

Magnetization reversal processes

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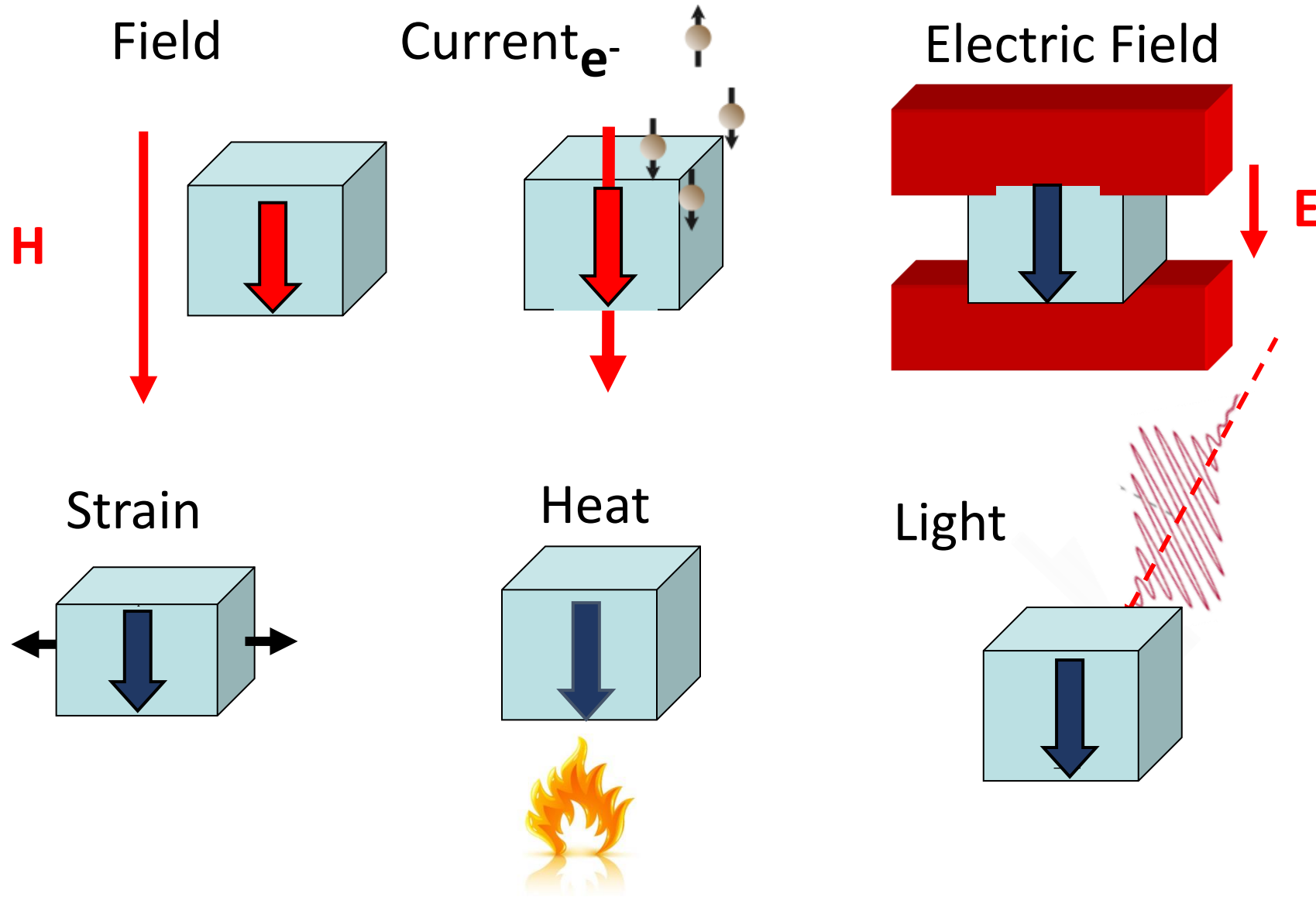
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