

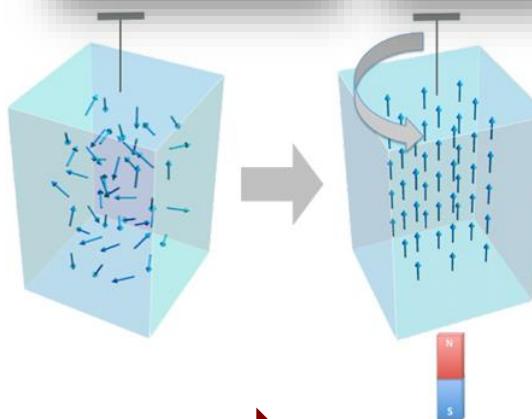
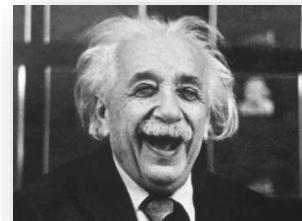
Spin Transfer Torque



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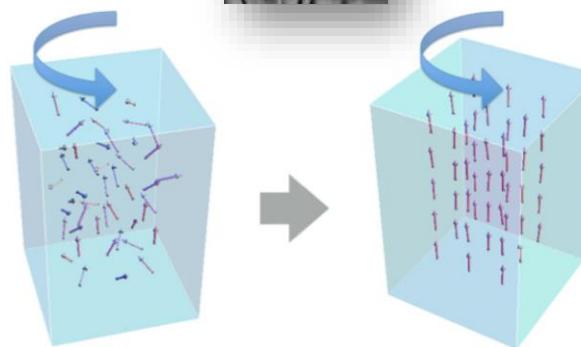
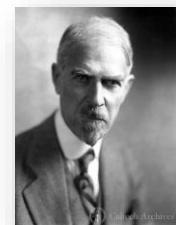
The art of throwing spinning balls

Einstein de Haas effect



Magnetic field → Mechanical torque

Barnett effect



Mechanical Torque → Magnetization

For more information

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Slonczewski's picture: angular momentum conservation

$$\mathbf{M} - g\mu_B \mathbf{s} = \text{constant}$$

“Local” magnetization “conduction” spin

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = g\mu_B \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt}$$

The **torque** exerted by the conduction spins on the magnetization is given by the **balance** between incoming and outgoing **spin current**



$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = \mathbf{T} = \int d\Omega \mathbf{m} \times [(\mathbf{J}_s^{in} - \mathbf{J}_s^{out}) \times \mathbf{m}]$$

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J. C. Slonczewski, Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials 159, L1 (1996)



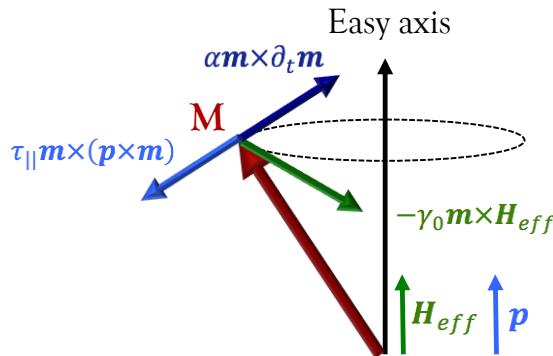
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Current-driven dynamics

$$\partial_t \mathbf{m} = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{eff} + \alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} + \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$$



$\alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} > \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$

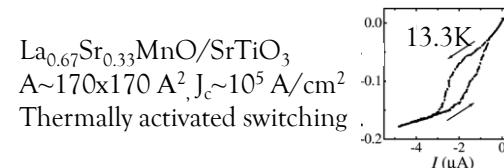
\mathbf{M} relaxes towards \mathbf{H}_{eff}

$\alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} < \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$

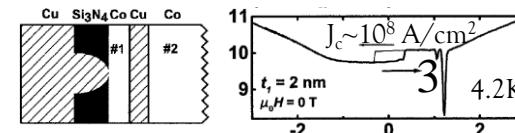
\mathbf{M} switches towards $-\mathbf{H}_{eff}$

$\alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} = \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$

\mathbf{M} precesses about \mathbf{H}_{eff}



Sun, Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials 202, 157 (1999)



Myers, Science 285, 867 (1999)

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- A scenic coastal landscape featuring towering, light-colored limestone cliffs rising from a deep blue sea. The cliffs are covered in patches of green vegetation. In the foreground, there are several large, light-colored rock formations and some green bushes. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy white clouds.
- I. Spin Transfer Torque
 - II. Current-driven dynamics
 - III. Spin-orbitronics

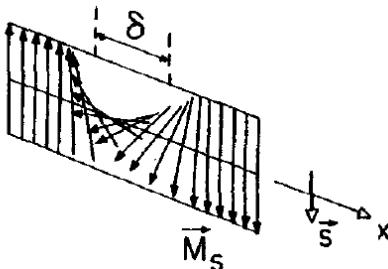
The background of the slide is a wide-angle photograph of a coastal scene. On either side, there are massive, light-colored limestone cliffs with vertical rock faces and some green vegetation at the base. The middle ground shows a deep blue sea with white-capped waves crashing against the rocks. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy white clouds.

I. Spin Transfer Torque and Spin Pumping

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Principle of spin transfer torque

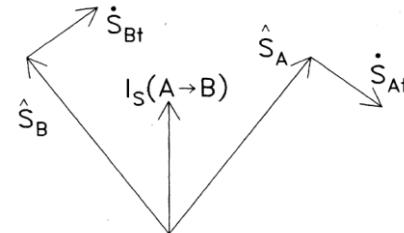
Spin torque in magnetic domain walls



“As an electron crosses the wall, its spin s follows closely the direction of [...] the local magnetization \vec{M}_s .”

Berger, Journal of Applied Physics 49, 2156 (1978)
Berger, Journal of Applied Physics 55, 1954 (1984)

Spin torque in magnetic tunnel junctions



“Since S_A -polarized electrons impinge on magnet B, surely S_B must relax toward

$$\begin{aligned} J_s &\sim S_A + S_B \\ \partial_t S \partial_t S_A &= -S_A \times (J_s \times S_A)_A \\ \partial_t S_A &\propto S_A \times (S_A \times S_B) \end{aligned}$$

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Slonczewski, Physical Review B39, 6995 (1989)

Spin dephasing and spin current absorption (Tutorial)

Quantum mechanical model

Wave function for a given spin σ

$$\psi_{\sigma}^N = [e^{ik_x x} + r_{\sigma} e^{-ik_x x}] e^{i\kappa \cdot \rho}$$

$$\psi_{\sigma}^F = t_{\sigma} e^{i(k_x^{\sigma} x + \kappa \cdot \rho)}$$

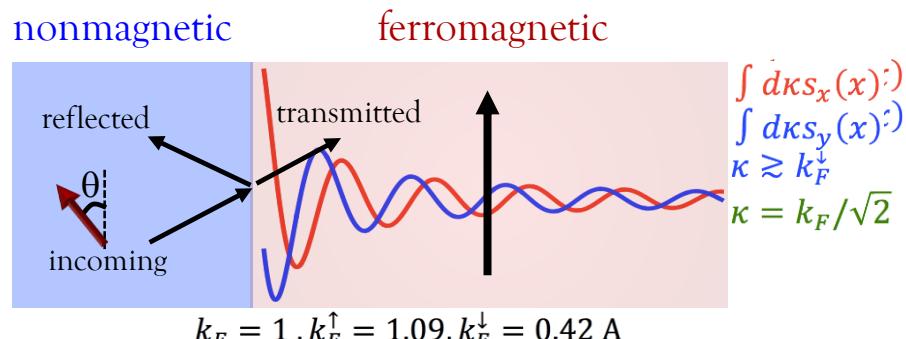
Incoming electron with a given spin direction in (x,z) plane

$$\psi = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \psi_{\uparrow}^N |\uparrow\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \psi_{\downarrow}^N |\downarrow\rangle$$

In metals, the spin torque is mostly “dampinglike”

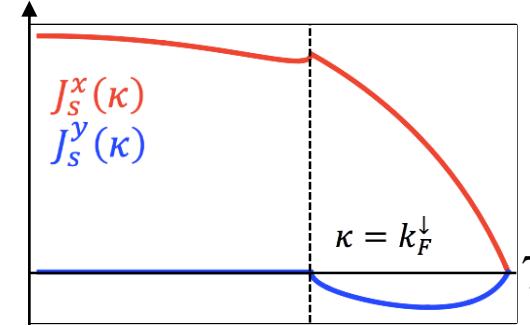
$$\mathbf{T} = \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$$

↑ magnetization
↓ polarization



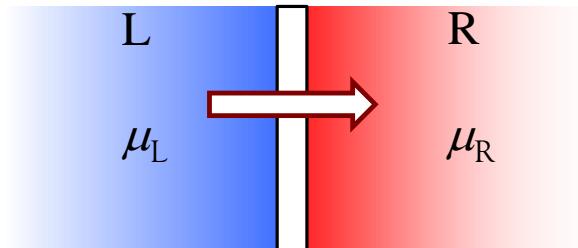
$$k_F = 1, k_F^{\uparrow} = 1.09, k_F^{\downarrow} = 0.42 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = -\mathbf{m} \times \left(\int d\Omega [\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_s] \times \mathbf{m} \right) = \frac{\mu_B}{dM_s} \mathbf{J}_s^{\perp} |_{\text{interface}}$$



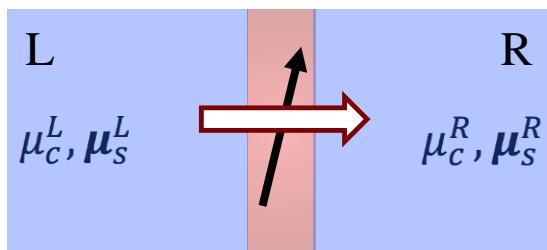
The concept of spin mixing conductance

Basics of circuit theory



$$J_p = g(\mu_L - \mu_R)$$
$$g = \frac{2e^2}{Ah} \sum_{nm} |t'_{nm}|^2 = \frac{2e^2}{Ah} \sum_{nm} \delta_{nm} - |r_{nm}|^2$$

Interfacial conductance ($\Omega^{-1} \cdot m^2$)



Generalization of Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{J}_{s,\perp}^L = 2\text{Re}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times (\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^L \times \mathbf{m}) - 2\text{Re}g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times (\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^R \times \mathbf{m})$$
$$- 2\text{Im}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\mu}_s^L + 2\text{Im}g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\mu}_s^R$$

- This relation establishes a direct connection between the **spin current** and the **spin accumulation**
- All the spin physics (spin precession, relaxation, dephasing, scattering, magnetic texture etc.) is contained in just two coefficients

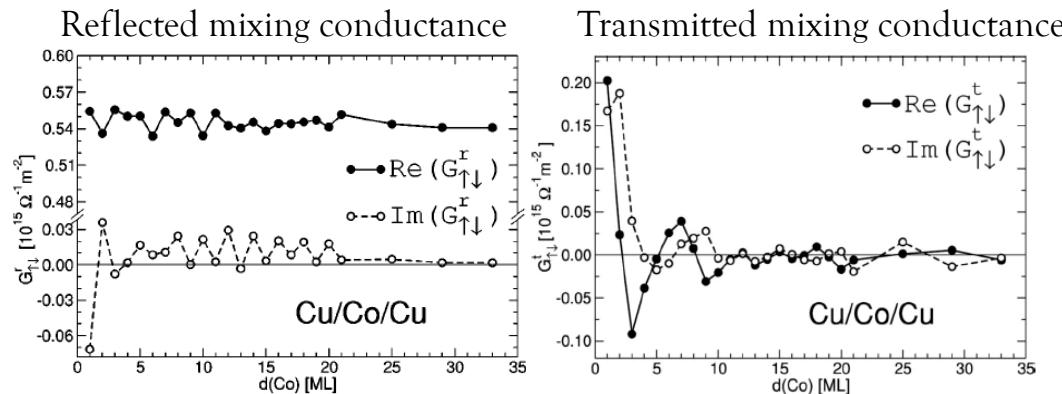
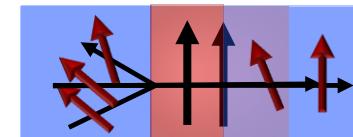
Brataas, The European Journal of Physics B 22, 99 (2001)

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The concept of spin mixing conductance

$$J_{s,\perp}^L = 2\text{Re}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow}\mathbf{m}\times(\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^L\times\mathbf{m}) - 2\text{Re}g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow}\mathbf{m}\times(\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^R\times\mathbf{m}) \\ - 2\text{Im}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow}\mathbf{m}\times\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^L + 2\text{Im}g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow}\mathbf{m}\times\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^R$$

$$g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} = \frac{e^2}{Ah} \sum_{nm} (\delta_{nm} - r_{nm}^{\uparrow} r_{nm}^{\downarrow*}) \\ g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow} = \frac{e^2}{Ah} \sum_{nm} t_{nm}^{\uparrow} t_{nm}^{\downarrow*}$$



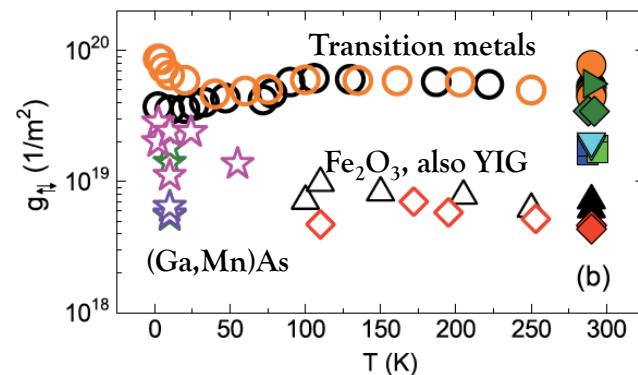
$$\text{Re}[g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow}] \sim \frac{e^2}{Ah} \sim 0.5 \times 10^{15} \Omega^{-1} \cdot m^{-2}$$

$$\text{Im}[g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow}] \sim 0$$

$$\text{Re}[g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow}] \sim \text{Im}[g_t^{\uparrow\downarrow}] \sim e^{-d/\lambda_\phi}$$

→ $J_{s,\perp}^L = 2\text{Re}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow}\mathbf{m}\times(\boldsymbol{\mu}_s^L\times\mathbf{m})$
 $J_{s,\perp}^R \approx 0$

Reflected mixing conductance of various materials

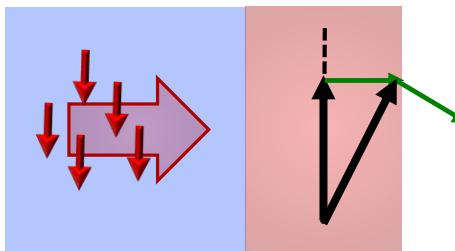


Czeschka, Physical Review Letters 107, 046601 (2011)

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Spin transfer torque and spin pumping

Spin transfer torque



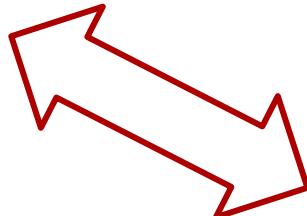
Spin current



Torque on M



Magnetization dynamics



Spin current

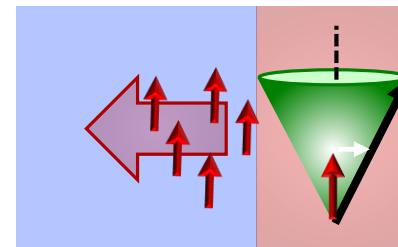


Torque on s



Magnetization dynamics

Spin pumping



Onsager reciprocity



L. Onsager

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Free energy} & & \\ \mathcal{F}(\xi_i, \xi_j) & & \\ \searrow & & \swarrow \\ \partial_t \xi_i & & -\partial_{\xi_i} \mathcal{F} \\ \text{Generalized current} & & \text{Thermodynamics force} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i(\tilde{j}_x) \\ i(j_y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{xx} & \hat{\sigma}_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \hat{\sigma}_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{E}_x \\ E_y \end{pmatrix}$$

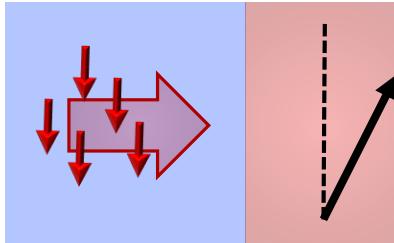
$$\sigma_{yx} = -\sigma_{xy}$$

-1 if ξ_i is **antisymmetric** under time reversal

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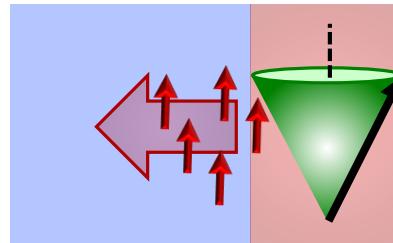
Onsager reciprocity

Spin transfer torque

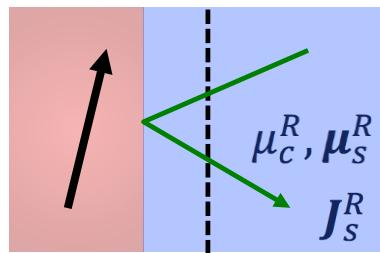


Current \Rightarrow Torque on $M \Rightarrow$ Magnetization dynamics

Spin pumping



Magnetization dynamics \Rightarrow Torque on $s \Rightarrow$ Spin pumping



Spin current definition

Landau-Lifshitz equation

Generalized currents (1/s)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} AJ_s \\ \partial_t \mathbf{m} \end{array} \right)$$

Generalized forces (eV)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} e\mu_s \\ -\partial_M W \end{array} \right)$$

$$eJ_s = -2\text{Re}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times (\boldsymbol{\mu}_s \times \mathbf{m}) + 2\text{Im}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\mu}_s$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{M} = |\gamma| \mathbf{M} \times \partial_M W - (\mu_B/d) \mathbf{J}_s$$

Spin injection

Spin pumping

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} AJ_s \\ \partial_t \mathbf{m} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{ss} \\ \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{ms} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} e\boldsymbol{\mu}_s \\ \mathbf{F} \end{array} \right)$$

Spin transfer torque

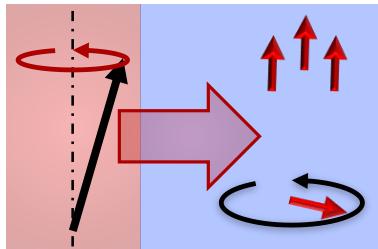
Magnetic precession

$$\mathcal{L}_{sm}^{ij}(\mathbf{m}) = \mathcal{L}_{ms}^{ji}(-\mathbf{m})$$

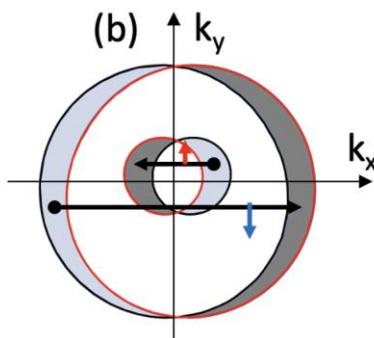
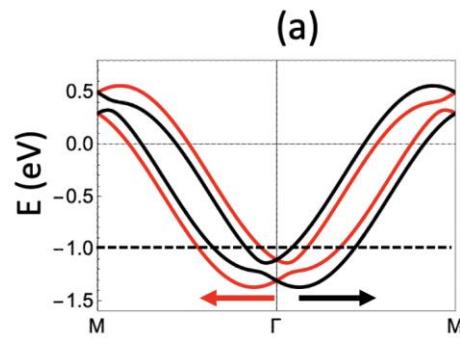
$$J_s = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{h}{e^2} [2\text{Re}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} + 2\text{Im}g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \partial_t \mathbf{m}]$$

The spin battery (Tutoooorial!)

