}{v_{k_*}} \int_0^d d\tilde{x} d\tilde{y} \int_{-s}^0 dx' e^{-ik_*(y - \tilde{y})} m_\alpha^{-k_*}(x) M_\beta(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, t) G_{\beta\xi}(k_*, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_\xi^{-k_*}(x)}. \quad (30)$$

When the spin waves in the film are circularly polarized with $m_y = im_x$,

$$G_{\beta\xi}(-k_*, \tilde{x} - x') \overline{m_\xi^{k_*}(x)} \longrightarrow \frac{e^{-|\tilde{x} - x'| |k_*|}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} k_* & ik_* \\ ik_* & -k_* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ -im_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (31)$$

leading to zero $M_\alpha^<(x, y, t)$, but finite $M_\alpha^>(x, y, t)$. So the nanowire can only excite spin waves with positive momentum. Also, energy and momentum is injected into only half of the film with $y > \tilde{y}$. This “spatial chirality” persists in the limit of vanishing dissipation and is a consequence of the causality or retardation.

IV. SCATTERING MATRIX OF MICROWAVE PHOTONS

The magnetic order in two nanowires located at $\mathbf{r}_1 = R_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and $\mathbf{r}_2 = R_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ may act as transducers for microwaves that are emitted or detected by local microwave antennas as well as excite and detect magnons in the film. We are interested in the observable—the scattering matrix of the microwaves with excitation (input) at R_1 and the detection (output) at R_2 , which can be formulated by the input-output theory [7, 8]. When the local magnon states at R_1 and R_2 are expressed by the operators \hat{m}_L and \hat{m}_R , respectively, this leads to the equations of motion of the coupled nanowires and the film

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{m}_L}{dt} &= -i\omega_K \hat{m}_L(t) - i \sum_q g_q e^{iqR_1} \hat{\alpha}_q(t) - \left(\frac{\kappa_L}{2} + \frac{\kappa_{p,L}}{2} \right) \hat{m}_L(t) - \sqrt{\kappa_{p,L}} \hat{p}_{\text{in}}^{(L)}(t), \\ \frac{d\hat{m}_R}{dt} &= -i\omega_K \hat{m}_R(t) - i \sum_q g_q e^{iqR_2} \hat{\alpha}_q(t) - \frac{\kappa_R}{2} \hat{m}_R(t), \\ \frac{d\hat{\alpha}_q}{dt} &= -i\omega_q \hat{\alpha}_q(t) - ig_q e^{-iqR_1} \hat{m}_L(t) - ig_q e^{-iqR_2} \hat{m}_R(t) - \frac{\kappa_q}{2} \hat{\alpha}_q(t). \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Here, κ_L and κ_R are the intrinsic damping of the Kittel modes in the left and right nanowires, respectively, $\kappa_{p,L}$ is the additional radiative damping induced by the microwave photons $\hat{p}_{\text{in}}^{(L)}$, i.e. the coupling of the left nanowire with the microwave source, and κ_q denotes the intrinsic (Gilbert) damping of magnons in the films. In frequency space:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\alpha}_q(\omega) &= g_q G_q(\omega) [e^{-iqR_1} \hat{m}_L(\omega) + e^{-iqR_2} \hat{m}_R(\omega)], \\ \hat{m}_R(\omega) &= \frac{-i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) e^{iq(R_2-R_1)}}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \kappa_R/2 + i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega)} \hat{m}_L(\omega), \\ \hat{m}_L(\omega) &= \frac{-\sqrt{\kappa_{p,L}}}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + (\kappa_L + \kappa_{p,L})/2 + i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) - f(\omega)} \hat{p}_{\text{in}}^{(L)}(\omega),\end{aligned}\quad (33)$$

where $G_q(\omega) = [(\omega - \omega_q) + i\kappa_q/2]^{-1}$ and

$$f(\omega) \equiv -\frac{\left(\sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) e^{iq(R_1-R_2)}\right) \left(\sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) e^{iq(R_2-R_1)}\right)}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \kappa_R/2 + i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega)}. \quad (34)$$

For perfect chiral coupling $f(\omega)$ vanishes by the absence of back-action. The excitation of the left nanowire propagates to the right nanowire by the spin waves in the film. The microwave output of the left and right nanowires inductively detected by coplanar wave guides are denoted by $\hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(L)}(\omega)$ and $\hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(R)}(\omega)$ with input-output relations [7, 8]

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(L)}(\omega) &= p_{\text{in}}^{(L)}(\omega) + \sqrt{\kappa_{p,L}} \hat{m}_L(\omega), \\ \hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(R)}(\omega) &= \sqrt{\kappa_{p,R}} \hat{m}_R(\omega),\end{aligned}\quad (35)$$

where $\kappa_{p,R}$ is the additional radiative damping induced by the detector. Therefore, the elements in the microwave scattering matrix, i.e., microwave reflection (S_{11}) and transmission (S_{21}) amplitudes become

$$\begin{aligned}S_{11}(\omega) &\equiv \frac{\hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(L)}}{\hat{p}_{\text{in}}^{(L)}} = 1 - \frac{\kappa_{p,L}}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + (\kappa_L + \kappa_{p,L})/2 + i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) - f(\omega)}, \\ S_{21}(\omega) &\equiv \frac{\hat{p}_{\text{out}}^{(R)}}{\hat{p}_{\text{in}}^{(L)}} = [1 - S_{11}(\omega)] \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_{p,R}}{\kappa_{p,L}}} \frac{i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega) e^{iq(R_2-R_1)}}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \kappa_R/2 + i \sum_q g_q^2 G_q(\omega)}.\end{aligned}\quad (36)$$