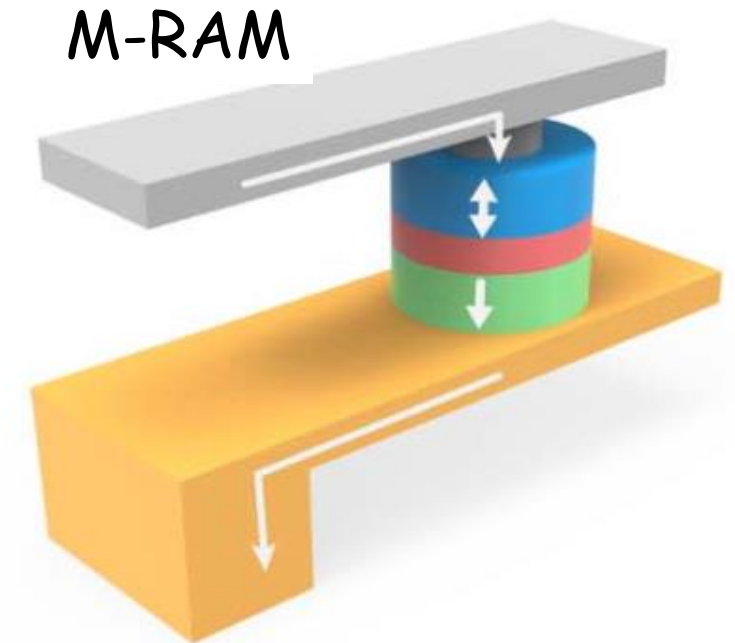
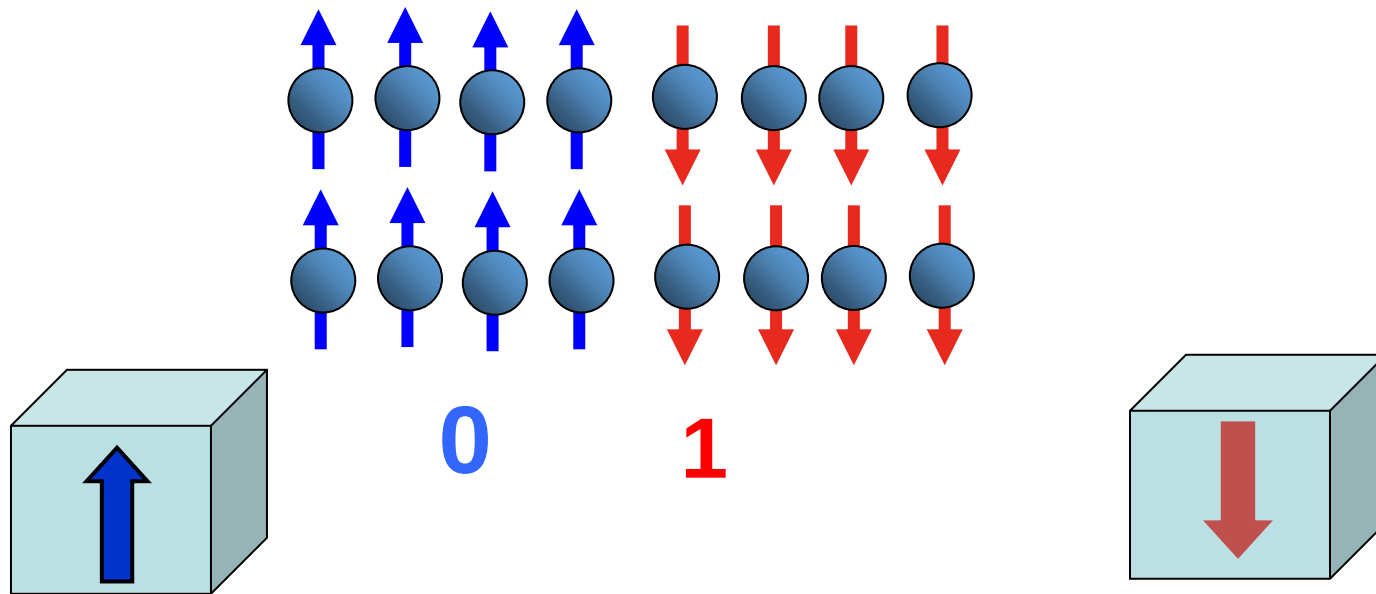
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Magnetization reversal