The spin battery concept



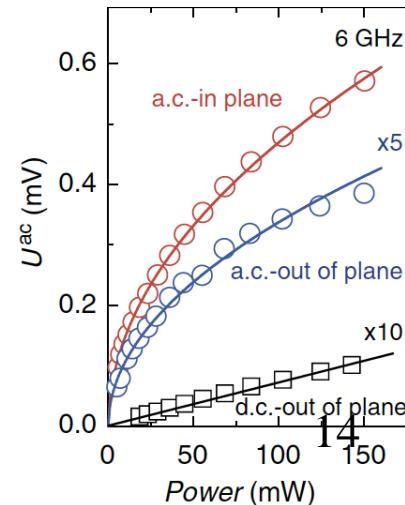
FMR as a source of pure spin current
Brataas Physical Review B 66, 060404(R) (2002)



Consider a precessing magnetization
 $\mathbf{m} = \cos \theta \mathbf{z} + \sin \theta (\cos \omega t \mathbf{x} + \sin \omega t \mathbf{y})$

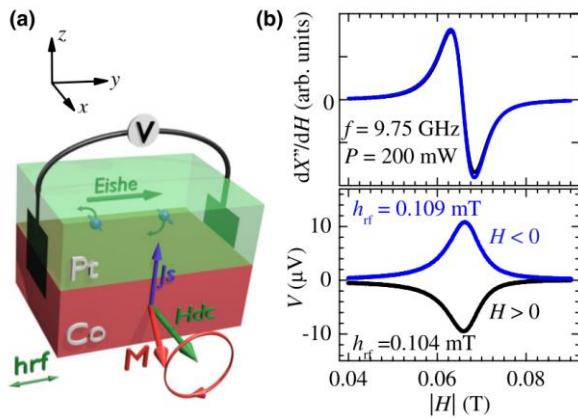
$$eJ_s^{dc} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{4\pi} \text{Re} \tilde{g}_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \sin^2 \theta \mathbf{z}$$
$$\frac{\hbar}{2} J_s^{ac} = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{16\pi} \text{Re} \tilde{g}_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \sin 2\theta (\cos \omega t \mathbf{x} + \sin \omega t \mathbf{y})$$

Jiao, Bauer Physical Review Letters 110, 217602 (2013)

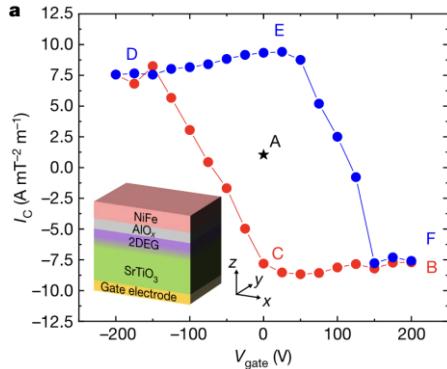


Wei et al., Nature Communications 5, 3768 (2014)

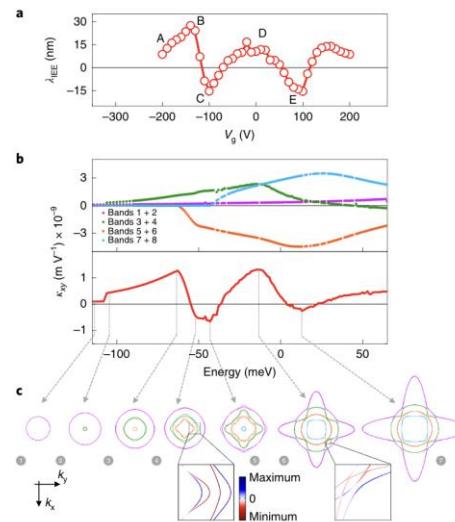
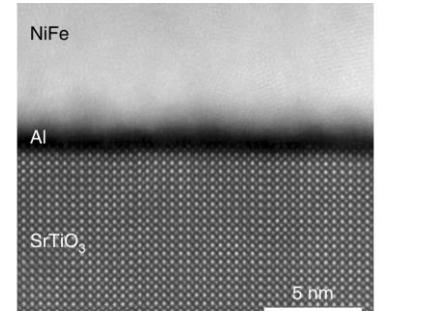
Some experiments on charge pumping



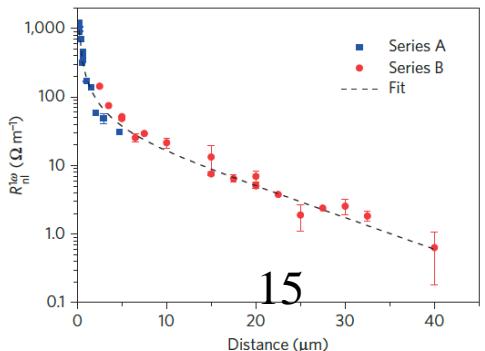
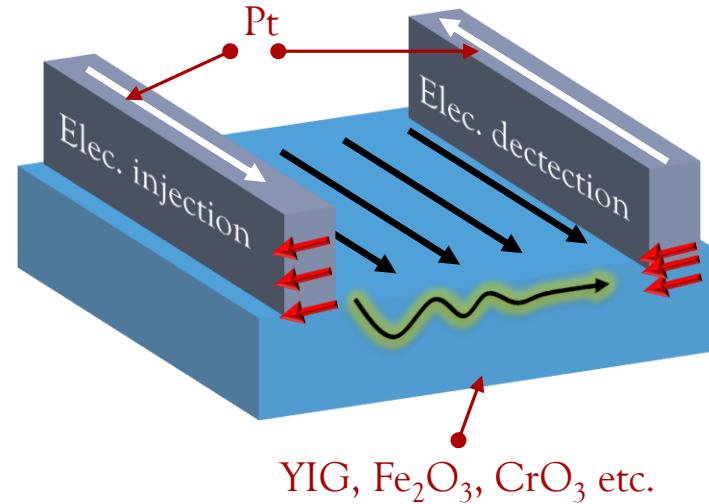
Saitoh et al., APL 88, 182509 (2006)



Noel et al., Nature 580, 483 (2020)



Vaz et al., Nature Materials 18, 1187 (2019)



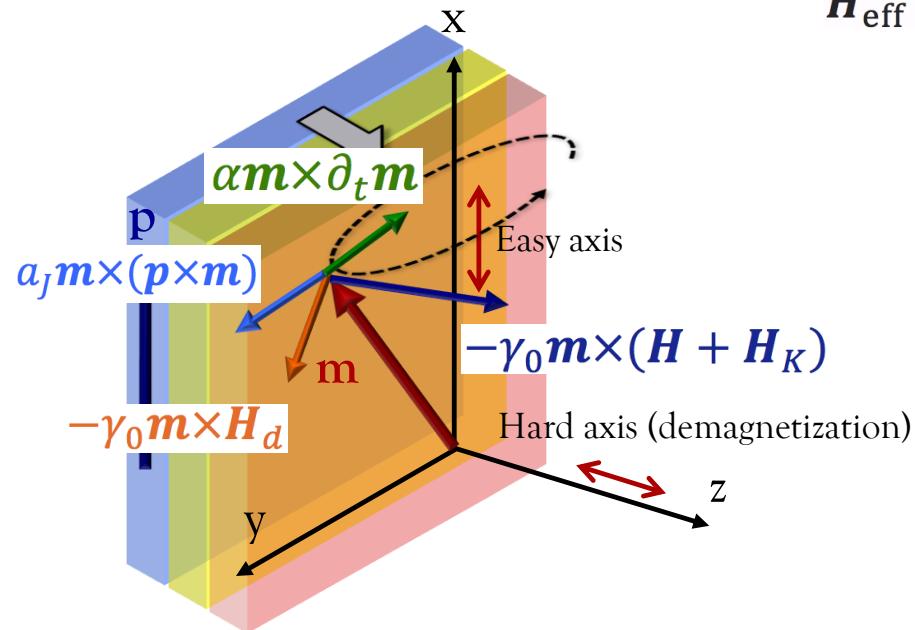
Cornelissen, Nat. Physics 11, 1022 (2015)

A scenic harbor town with buildings, boats, and a hillside.

II. Current-driven magnetization dynamics

- a. Switching
- b. Self-sustained oscillations
- c. Domain wall motion

Stability diagram and critical switching current



$$\partial_t \mathbf{m} = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} + \alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} + a_J \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{m})$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{Hx} + H_K m_x \mathbf{x} - H_d m_z \mathbf{z}$$

Field + uniaxial anisotropy Demagnetizing field

$$m_{y,z} \propto e^{-i\omega t} \equiv e^{\text{Im}[\omega]t} e^{-i\text{Re}[\omega]t}$$

Stability conditions

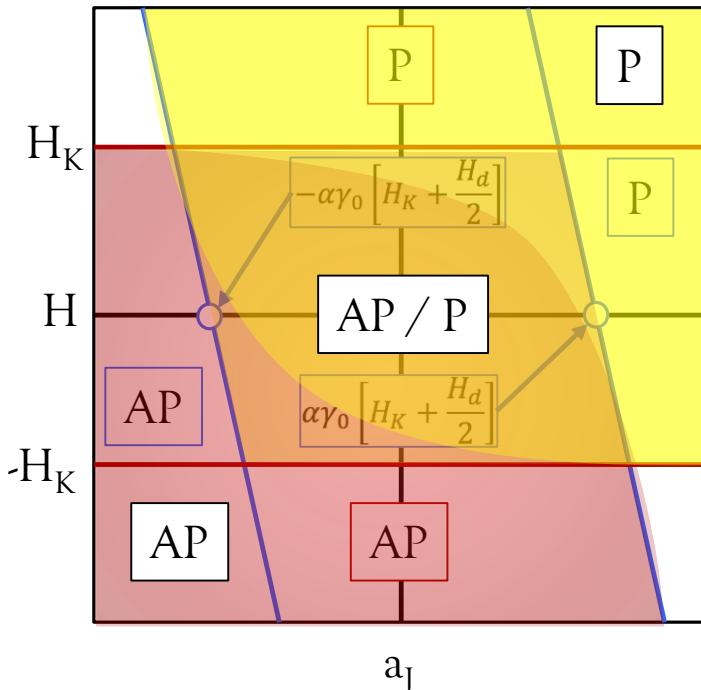
$$m_x = 1, \text{Im}\omega > 0 \Rightarrow a_J < -\alpha\gamma_0 \left[H + H_K + \frac{H_d}{2} \right]$$

$$m_x = -1, \text{Im}\omega > 0 \Rightarrow a_J > \alpha\gamma_0 \left[-H + H_K + \frac{H_d}{2} \right]$$

Stability diagram and critical switching current

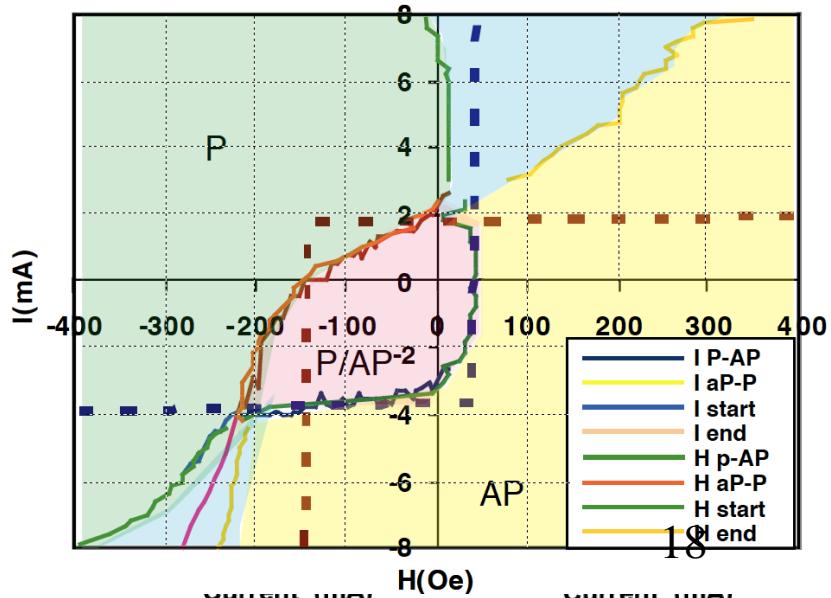
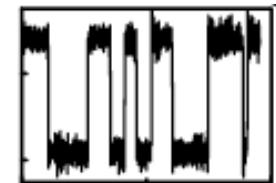
$$P \rightarrow AP \Rightarrow a_J < -\alpha\gamma_0 \left[H + H_K + \frac{H_d}{2} \right]$$

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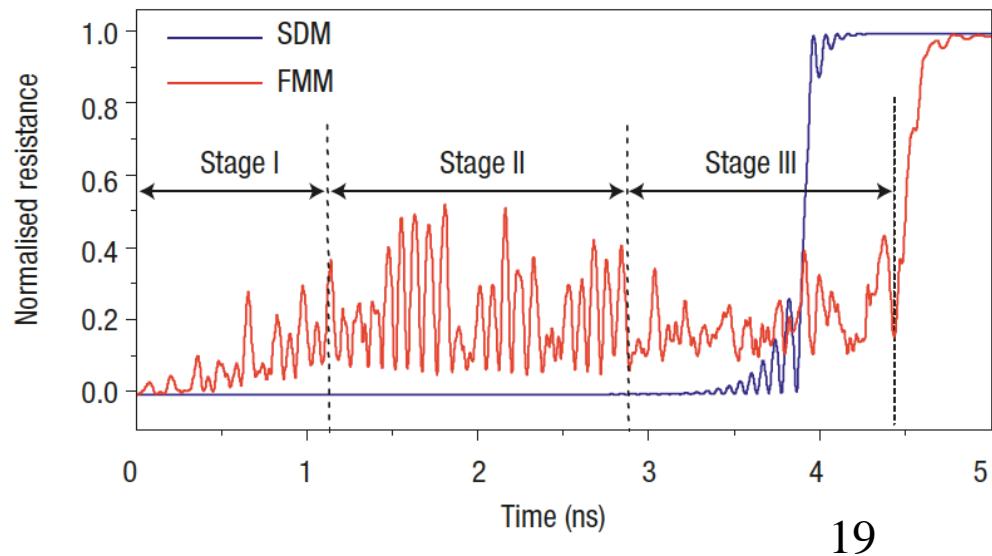
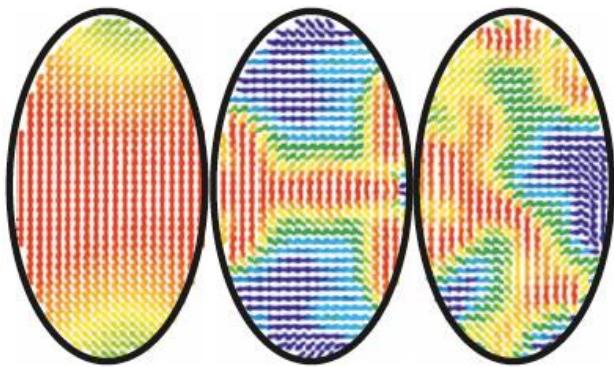
Thermal activation