The real parts of S_{11} and S_{12} are illustrated in Fig. 2 when the magnetizations of nanowire and film are antiparallel. the interference patterns on the Kittel resonance of cobalt nanowire in Fig. 2(b) reflect the interaction between nanowires and film. The phase factor $e^{ik(R_1-R_2)}$ in Eq. (36) provides peaks and dips when the resonant momentum k is modulated. These patterns are not caused by spin wave interference in the film since in our model the nanowires cannot reflect spin waves.

V. DIPOLAR NON-LOCAL SPIN SEEBECK EFFECT

We consider two identical transducers, with a magnetic nanowire at $\mathbf{r}_2 = R_2 \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ that detects thermally injected magnons by a nanowire at $\mathbf{r}_1 = R_1 \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ with $R_1 < R_2$ mediated by the dipolar interaction only. For simplicity, we consider only the Kittel modes in the wires, which is a good approximation at low temperatures at which higher modes are frozen out. The contribution by higher modes with large wave numbers k is disregarded because the

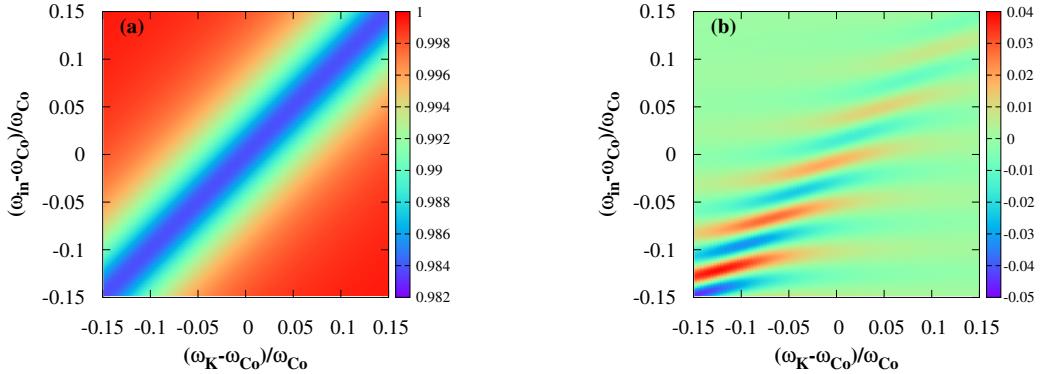


FIG. 2. (Color online) Reflection $\text{Re}(S_{11})$ [(a)] and transmission $\text{Re}(S_{12})$ [(b)] amplitudes of microwaves, Eq. (A36) between two magnetic nanowires on a magnetic film. ω_{Co} is the Kittel mode frequency Eq. (18) of the cobalt nanowire at a small applied field ($H_{\text{app}} = 0.05$ T) that fixes an antiparallel magnetizations, ω_{in} is the frequency of the input microwaves, and ω_K is the Kittel mode frequency as a function of an applied field H_{app} . The radiative coupling of both nanowires $\kappa_p/(2\pi) = 10$ MHz while other parameter values are listed in the main text.

dipolar coupling is exponentially suppressed $\sim e^{-kx}$. The coupling strength $|g_{\mathbf{k}}|$ in Fig. 3 illustrates that magnons with wavelength around half of the nanowire width ($\pi/w = 0.045 \text{ nm}^{-1}$) dominate the coupling. Thermal pumping from other than the Kittel mode can be disregarded even at elevated temperatures. Furthermore, the spin current in the film is dominated by spin waves with small momentum and long mean-free paths, so in the following we may disregard the effects of magnon-magnon and magnon-phonon interactions that otherwise render magnon transport phenomena diffuse [9]. The narrow-band thermal injection also favors the inductive detection of the injected spin current pursued here, rather than by the inverse spin Hall effect with heavy metal contacts.

The equation of motions of the Kittel modes in the nanowire and film spin waves in the coupled system read