Magnetic Memory

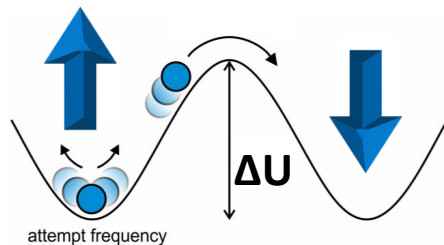
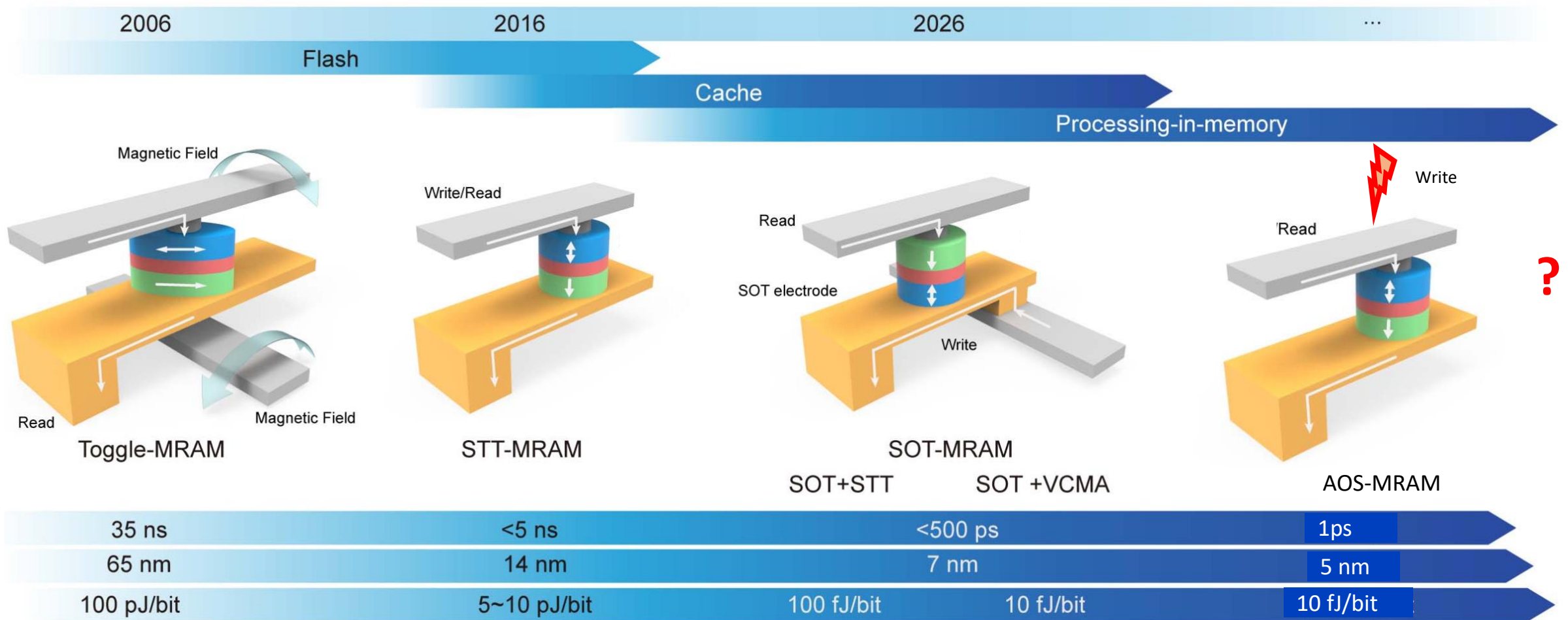


Store : define a " 0 " and a " 1 "

Read : to different electrical current for a " 0 " and a " 1 "

Write : be able to change a " 0 " to a " 1 " and a " 1 " " 0 "