Resistance fluctuation
due to superparamagnetism



Stability diagram and critical switching current

Simulation of macrospin switching



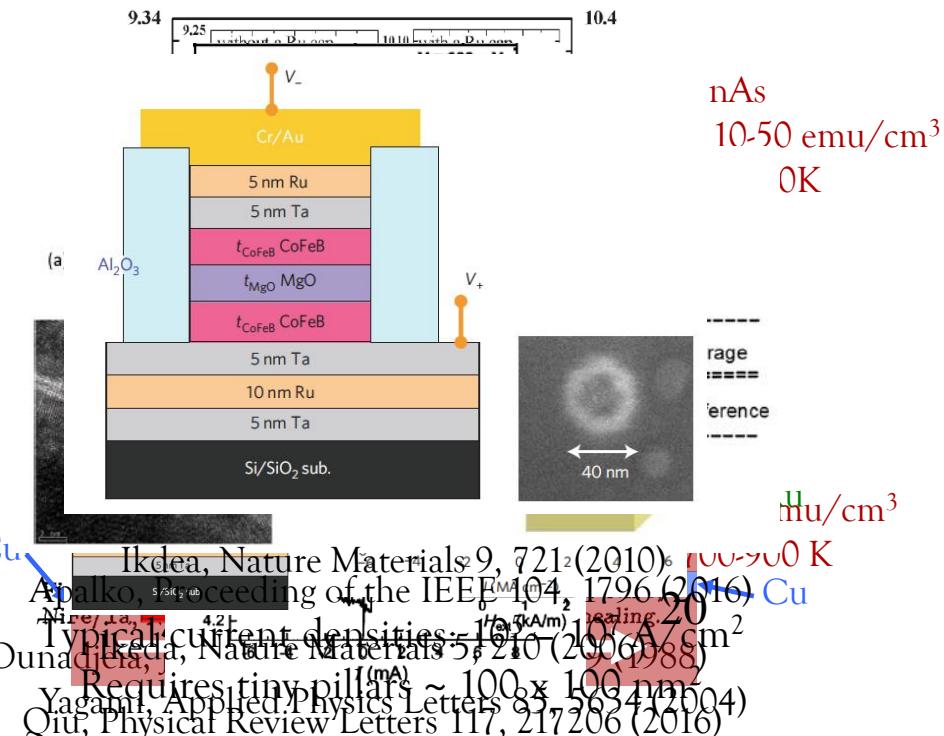
Strategies to optimize the critical switching current

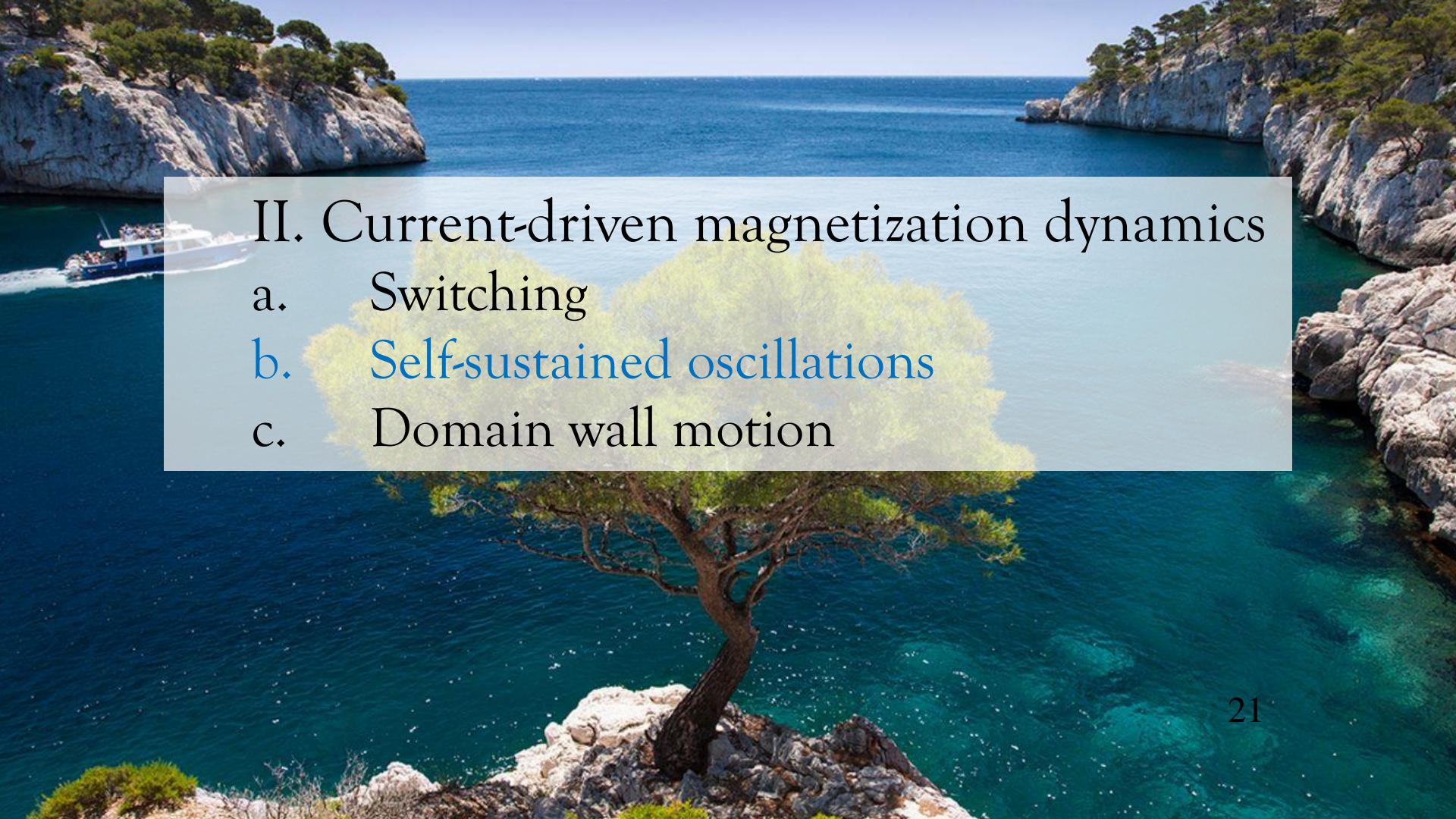
Torque efficiency

$$a_J = \frac{P\mu_B}{eM_sd} j_c$$

Current threshold

$$j_{th} = \pm \frac{\alpha M_s d}{P} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \mu_0 \left(H_K + \frac{H_d}{2} \mp H \right)$$



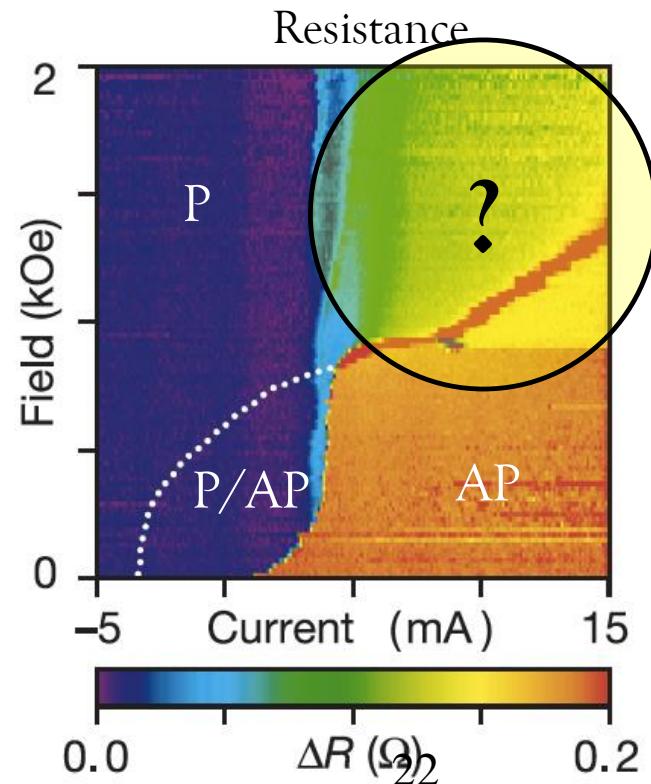
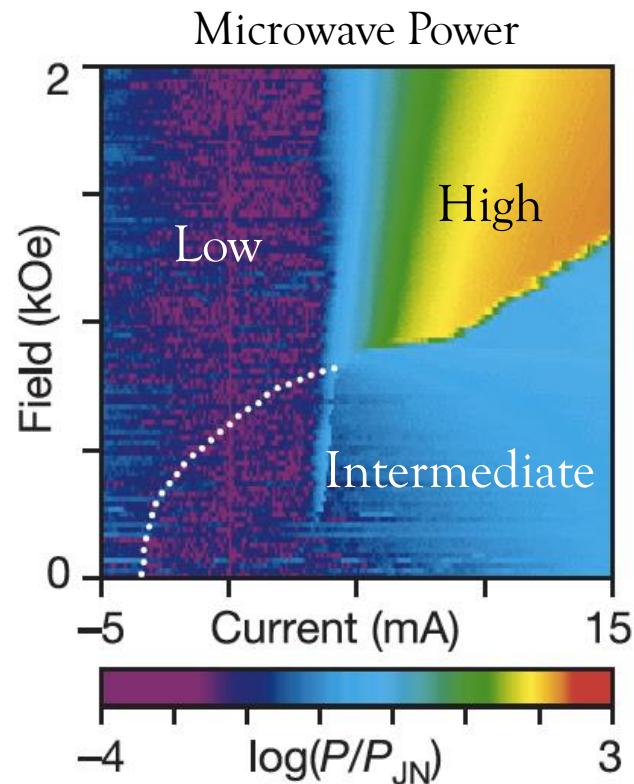
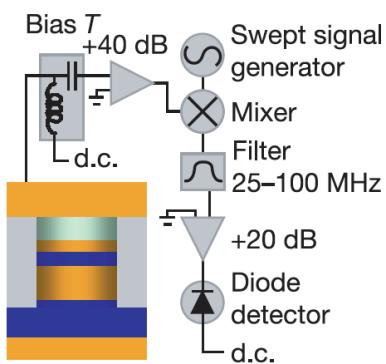


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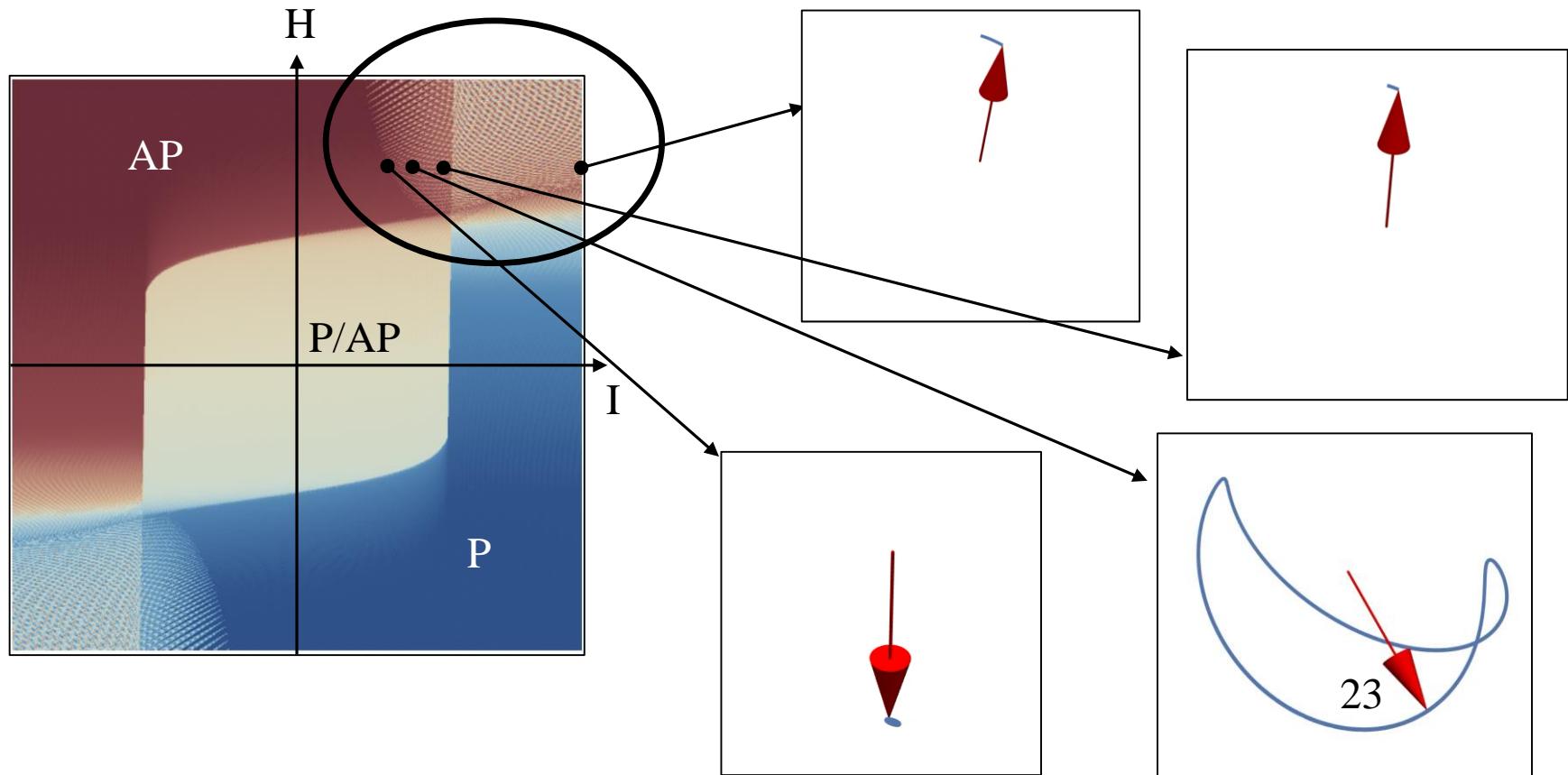
Beyond current-driven switching

Co(40)/Cu(3)/Co(10)

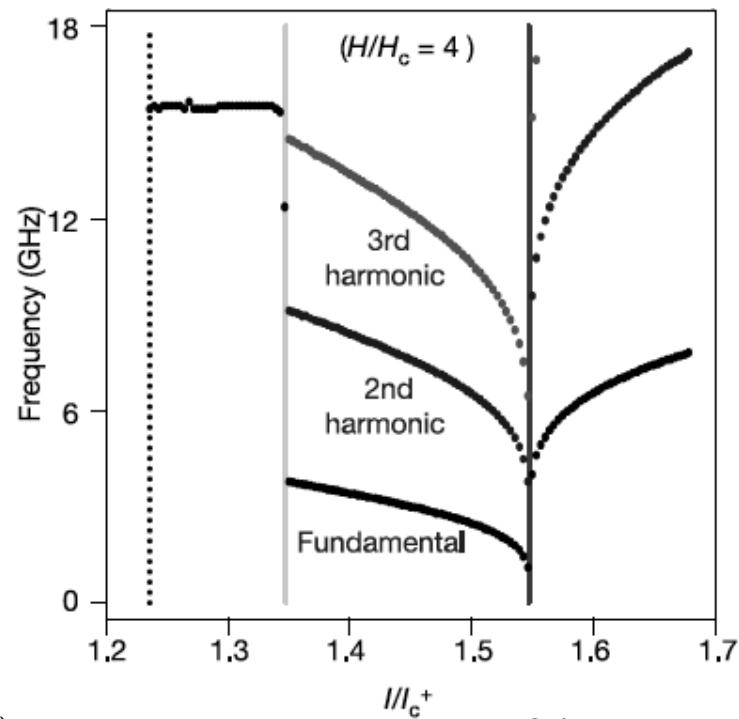
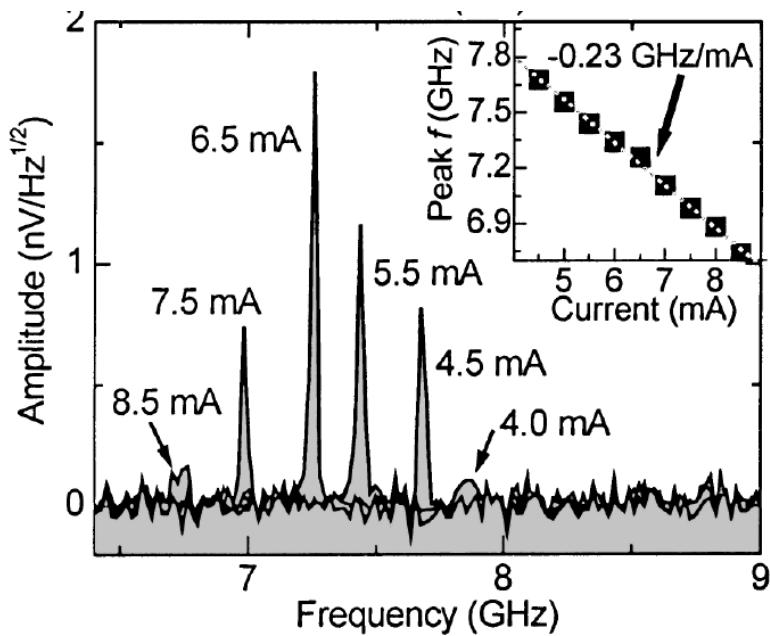


Kiselev, Nature 425, 380 (2003)

