

On Thursday 28 May at 2:30 pm Venus Rai (JCNS-2) will hold, by digital means, a seminar talk whose title and abstract are given below.

Title: Chiral Anomaly and Anomalous Hall Effect in parent and Fe doped

Hexagonal-Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge Weyl semimetals.

Abstract: Topological quantum materials have attracted enormous attention since their discovery due to the observed anomalous transport properties, which originate from the non-zero Berry curvature. Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge has gained special attention because of its large anomalous transport effects that persist starting from Néel temperature (365 K) down to 2 K. Due to the presence of very small in-plane ferromagnetic component, chirality of magnetic structure can be controlled easily by applying just a few hundred Oersted (Oe) of magnetic field. Hexagonal - Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge stabilizes in the range of  $\delta = 0.2 - 0.55$ . In order to understand the involved quantum phenomena - Anomalous Hall effect (AHE) - in such materials, it is also important to check the stability of AHE with the variation of  $\delta$ . Due to specific mirror symmetry of the triangular antiferromagnetic structure, AHE is expected to be observed when magnetic field (B) is applied along x or y crystallographic axis. AHE has been reported in the lower range of  $\delta$  ( $= 0.22, 0.32$  [Kiyohara *et al.* (2015)]), however the upper range of  $\delta$  was still unexplored. We have investigated samples with the upper range of  $\delta$  ( $\sim 0.55$ ) and AHE with very small Hall - hysteresis ( $< 200$  Oe) was observed when the magnetic field was applied along x or y crystallographic axis. The magnitude of AHE in Mn<sub>3+0.55</sub>Ge is found to be more than 25% larger than the reported AHE for samples with  $\delta = 0.22 - 0.32$  (Kiyohara *et al.* (2015)). In addition to this, Fe doping in Mn<sub>3.2</sub>Ge has also shown AHE of comparable magnitude as observed in case of Mn<sub>3+0.55</sub>Ge. Despite being considered as a Weyl semimetal, chiral anomaly (signature for the presence of Weyl points) has not been observed in Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge yet. To establish the claim for the existence of Weyl points in Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge, transverse and longitudinal magneto-resistance (MR) measurement was performed with the magnetic field and electric current applied along several combinations of x, y, z crystallographic axes. Angle dependent measurements between the direction of current and applied magnetic field has clearly shown the presence of negative longitudinal MR as long as  $I \parallel B$ . Negative longitudinal MR is observed over a long range of magnetic field and temperature. However, the monotonic increase in magneto-resistance with angle ( $\theta$ ) between I and B is observed for the intermediate magnetic field range (0.5 T- 2 T). This behavior is the signature of the chiral anomaly, which evidently supports the claim for the presence of Weyl points in Mn<sub>3+δ</sub>Ge compounds.