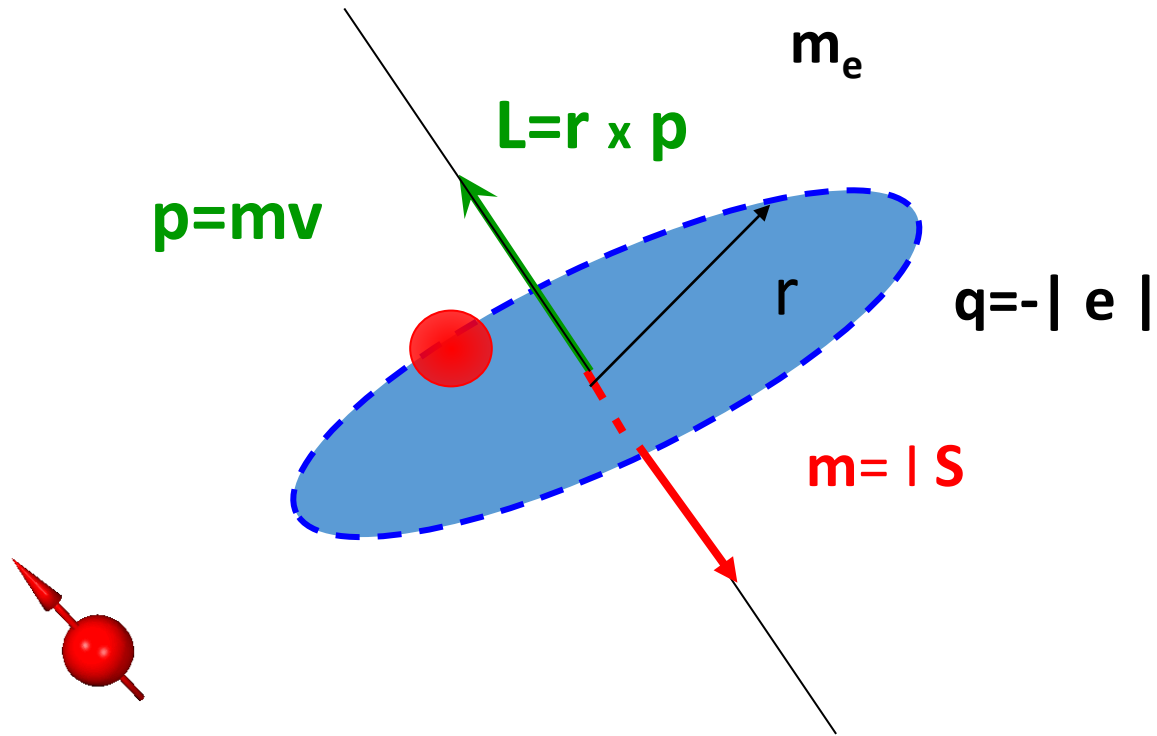
Writing MRAM



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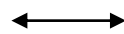
Thermal Stability given by $\Delta U = KV$

Angular momentum / magnetism



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m} &= g \mathbf{L} \\ g &= -|e|/2m_e \end{aligned}$$