Current-driven self-oscillations



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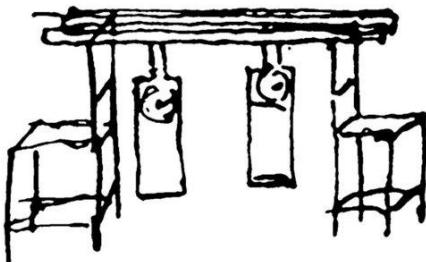
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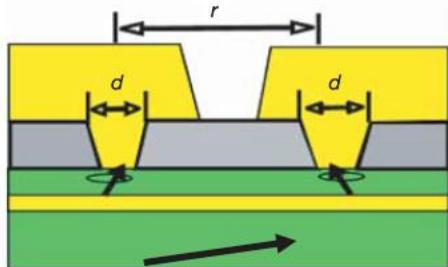
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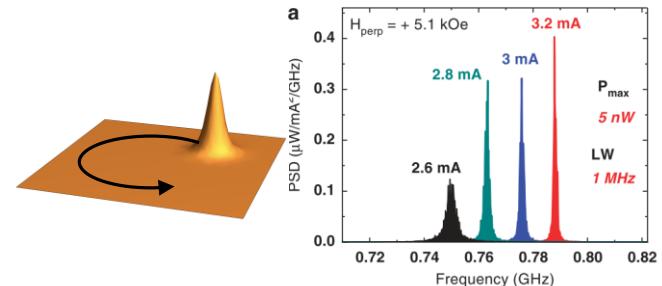
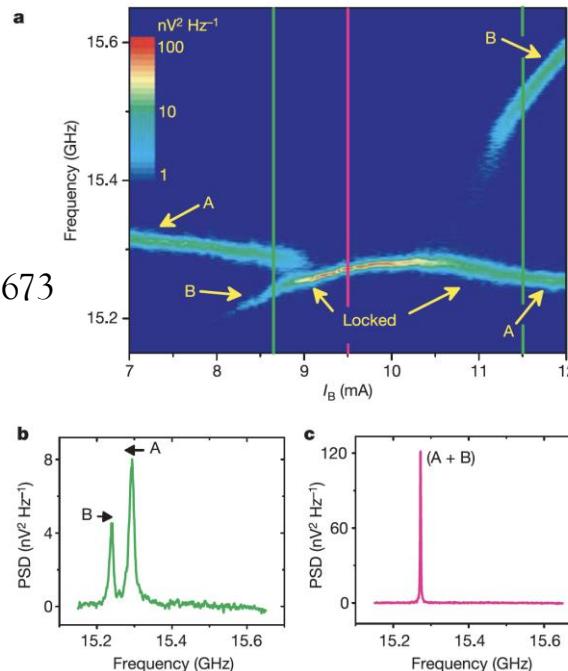
Synchronization between nano-oscillators



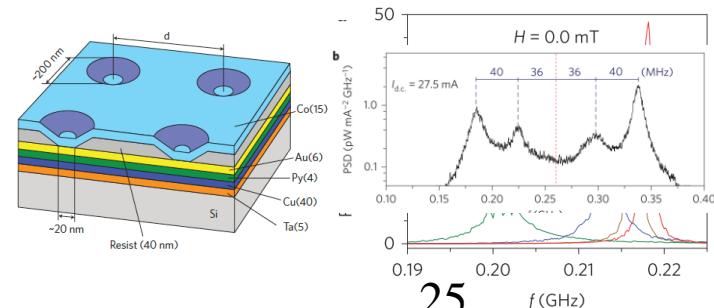
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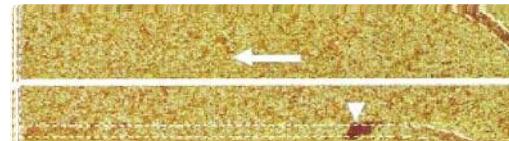
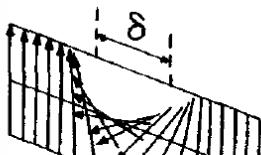
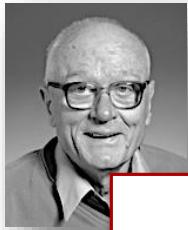


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Ruotolo, Nature Nanotechnology 4, 528 (2009)

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- A photograph of a grand, neoclassical stone building with multiple levels, columns, and decorative statues under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a large, shallow fountain with multiple water jets is visible, creating ripples in the water. A few people are standing near the fountain. The building has a prominent central tower and is surrounded by green lawns and trees.
- II. Current-driven magnetization dynamics
 - a. Switching
 - b. Self-sustained oscillations
 - c. Domain wall motion

Current-driven magnetic domain wall motion

Spin torque in magnetic domain walls



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"As all
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magnetization \mathbf{M}_s ."

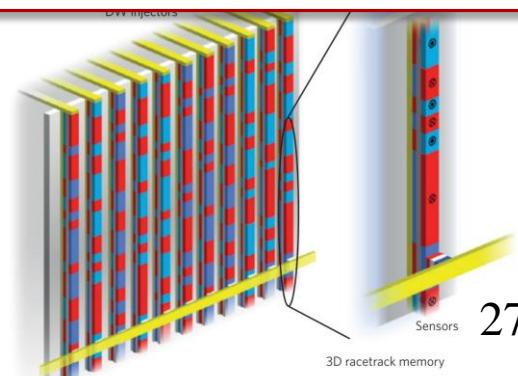
In other words, " \mathbf{M}_s applies an exchange torque on \mathbf{s} . Inversely, \mathbf{s} creates a **reaction torque** on the wall."

$$H_{ex} = \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{P\hbar}{eM_s} J_c$$

Berger, Journal of Applied Physics 49, 2156 (1978)
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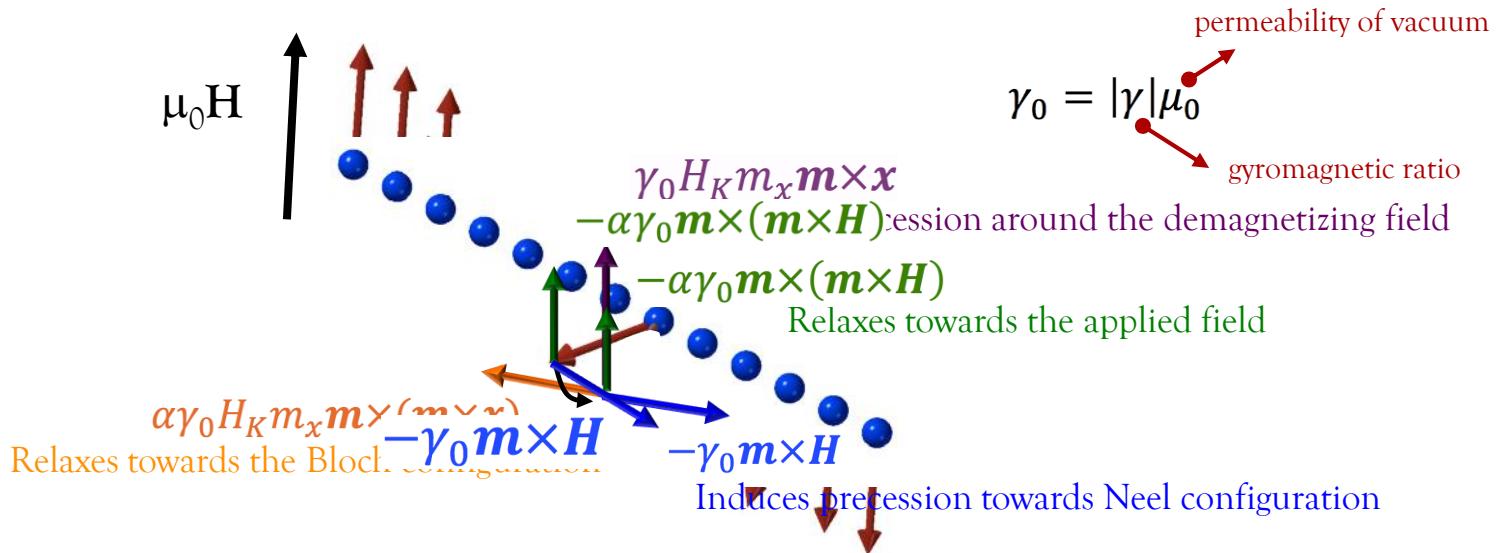


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The basic of field-driven motion

A reminder about field-driven domain wall motion



As long as the field torque compensates the demagnetizing damping: steady motion

As soon as the field torque exceeds the demagnetizing damping: precessional motion

One-dimensional model

Domain wall profile

$$W = A(\partial_x \mathbf{m})^2 - K_{\perp} n$$

Exchange Perpendicular aniso

$$\mathbf{m} = (\cos \varphi \sin \theta, \sin \varphi \sin \sigma, \cos \theta)$$

chirality velocity width

$$\theta(x, t) = 2 \arctan e^{s(x-vt)/\Delta}$$

$$\varphi = \varphi(t), \Delta = \sqrt{A/K_{\perp}}$$

How does the torque look like?

$$\mathbf{T} = \tau_{||} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{m})$$

What does it do?

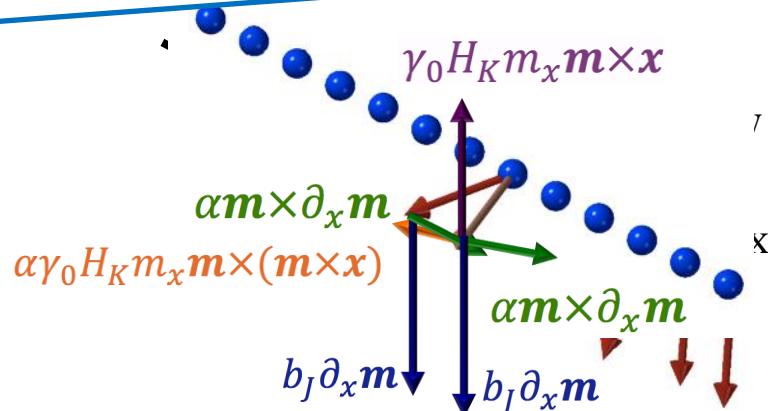
Berger's field

$$b_J = \frac{P \mu_B}{e M_s} J_c$$

$$\Delta \partial_t \varphi = s \frac{\gamma_0 \Delta H_K}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$H_{ex} = \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{P \hbar}{e M_s} J_c \mathbf{m}$$

Current-driven Motion is only allowed above Walker breakdown
(precessional motion regime)



$$b_J < \left| \frac{\gamma_0 \Delta H_K}{2} \right|$$

$$\sin 2\varphi = -\frac{2s b_J}{\gamma_0 H_K \Delta}$$

$$v = b_J$$

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One-dimensional model

How to break the compensation between the adiabatic torque and the dipolar energy?

$$\partial_t \mathbf{m} = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} + \alpha \mathbf{m} \times \partial_t \mathbf{m} - b_J \partial_x \mathbf{m} + \beta b_J \mathbf{m} \times \partial_x \mathbf{m}$$

$$\partial_t \varphi = \alpha \frac{\gamma_0 H_K}{2} \sin 2\varphi + (\beta - \alpha) b_J \frac{s}{\Delta}$$

$$v \frac{s}{\Delta} = -\frac{\gamma_0 H_K}{2} \sin 2\varphi + \frac{s}{\Delta} (1 + \alpha\beta) b_J$$

Below Walker breakdown

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \varphi &= 0 \\ \frac{\gamma_0 H_K}{2} \sin 2\varphi &= \frac{s}{\Delta} \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) b_J \\ v &= \frac{\beta}{\alpha} b_J\end{aligned}$$

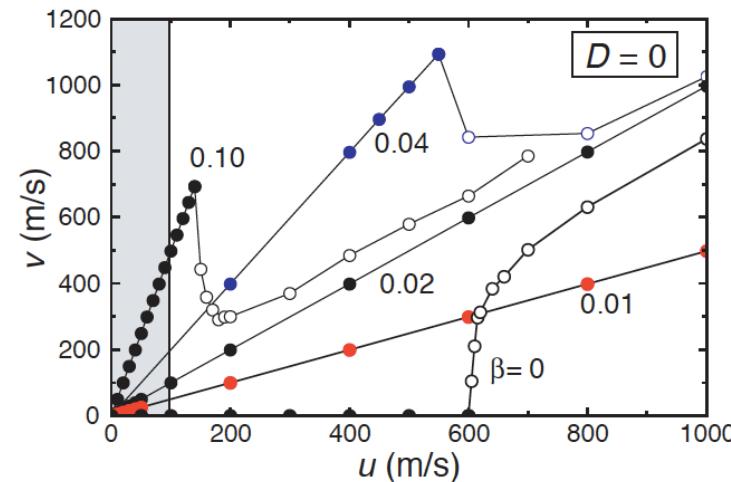
Driven by the non-adiabatic torque

Above Walker breakdown

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \varphi &\neq 0 \\ v &= b_J\end{aligned}$$

Driven by the adiabatic torque

Non-adiabatic torque



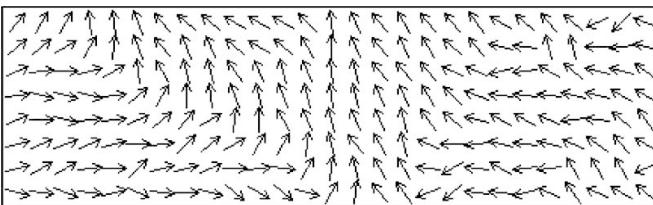
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Experimental observations

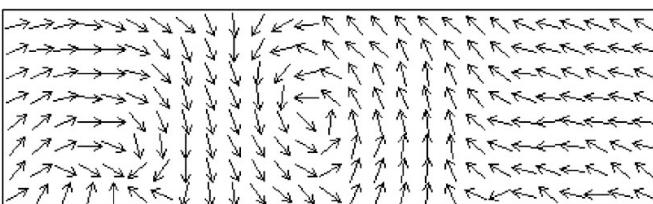
Domain wall motion in permalloy

$$M_s = 800 \text{ emu/cm}^3, \alpha = 0.005$$
$$\Delta = 50 \text{ nm}, P = 0.4$$

Transverse wall

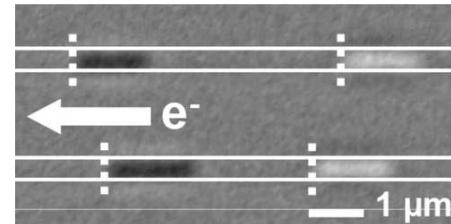


Vortex wall

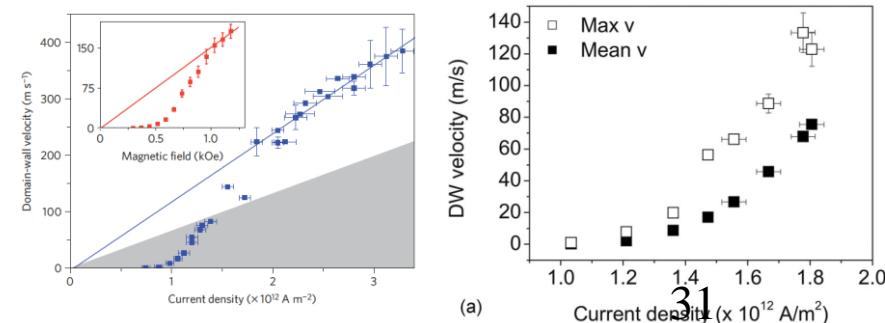


Klaui, Physical Review Letters 95, 026601 (2005)

Pt/Co: Giant negative mobility



Moore, Applied Physics Letters 93, 262504 (2008)
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Miron, Nature Materials 10, 419 (2011)

A black and white photograph of Albert Einstein riding a bicycle. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a light-colored cardigan over a dark shirt. The bicycle is a simple one with a chain drive. They are in front of a large, light-colored building with arched windows and a balcony. A bicycle is parked to the left. The scene is set outdoors on a paved area with some bushes and trees in the background.

