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Kondo coupling-driven topological phase transition in the Weyl semimetal candidate CeAlGe

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CeAlGe crystallizes in a tetragonal structure $I41md$, where the spatial-inversion symmetry is broken, and is expected to exhibit Weyl fermions near a Fermi surface that becomes more stable by broken time-reversal symmetry [1]. It has been known that the magnetic ground state and relevant topological properties of CeAlGe depend on the chemical stoichiometry. For example, CeAlGe grown by the flux method yields 5 ~ 15% additional Al in the Ge site and exhibits a commensurate antiferromagnetic order below $T = 5.1$ K [2], whereas the crystal grown by floating-zone methods with 30 bar of Ar gas ($p=30$ bar) is resulted in stoichiometric composition and exhibits an incommensurate order below $T = 4.4$ K in which topological Hall effects are induced by external magnetic fields [3]. In this presentation, we will present the experimental results of newly synthesized CeAlGe using the optical floating-zone furnace with a lower Ar pressure of $p=5$ bar. Our neutron diffraction and electrical Hall transport experiments revealed that the topological magnetism is still stabilized with shorter periodicity. Furthermore, we performed electrical transport experiments under pressure up to 2 GPa. Given all experimental results obtained using flux-grown and two floating-zone-grown CeAlGe crystals, we will discuss the mechanism of topological magnetism with respect to the Kondo coupling strength.

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