Electron spin



Magnetization



$$\mathbf{m}_s = g_s (e/2m_e) \mathbf{S}$$

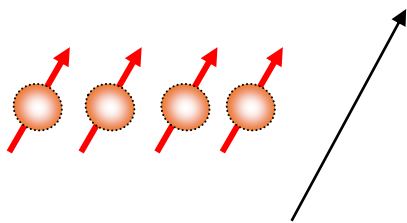
$$g_s = 2.0\dots$$

Electrons rotating around nucleus

$$\mathbf{m}_j = g_j (q/2m_e) \mathbf{J}$$

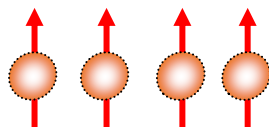
Interactions

Zeeman Energy



$$E_{\text{zee}} = -\mu_0 \vec{M} \cdot \vec{H}$$

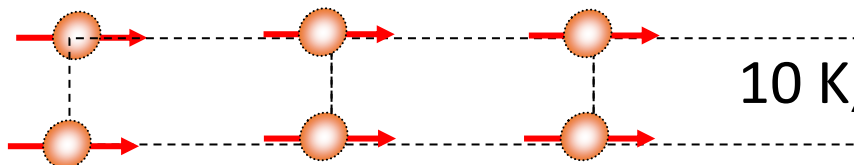
Exchange



1000 K, 100 T

$$E_{\text{exc}} = -J \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

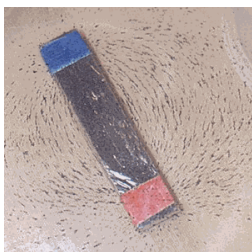
Magneto-crystalline anisotropy



10 K, 0.01 to 10 T

$$E_K = -K \cos^2(\theta)$$

Dipolar

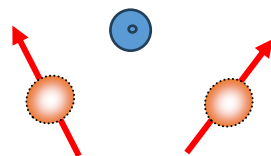


1 K, 10 mT

$$E_{\text{dip}} = -\mu_0 \vec{M} \cdot \vec{H}_{\text{dip}}$$

$$E_{\text{DMI}} = \vec{D}_{12} \cdot (\vec{S}_1 \times \vec{S}_2)$$

Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya interaction (DMI)



$$E_{\text{total}} = -\mu_0 \vec{M} \cdot \vec{H}_{\text{eff}}$$

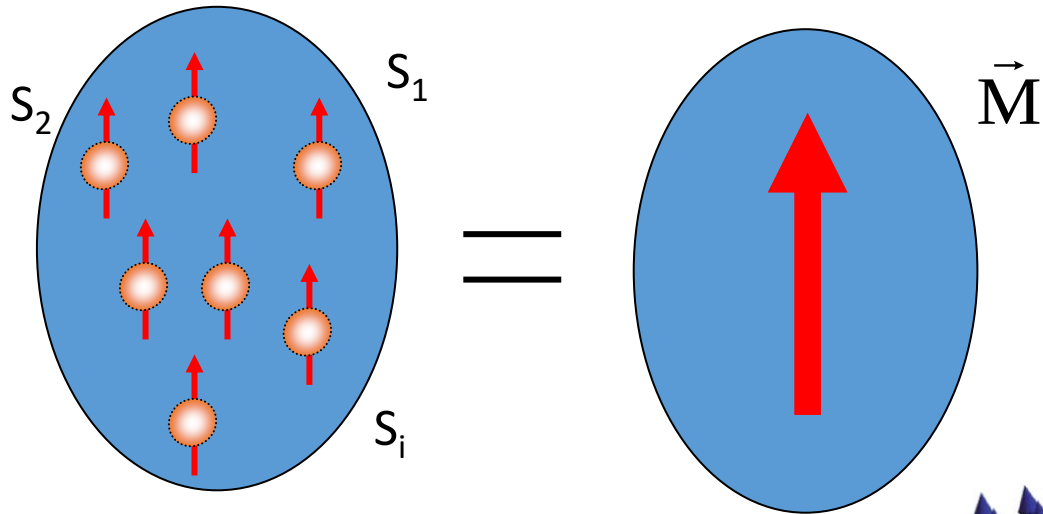
Configuration results from competition of the different interactions