Spin-orbitronics

A tale of spinning balls



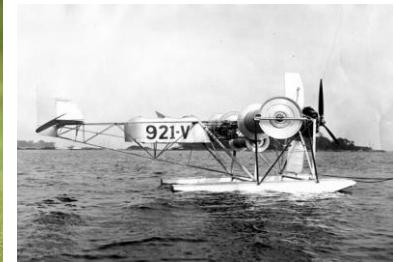
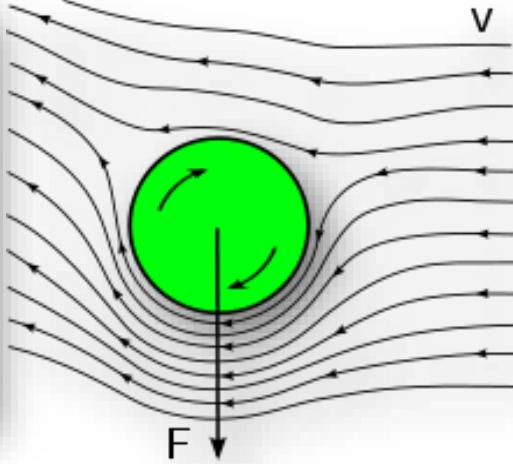
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A tale of spinning balls



Heinrich Magnus
1802-1870



J.W.M. Bush, The aerodynamics of the beautiful game, 2013.
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Spin-orbit in a nutshell

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{so}} = -\frac{e\hbar}{2m^2c^2} \hat{\sigma} \cdot (\nabla V \times \hat{\mathbf{p}})$$

Spin Potential gradient

In atoms, $\nabla V \approx \frac{\partial_r V}{r} \mathbf{r}$ ➡ $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{so}} = \xi_{\text{so}} \hat{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}$

In crystals, the spin-orbit coupling induces a momentum-dependent effective field

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{so}} \rangle_B = -g_B \sigma \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}}_k$$

With inversion symmetry

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_s = \partial_{\hbar k} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_k^s = \hat{\mathbf{B}}_k \hat{\Omega}_k \times \dot{\mathbf{k}}$$

Berry curvature

Spin Hall e

D'yakonov, Perel Phys. Lett. 35A, 459 (1971)

Without inversion symmetry
 $H_R \approx -\alpha \hat{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{k})$

spin galvanic effect

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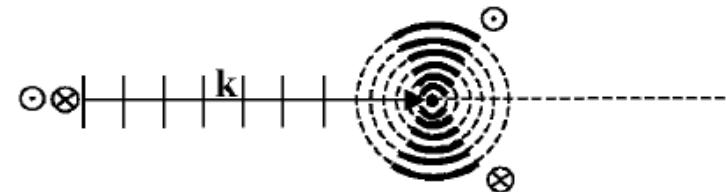
Spin Hall effect



Michel D'yakonov



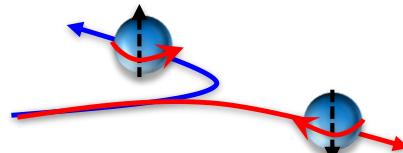
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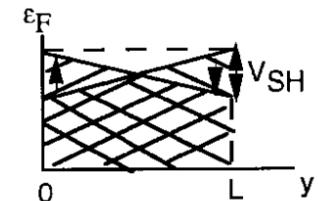
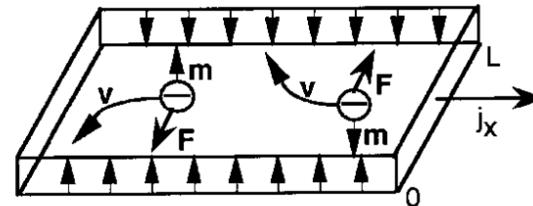
Because of Mott spin-dependent scattering,
a pure spin current can be generated,
transverse to the injected current



Jorge Hirsch



D'yakonov, Perel Phys. Lett. 35A, 459 (1971)
Hirsch, Physical Review Letters 83, 1834 (1999)



Three main mechanisms for spin (and anomalous) Hall effects

Berry curvature



Robert Karplus Joaquin Luttinger

The wave function's Berry curvature induces an *anomalous velocity*

$$\mathbf{v}_n = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial \epsilon_n}{\partial \mathbf{k}} + \frac{e}{\hbar} \mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_n$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = -\frac{\hbar e^2}{\Omega} \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{2\text{Im}\langle n|\hat{v}_x|m\rangle_0 \langle m|\hat{v}_y|n\rangle_0}{(\epsilon_n - \epsilon_m)^2} f_n$$

The Hall current is *intrinsic* and associated with *interband transitions*

$$\sigma_{xy} \sim \text{Const.}$$

$$\rho_{xy} \approx \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_{xx}^2} \sim \rho_{xx}^2$$

Karplus, Luttinger, Physical Review 95, 1154 (1954)

Side jump



Luc Berger

Scattering against spin-orbit coupled impurities induces an *anomalous velocity*

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \partial_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 + \xi_{so} \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \times \nabla V_{imp}(\mathbf{r})$$

The Hall effect is *extrinsic*, the Hall angle is *proportional* to the scattering rate

$$\theta_{SJ} = \beta \frac{m^* \xi_{so}}{\hbar^2 \tau_0}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} \sim \text{Const.}$$

$$\rho_{xy} \approx \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_{xx}^2} \sim \rho_{xx}^2$$

Berger, Physical Review B 2, □4559 (1970)

Skew scattering



Nevill Mott

The scattering probability on spin-orbit coupled impurities is also *spin-dependent*

$$P_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma\sigma(2)} \sim n_i V_0^3 N_F \xi_{so} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{k}' \times \mathbf{k})$$

The Hall effect is *extrinsic* but the Hall angle is *independent* of scattering time

$$\theta_{SS} = \beta \frac{2\pi k_F^2 \xi_{so}}{3\hbar} N_F V_{imp}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} \sim \sigma_{xx}$$

$$\rho_{xy} \sim \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_{xx}^2} 38 \rho_{xx}$$

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Spin Hall effect

Experimental detection of spin Hall effect

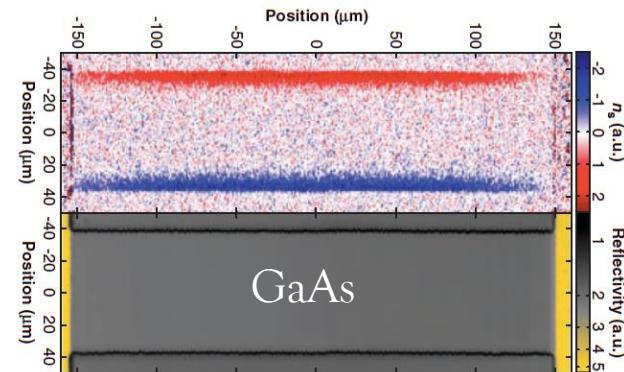
Diffusive theory of spin Hall accumulation

$$J_s = J_s = -\sigma_0 \partial_z \mu_s - \theta_H J_c \otimes \sigma$$

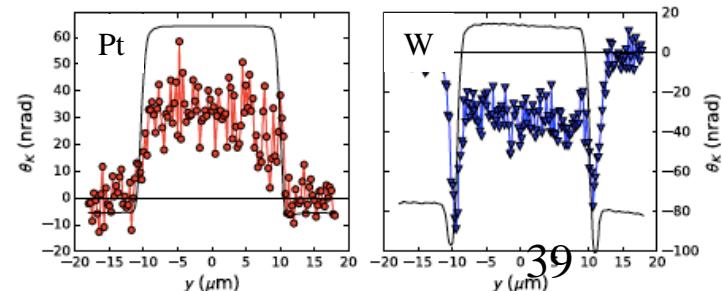
$$\partial_z^2 \mu_s = -\frac{\mu_s}{\lambda_{sf}}$$

$$J_s = \sigma_0 \theta_H \left(\frac{\cosh \frac{z}{\lambda_{sf}}}{\cosh \frac{d}{\lambda_{sf}}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\mu_s = -\lambda_{sf} \theta_H \frac{\sinh \frac{z}{\lambda_{sf}}}{\cosh \frac{d}{\lambda_{sf}}}$$



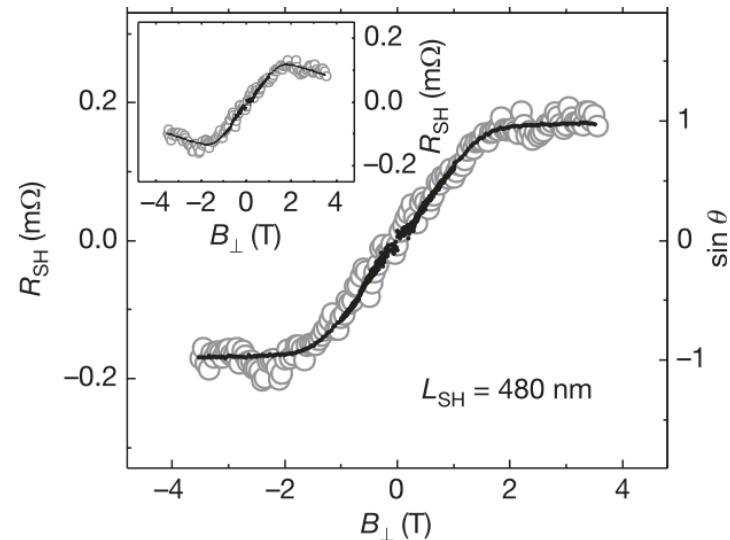
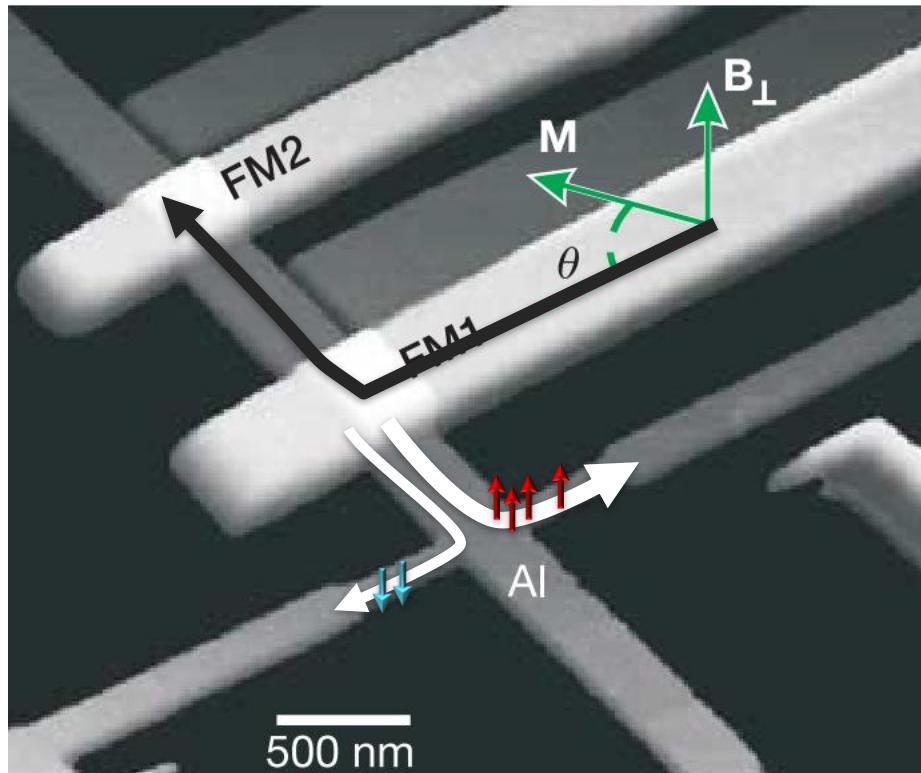
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Stamm, Physical Review Letters 119, 087203 (2017)

Spin Hall effect

Nonlocal detection

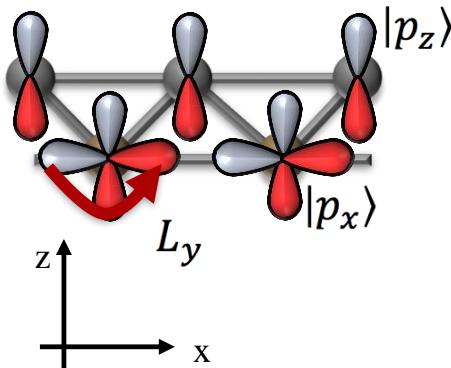


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Kimura et al., PRL 98, 156601 (2007)

Rashba-Edelstein effect

A toy model for interfacial spin-momentum locking

Consider an atomic chain with p-orbitals



$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Top } p_z & \text{p}_z\text{p}_z \text{ hopping} & & \\ \varepsilon_k^T & V_{zz} & V_{zx} & p_z p_x \text{ hopping} \\ & V_{zz}^* & \varepsilon_k^0 & 0 \\ \text{Bottom } p_z & V_{zx}^* & 0 & \text{Slater-Koster parametrization} \\ & & & V_{zz} = (V_\sigma + V_\pi) \cos k_x a \\ \text{Bottom } p_x & & & V_{zx} = -i(V_\sigma - V_\pi) \sin k_x a \end{pmatrix}$$

The diagonalization brings three eigenstates. For instance

$$\varepsilon_0(k) = \varepsilon_k^0, |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|V_{zz}|^2 + |V_{zx}|^2}} (-V_{zx}|p_z\rangle + V_{zz}|p_x\rangle)$$

The orbital moment of this state reads

$$\langle 0 | \mathbf{L} | 0 \rangle = \frac{2V_{zx}V_{zz}}{(V_\sigma + V_\pi)} \langle 0 | \mathbf{L} | 0 \rangle = \frac{2V_{zx}V_{zz}}{|V_{zz}|^2 + |V_{zx}|^2} \mathbf{y} \frac{1}{k_x a} \sin 2k_x a \mathbf{y}$$

Symmetry breaking promotes orbital mixing, and non-vanishing orbital mom

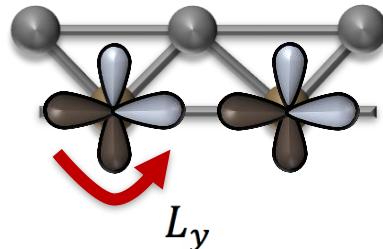
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Rashba-Edelstein effect



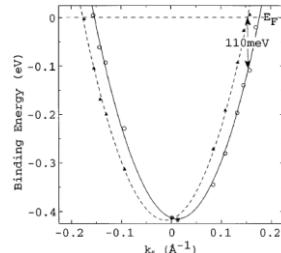
E. Rashba



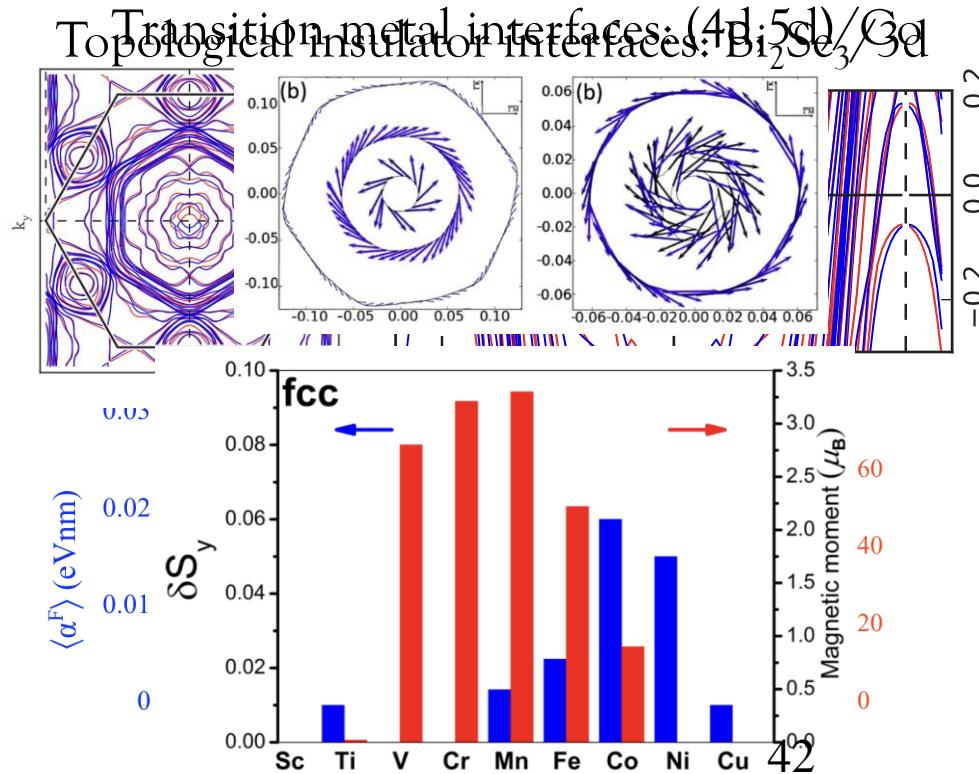
Orbital Rashba effect $L_y \sim k_x$

Spin-orbit coupling $\xi_{so} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$

Tadaaa.... $H_R = -\alpha_R \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{k})$

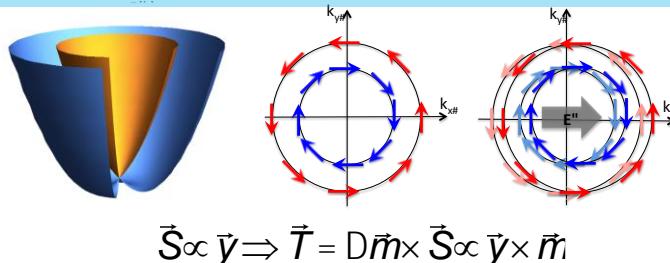


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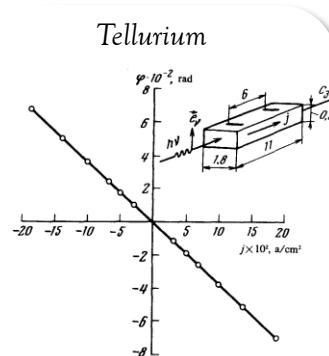


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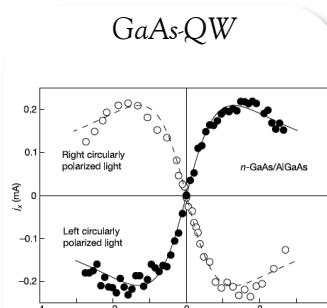
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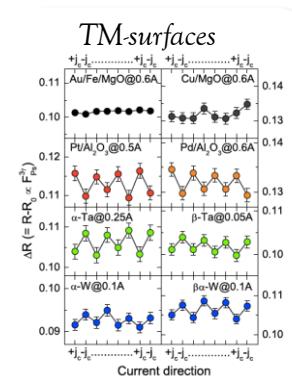
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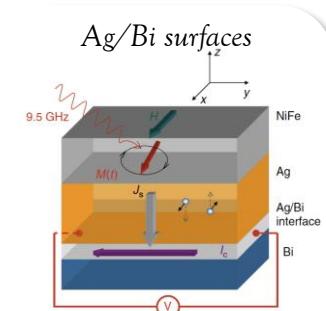
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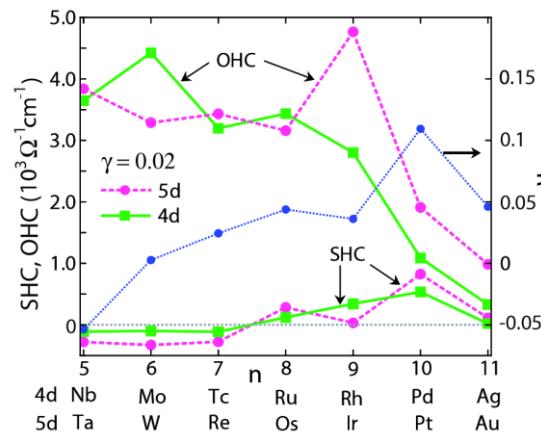
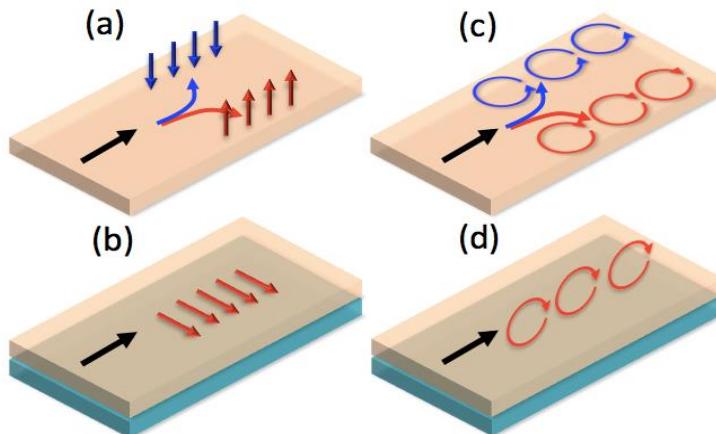
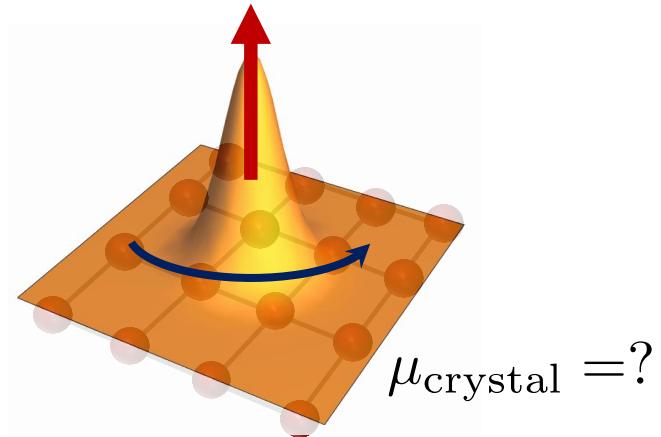
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Orbitronics: the new frontier?