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{m}_L}{dt} &= -i\omega_K \hat{m}_L - \sum_q i g_q^* e^{iqR_1} \hat{\alpha}_q - \frac{\kappa}{2} \hat{m}_L - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_L, \\ \frac{d\hat{m}_R}{dt} &= -i\omega_K \hat{m}_R - \sum_q i g_q^* e^{iqR_2} \hat{\alpha}_q - \frac{\kappa}{2} \hat{m}_R - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_R, \\ \frac{d\hat{\alpha}_q}{dt} &= -i\omega_q \hat{\alpha}_q - i g_q e^{-iqR_1} \hat{m}_L - i g_q e^{-iqR_2} \hat{m}_R - \frac{\kappa_q}{2} \hat{\alpha}_q - \sqrt{\kappa_q} \hat{N}_q, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

where κ is caused by the same Gilbert damping in both nanowires, and \hat{N}_L and \hat{N}_R represent the thermal noise in the left and right nanowires, with $\langle \hat{N}_{\eta}^{\dagger}(t) \hat{N}_{\eta'}(t') \rangle = n_{\eta} \delta(t - t') \delta_{\eta\eta'}$. Here, $\eta \in \{L, R\}$ and $n_{\eta} = 1/\{\exp[\hbar\omega_K/(k_B T_{\eta})] - 1\}$ and T_R is also the film temperature. Integrating out the spin-wave modes in the film, we obtain equations for dissipatively coupled nanowires. In frequency space,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}{2} \right) \hat{m}_L(\omega) + \Gamma_2 e^{iq_*|R_2 - R_1|} \hat{m}_R(\omega) &= \sum_q i g_q^* e^{iqR_1} \sqrt{\kappa_q} G_q(\omega) \hat{N}_q(\omega) - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_L(\omega), \\ \left(-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}{2} \right) \hat{m}_R(\omega) + \Gamma_1 e^{iq_*|R_2 - R_1|} \hat{m}_L(\omega) &= \sum_q i g_q^* e^{iqR_2} \sqrt{\kappa_q} G_q(\omega) \hat{N}_q(\omega) - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_R(\omega), \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where $\Gamma_1 = |g_{q_*}|^2/v_{q_*}$ and $\Gamma_2 = |g_{-q_*}|^2/v_{q_*}$ are assumed constant (for the Kittel mode). Here, q_* is the positive

root of $\omega_{q_*} = \omega_K$ as introduced in the main text.

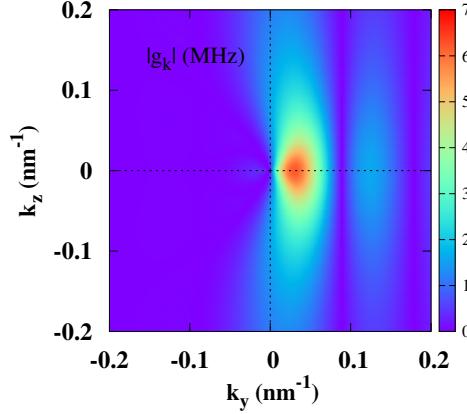


FIG. 3. (Color online) Momentum dependence of the dipolar coupling strength $|g_{\mathbf{k}}|$ between a nanowire and magnetic film for the dimensions and material parameters used in the main text.

For perfectly chiral coupling with $\Gamma_2 = 0$ the solutions of Eqs. (38) read

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{m}_L(\omega) &= \frac{\sum_q ig_q^* e^{iqR_1} \sqrt{\kappa_q} G_q(\omega) \hat{N}_q(\omega) - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_L(\omega)}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}}, \\ \hat{m}_R(\omega) &= \frac{\sum_q ig_q^* e^{iqR_2} \sqrt{\kappa_q} G_q(\omega) \hat{N}_q(\omega) - \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{N}_R(\omega) - \Gamma_1 e^{q_*(R_2 - R_1)} \hat{m}_L(\omega)}{-i(\omega - \omega_K) + \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}}.\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

With $\hat{m}_{L,R}(t) = \int e^{-i\omega t} \hat{m}_{L,R}(\omega) d\omega / (2\pi)$, the non-equilibrium occupation of the Kittel modes becomes

$$\rho_L \equiv \langle \hat{m}_L^\dagger(t) \hat{m}_L(t) \rangle = n_L + \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\kappa}{(\omega - \omega_K)^2 + (\kappa/2 + \Gamma_1/2)^2} (n_{q_*} - n_L), \quad (40)$$

$$\rho_R \equiv \langle \hat{m}_R^\dagger(t) \hat{m}_R(t) \rangle = n_R + \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_1^2 \kappa}{[(\omega - \omega_K)^2 + (\kappa/2 + \Gamma_1/2)^2]^2} (n_L - n_{q_*}), \quad (41)$$

where the damping in the film has been disregarded ($\kappa_q \rightarrow 0$). In the linear regime the non-local thermal injection of magnons into the right transducer by the left one then reads

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\rho_R &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{\text{CSSE}}(T_L - T_R) & \text{when } T_L > T_R \\ 0 & T_L \leq T_R \end{cases}, \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{CSSE}} &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_1^2 \kappa}{[(\omega - \omega_K)^2 + (\kappa/2 + \Gamma_1/2)^2]^2} \left. \frac{dn_L}{dT} \right|_{T=(T_L+T_R)/2}.\end{aligned}\quad (42)$$

where we defined the chiral (or dipolar) spin Seebeck coefficient $\mathcal{S}_{\text{CSSE}}$.

The magnon diode effect acts a “Maxwell demon” that rectifies fluctuations in the wire temperature. Of course, in thermal equilibrium all right and left moving magnons are eventually connected by reflection of spin waves at the edges and absorption and re-emission by connected heat baths. The Second Law of thermodynamics is therefore

safe, but it might be interesting to search for chirality-induced transient effects.

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