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$$\mu_s = \frac{g_s e}{2m} \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

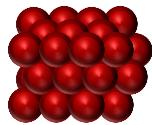
$$\mu_l = \frac{g_l e}{2m} \hbar$$



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Orbitronics: the new frontier?

Orbital Rashba effect in W and V (d orbitals only) - Slater-Koster parameterization



The tight-binding model in a nutshell

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \mathcal{H}_{\text{mono}} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{\text{ex}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{soc.}}$$

1d hexagonal lattice

Slater-Koster

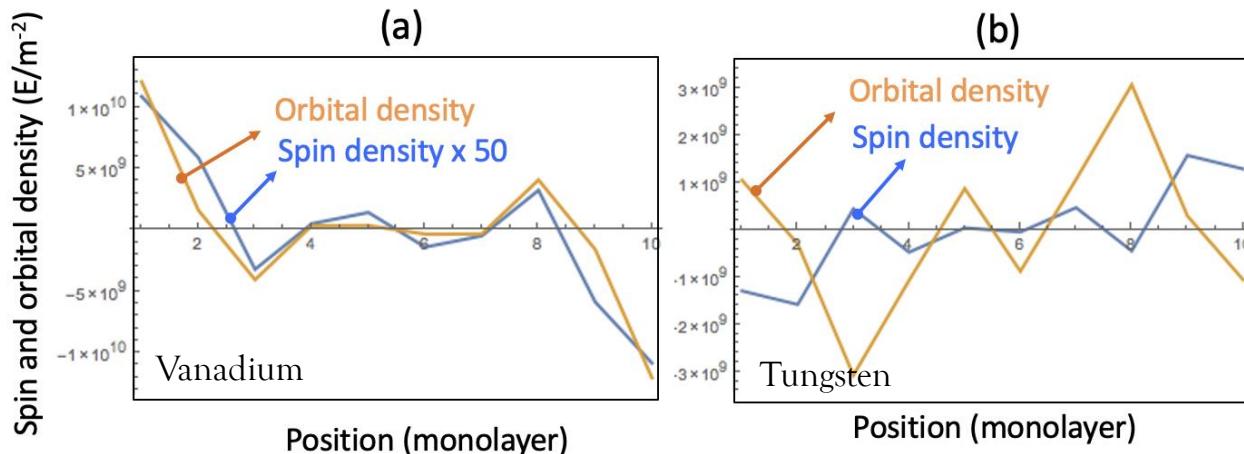
$$d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{zx}, d_{z^2}, d_{x^2-y^2}$$

“s-d” magnetic exchange

Russel-Saunders spin-orbit coupling

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{layer}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{T}_1 & \mathcal{T}_2 & 0 & \\ \mathcal{T}_1^\dagger & \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{T}_1 & \mathcal{T}_2 & \ddots \\ \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger & \mathcal{T}_1^\dagger & \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{T}_1 & \ddots \\ 0 & \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger & \mathcal{T}_1^\dagger & \mathcal{H}_0 & \ddots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

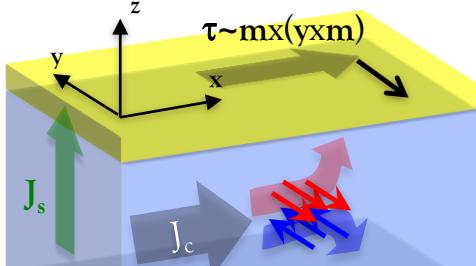
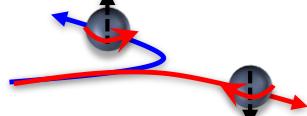
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Spin-orbit physics at interfaces

Spin Hall effect

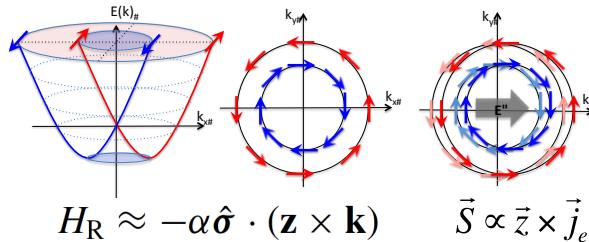
$$\hat{v}_s = \partial_{\hbar k} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^s + s \hat{\Omega}_{\mathbf{k}} \times \dot{\mathbf{k}}$$



$$\tau = \tau_{\parallel} \mathbf{m} \times [(\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{E}) \times \mathbf{m}]$$

See Haney et al., PRB 87, 174411 (2013)

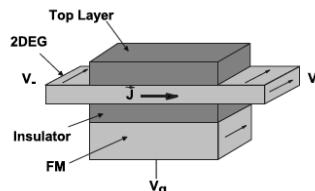
Inverse spin galvanic (Rashba) effect



$$H_R \approx -\alpha \hat{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{k})$$

$$\vec{S} \propto \vec{z} \times \vec{j}_e$$

Ivchenko, Pikus, P. Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 77, 604 (1978)
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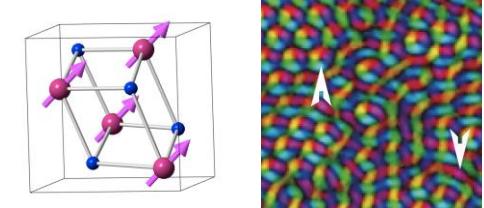


$$\tau = \tau_{\perp} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{E})$$

Manchon & Zhang, PRB 78, 212405 (2008)

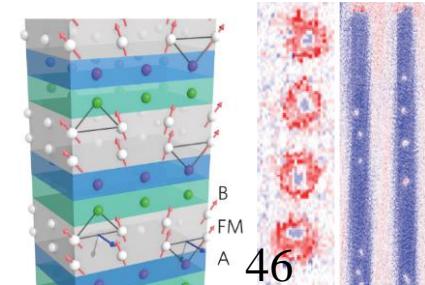
Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya Interaction

$$W_{3D} = D_{3D} \mathbf{m} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{m}).$$



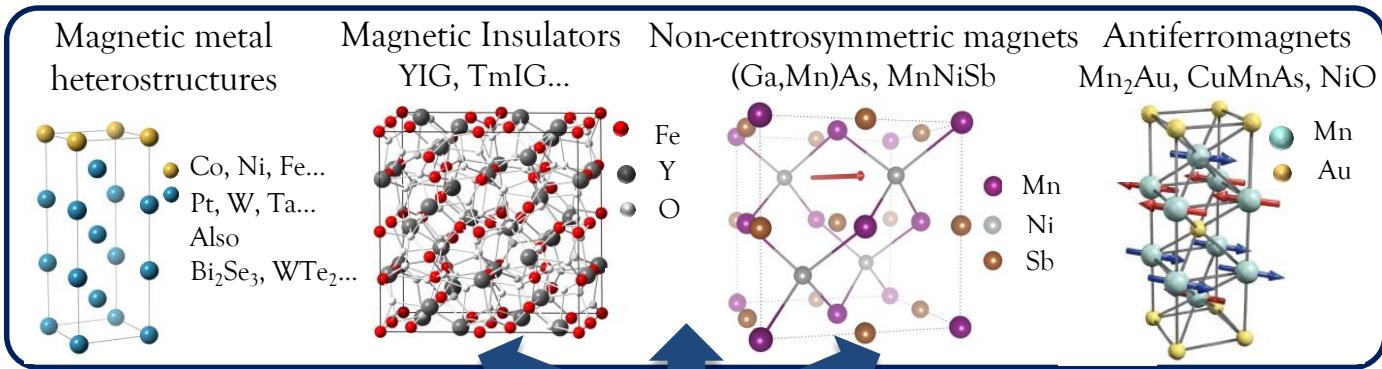
Yu, Nature 465, 901 (2010)

$$W_{2D} = D_{2D} \mathbf{m} \cdot [(\mathbf{z} \times \nabla) \times \mathbf{m}].$$



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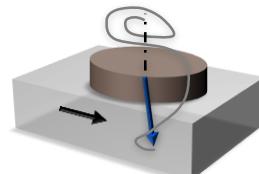


Spin-Orbit Torques

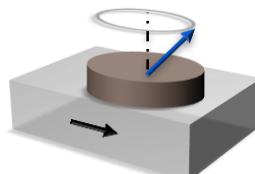
$$\hat{H}_{\text{so}} = (\xi/\hbar)\hat{\sigma} \cdot (\nabla V \times \hat{\mathbf{p}})$$

Manchon et al.,
RMP 91, 035004 (2019)

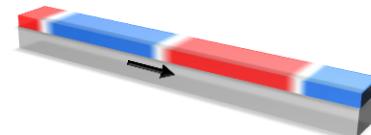
Magnetization switching



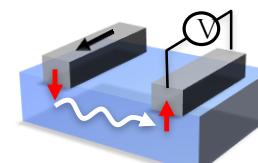
High-frequency oscillations



Domain wall & skyrmion motion



Spin-wave Excitations



Magnetic Memories

Nano-oscillators

Race-track memories

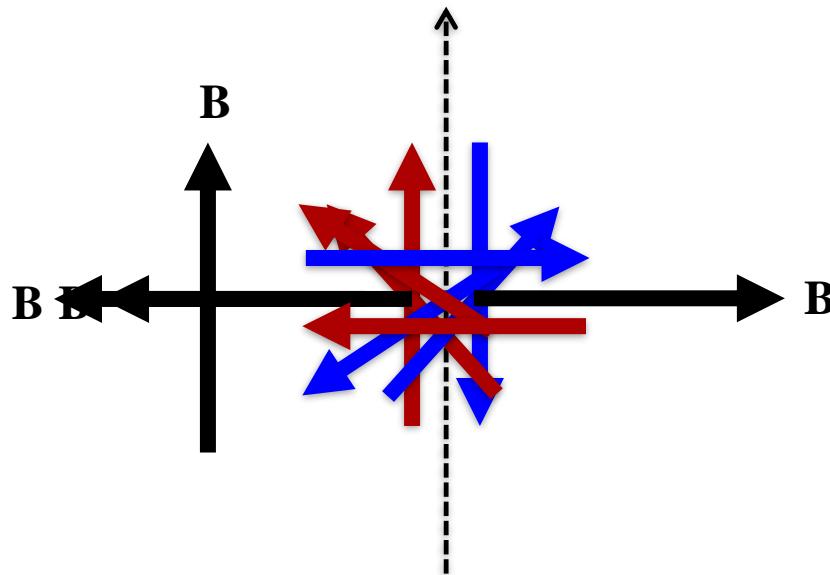
Interconnects & spin logic



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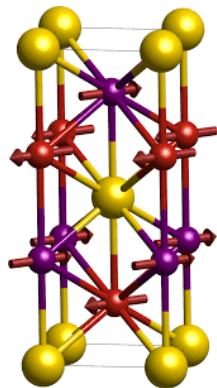
Spin-orbit torque in antiferromagnets



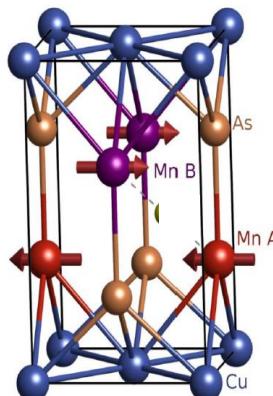
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Staggered field on **inversion partners**

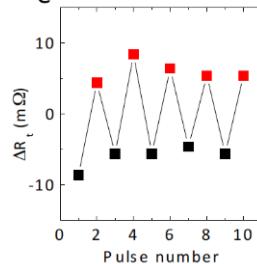
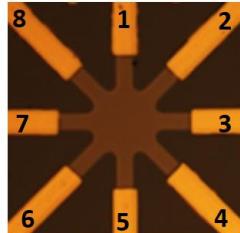
Mn₂Au



CuMnAs



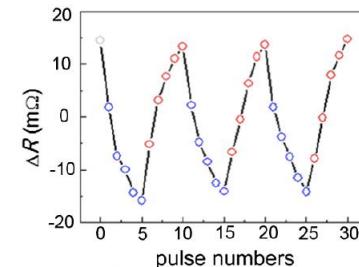
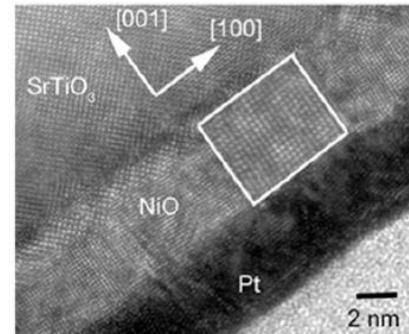
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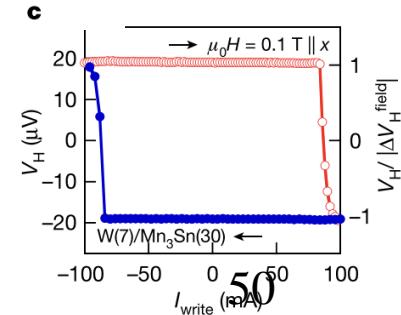
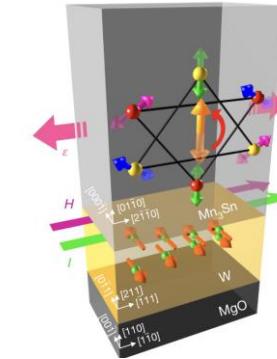
Wadley et al., Science 351, 587 (2016)

Damping-like torque

Layered Collinear NiO



Noncollinear Mn₃Sn



Chen, PRL 120, 207204 (2018)
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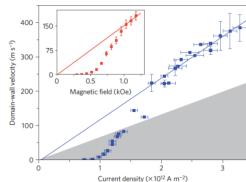
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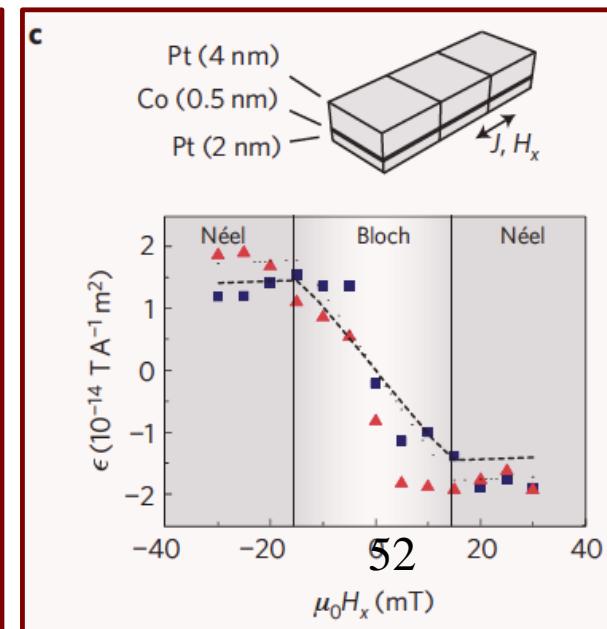
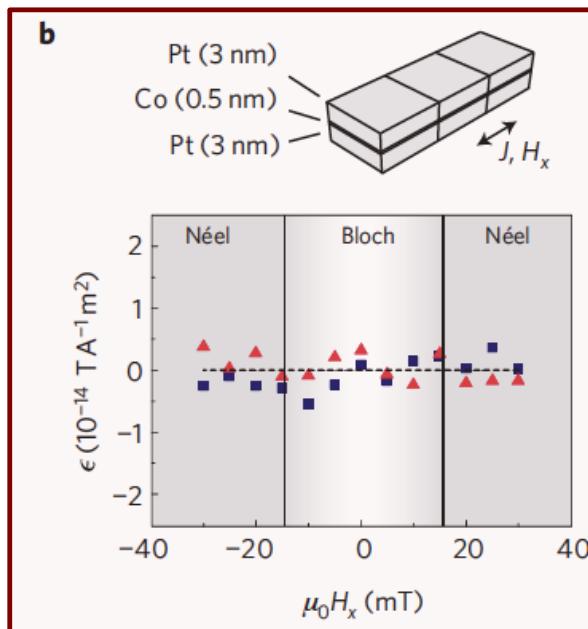
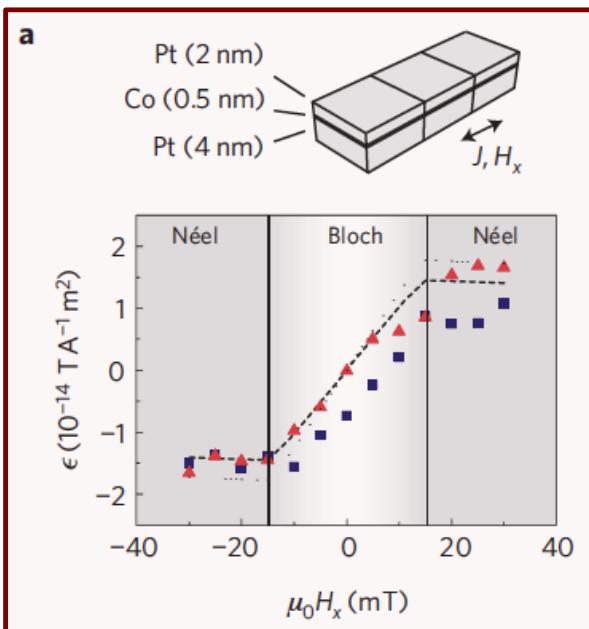
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Chiral domain walls



The domain wall flows **along** the electron direction
The domain wall velocity is **much larger than usual**
Inversion symmetry breaking seem to play a central role

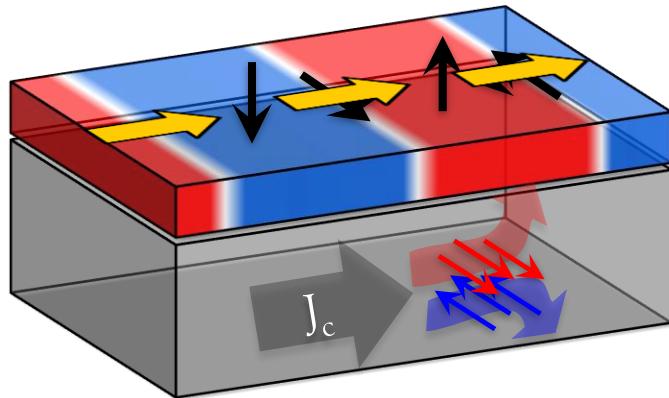
Miron, Nature Materials 10, 419 (2011)



Haazen, Nature Materials 12, 299 (2013)

Chiral domain walls

$$W_{DMI} = D \mathbf{m} \cdot ((\mathbf{z} \times \nabla) \times \mathbf{m})$$

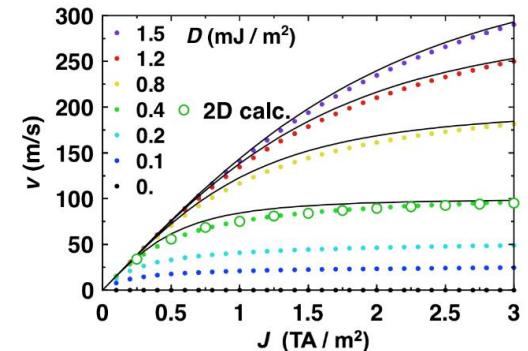


→ $H_D = \frac{\pi D}{2\mu_0 M_s \Delta}$
favors Néel walls

Spin Hall torque
 $\tau = \frac{\hbar \theta_H}{2e} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{z} \times \mathbf{j}_c) \times \mathbf{m}$

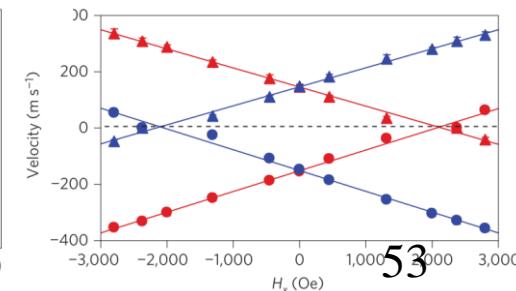
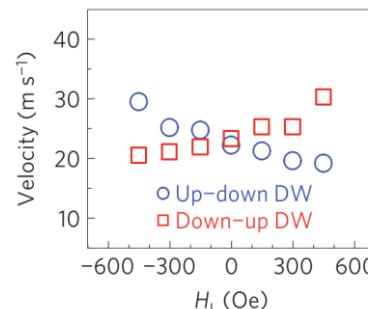
Spin Hall efficiency
 $v = \frac{\gamma_0 \Delta H_D}{\sqrt{1 + (J_D/J)^2}}$ $J_D = \frac{2\alpha t e D}{\hbar \theta_H \Delta}$

Current density



Thiaville, EPL 100, 57002 (2012)

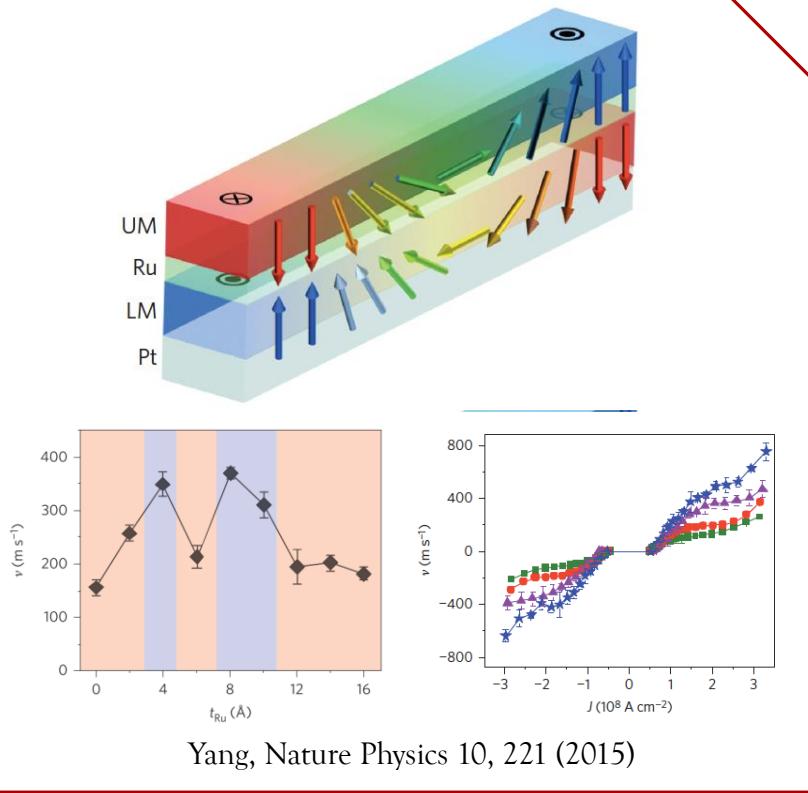
Experiments confirm the presence of an internal field



Emori, Nature Materials 12, 611 (2013)
Ryu, Nature Nanotechnology 8, 527 (2013)

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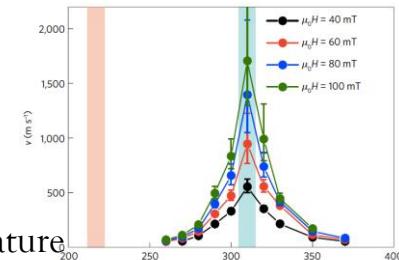
Synthetic antiferromagnets



Compensated ferrimagnets

Field-driven GdFeCo

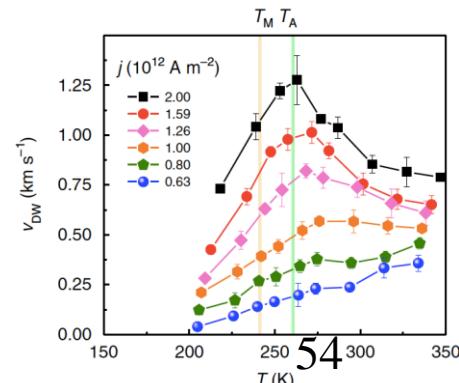
Maximum velocity at
angular momentum
compensation temperature



Kim, Nature Physics 16, 1187 (2017)

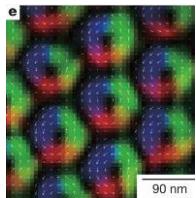
Current-driven Pt/Gd₄₄Co₅₆

Same physics induces
velocities up to
1.3 km/s !



Caretta, Nature Nanotechnology 13, 1154 (2018)

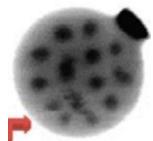
Skrymion dynamics



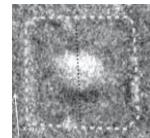
First observation of
stable skyrmion lattices
in bulk MnSi magnet

MnSi, T<30 K

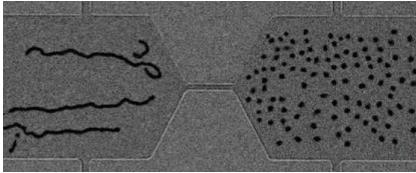
Yu Nature 465, 901 (2010)
Mühlbauer Science 323, 915 (2009)



Pt/Co/Ta



Pt/Co/MgO



Ta/CoFeB/TaOx

Jiang Science 349, 283 (2015)

Chen Appl. Phys. Lett. 106, 242404 (2015)

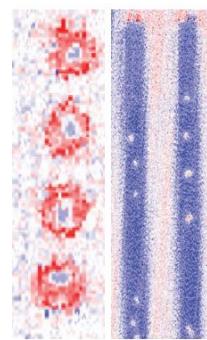
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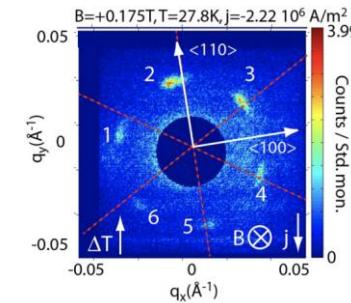
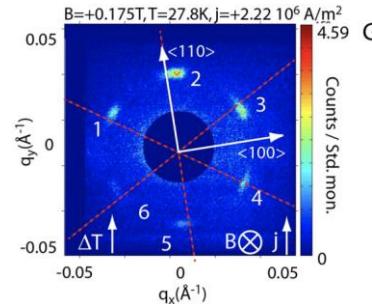
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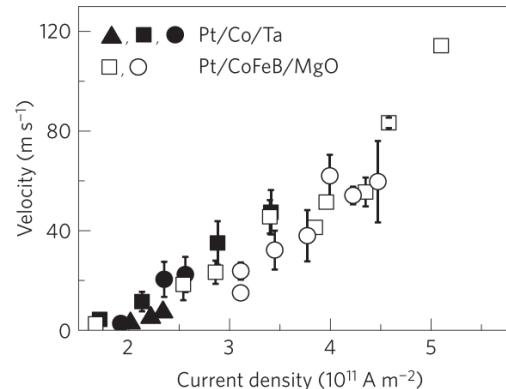


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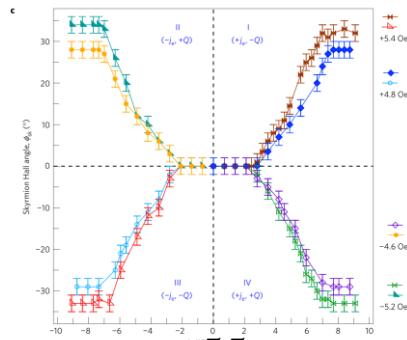
Woo Nature Materials 2016



Jonietz Science 330, 1648 (2010)
Schultz Nature Physics 8, 301 (2012)



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Jiang Nature Physics 13, 162 (2017)
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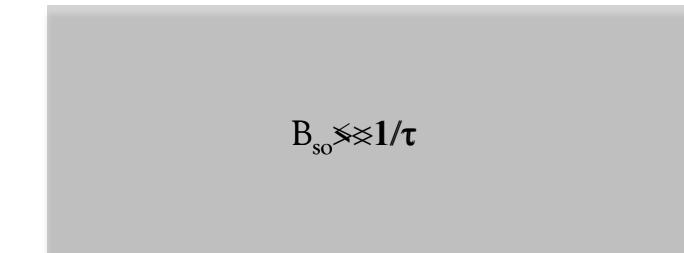
Layman's vision of topological insulators

Quantum Hall effect

$$\omega_B \approx B \gg 1/\tau$$

spin Hall effect

$$B_{so} \gg 1/\tau$$



Qi and Zhang, Rev. Mod. Phys. 83, 1057 (2010)
Hasan and Moore Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. 2, 55 (2010)



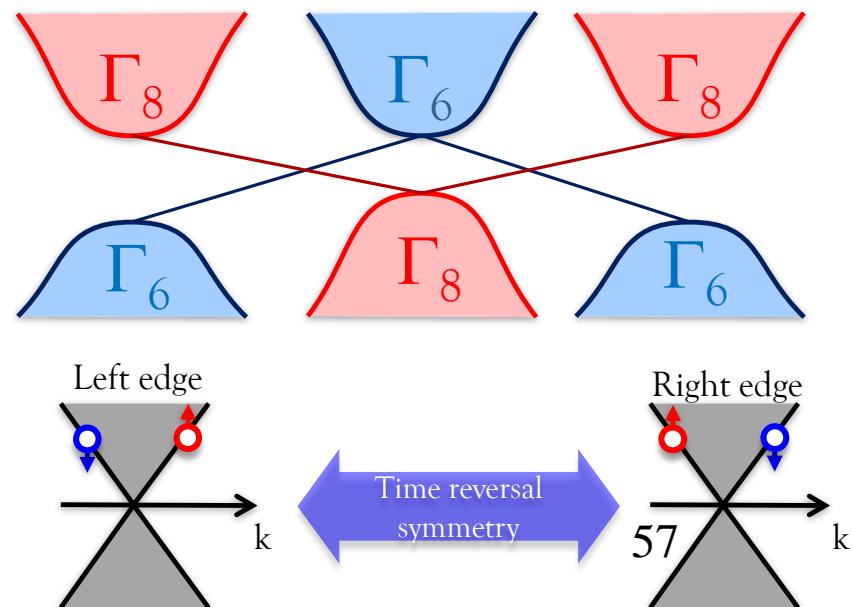
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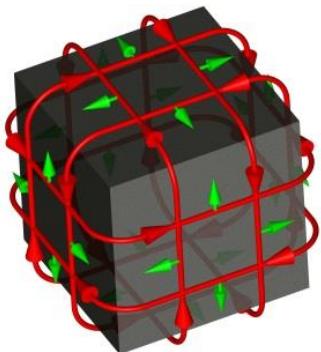
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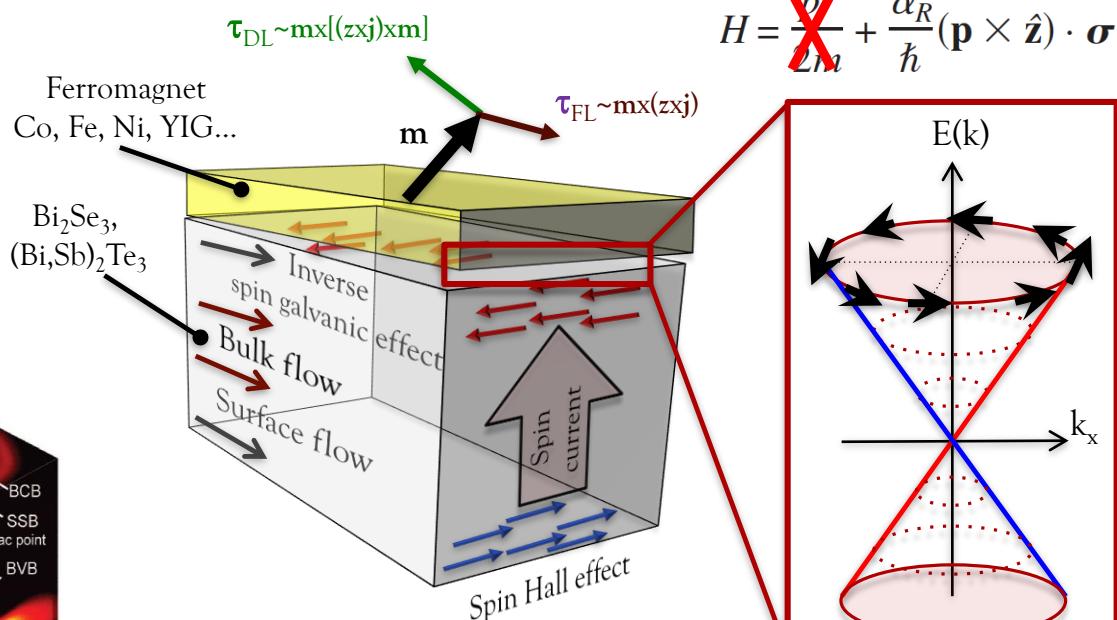
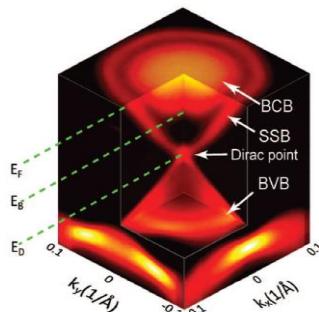
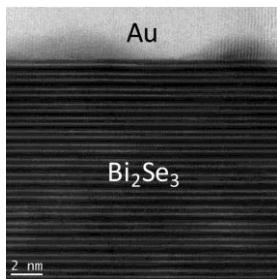


Three dimensional topological insulators

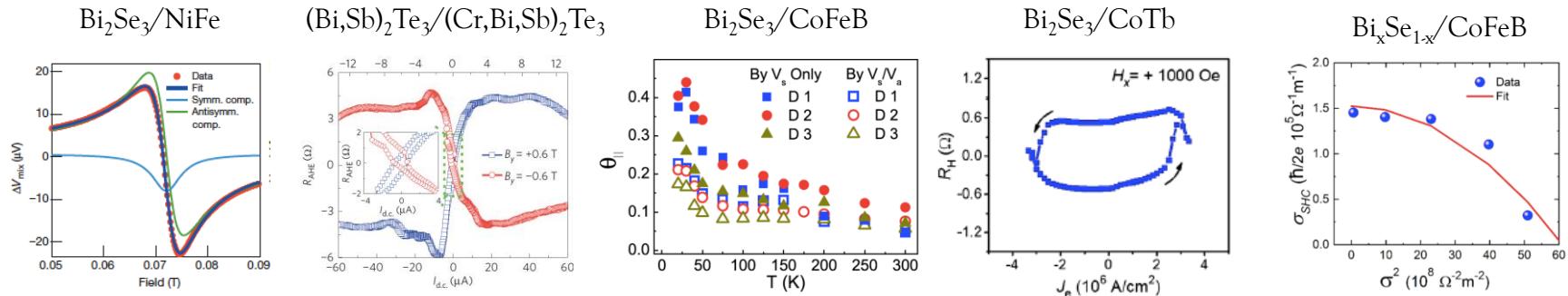


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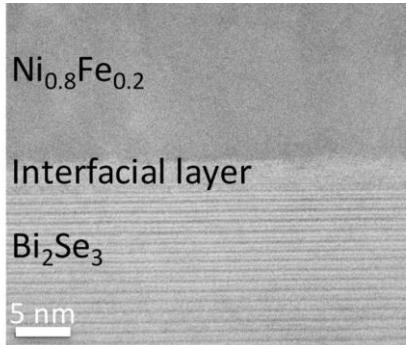
Bi_2Te_3 , Bi_2Se_3 , $\alpha\text{-Sn}$ etc.



Large spin-orbit torque at room temperature



Mellnik, Nature 511, 449 (2014) Fan, NatMat 13, 699 (2014) Wang, PRL 114, 257202 (2015) Han, PRL 119, 077702 (2017) Mahendra, NatMat 17, 800 (2018)



Parameters	Bi _x Se _(1-x) (This work)	Bi ₂ Se ₃ Mellnik	β -W	Pt
σ ($\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$)	0.78×10^4	5.7×10^4	4.7×10^5	4.2×10^6
σ_{SH} ($\frac{\hbar}{2e} \Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$)	1.5×10^5	2.0×10^5	1.9×10^5	3.4×10^5
θ_{SH}	18.83	3.5	0.4	0.08
J_{sw} (A/cm ²)	4.3×10^5	--	1.6×10^6	$2.85 \times 10^7-10^8$

That's all folks!



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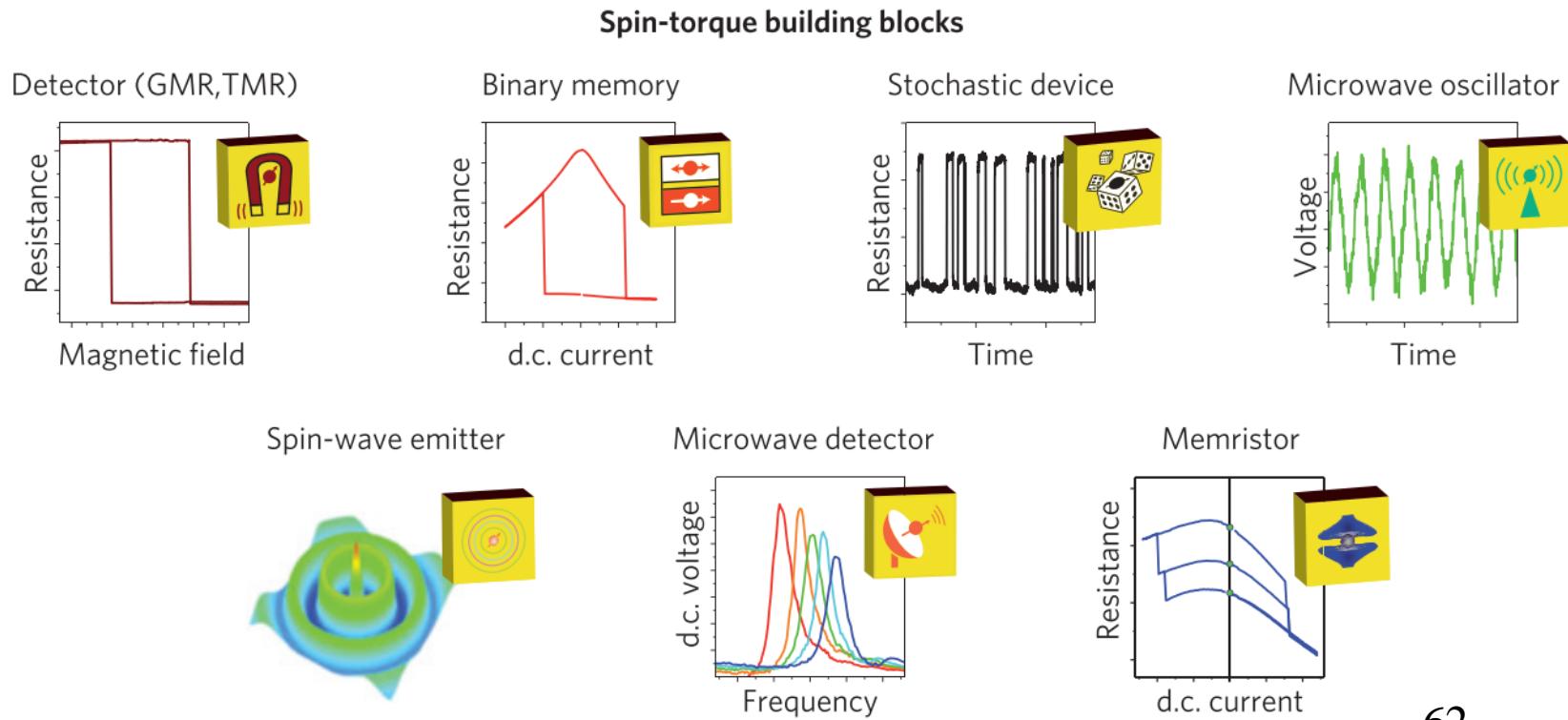
Hope you liked it!



BONUS!!

Spin torque devices

The many opportunities of spin transfer torque

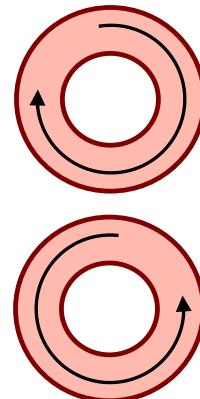
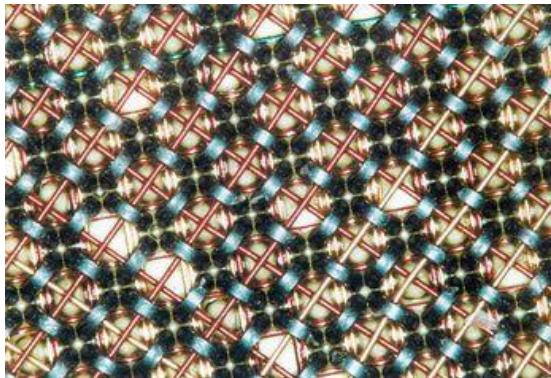


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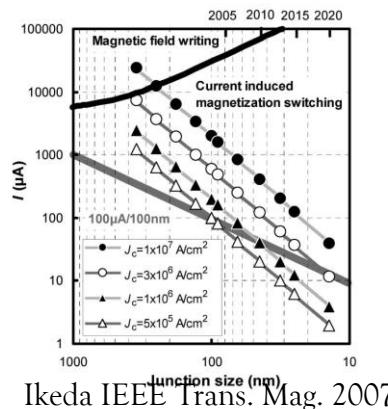
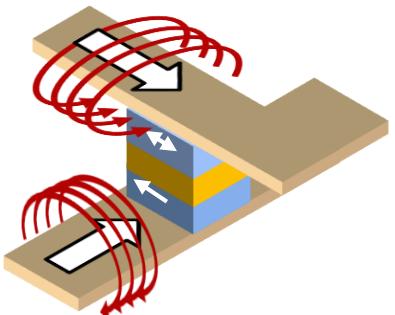
Locatelli et al., Nature Materials 13, 11 (2013)

Magnetic random-access memories

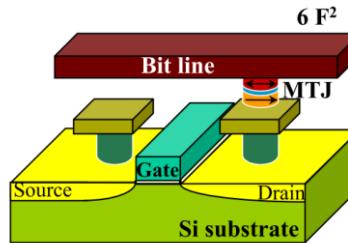
IBM magnetic core memories



Field-driven MRAM



Spin torque-driven MRAM



Apalkov Proc. IEEE 104, 1796 (2016)

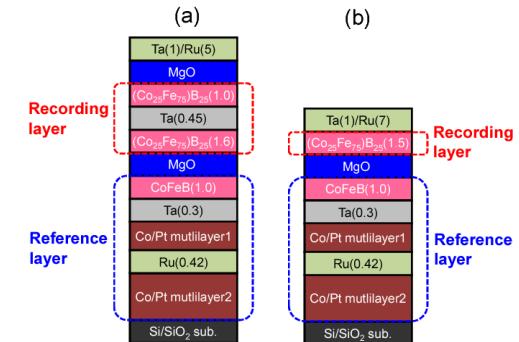
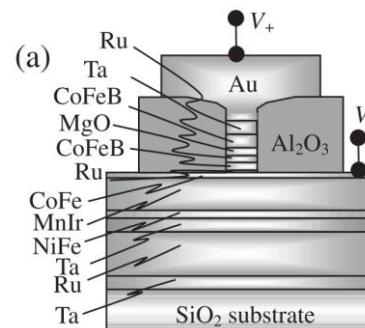
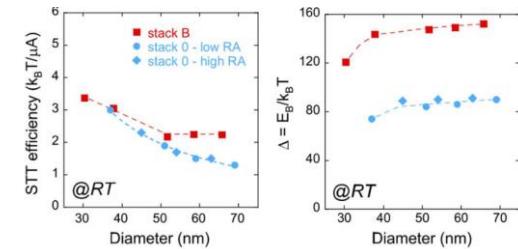
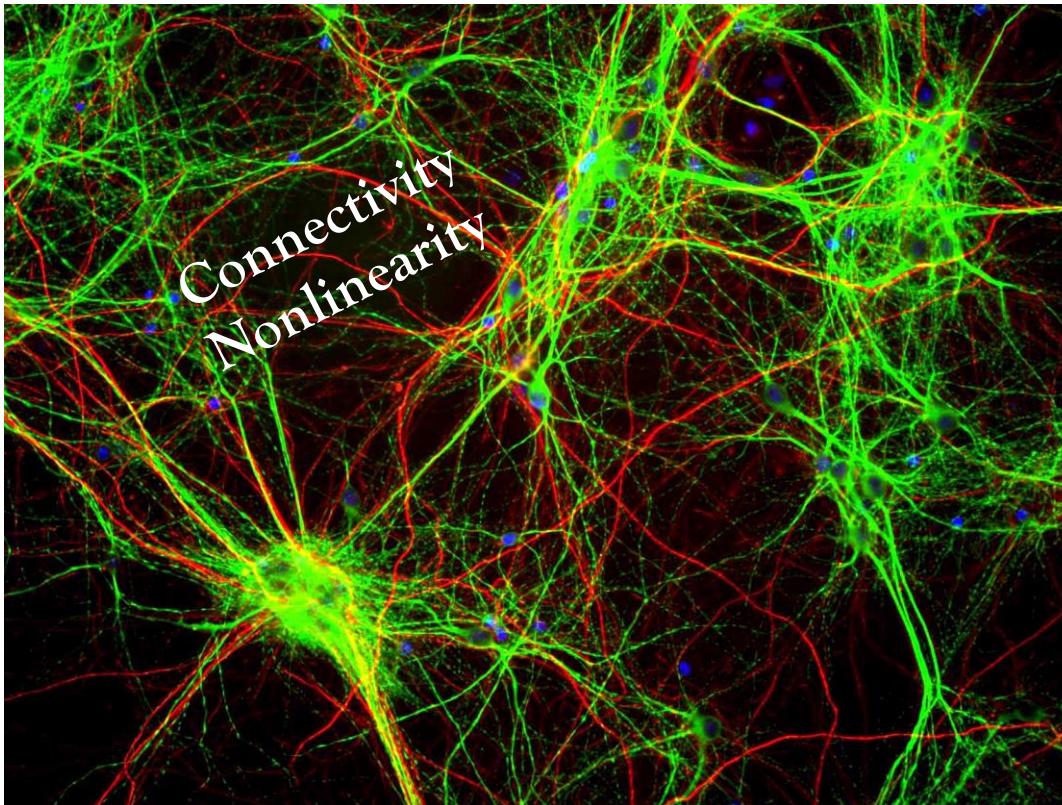


Fig. 1 Stack structures of magnetic tunnel junctions with perpendicularly magnetized layers

Ikeda IEDM 2014
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Thermal stability and critical switching current

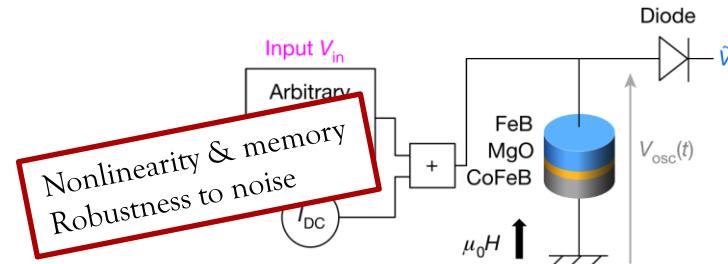
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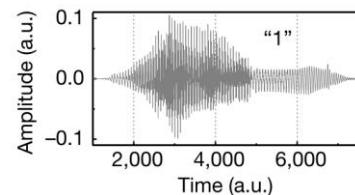
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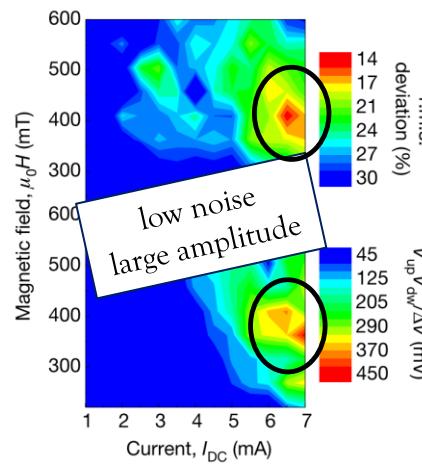
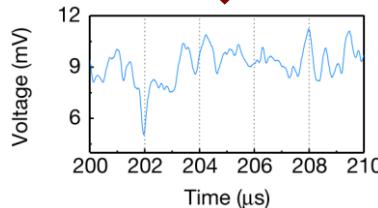
A single nanooscillator as a reservoir emulator



Neural network in time domain

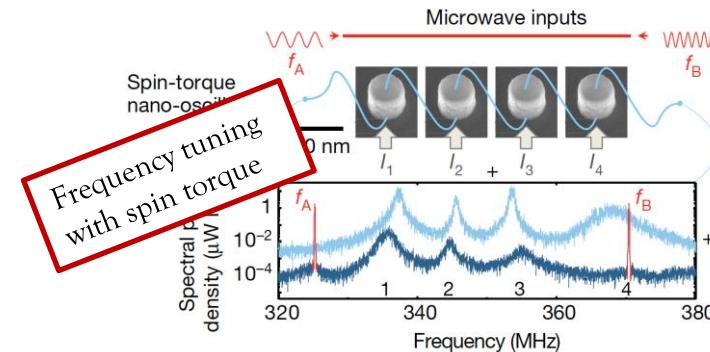


Machine learning



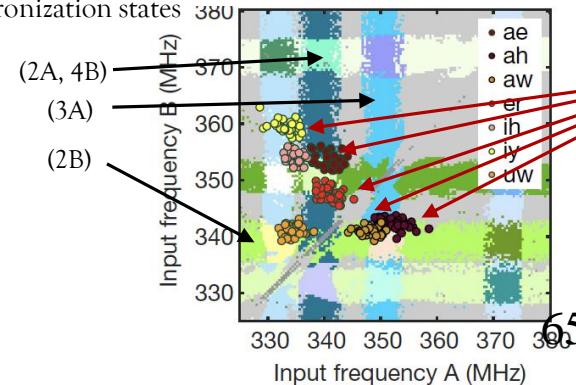
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Coupled nanooscillators for vowel recognition



Synchronization map

Synchronization states



Romera et al., Nature 563, 230 (2018)