Macro SPIN : Stoner - Wohlfarth

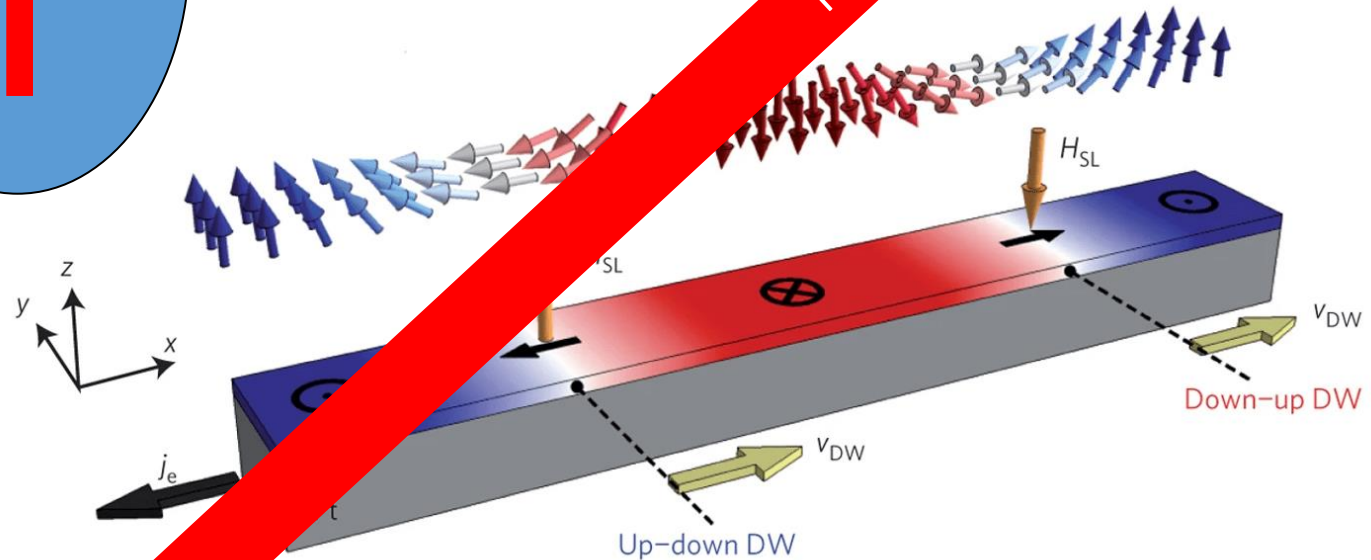
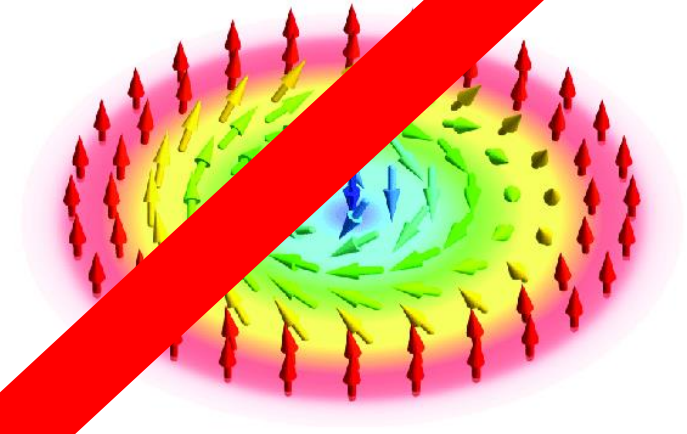
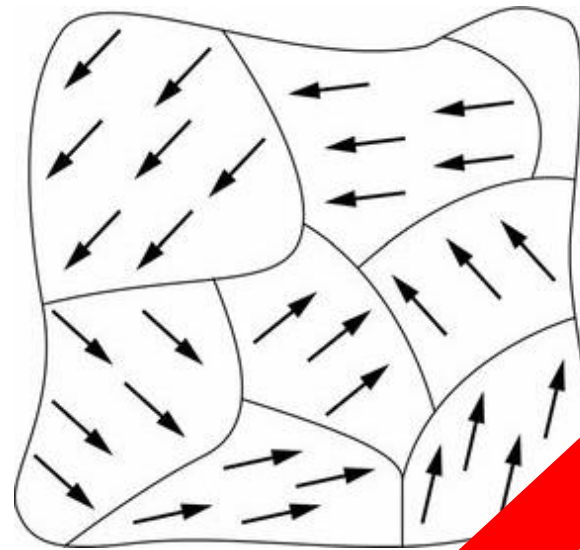
Hypotheses

$$\text{Large } E_{\text{exc}} = -J\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

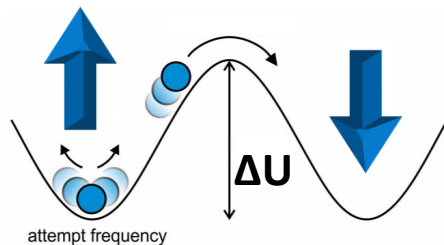
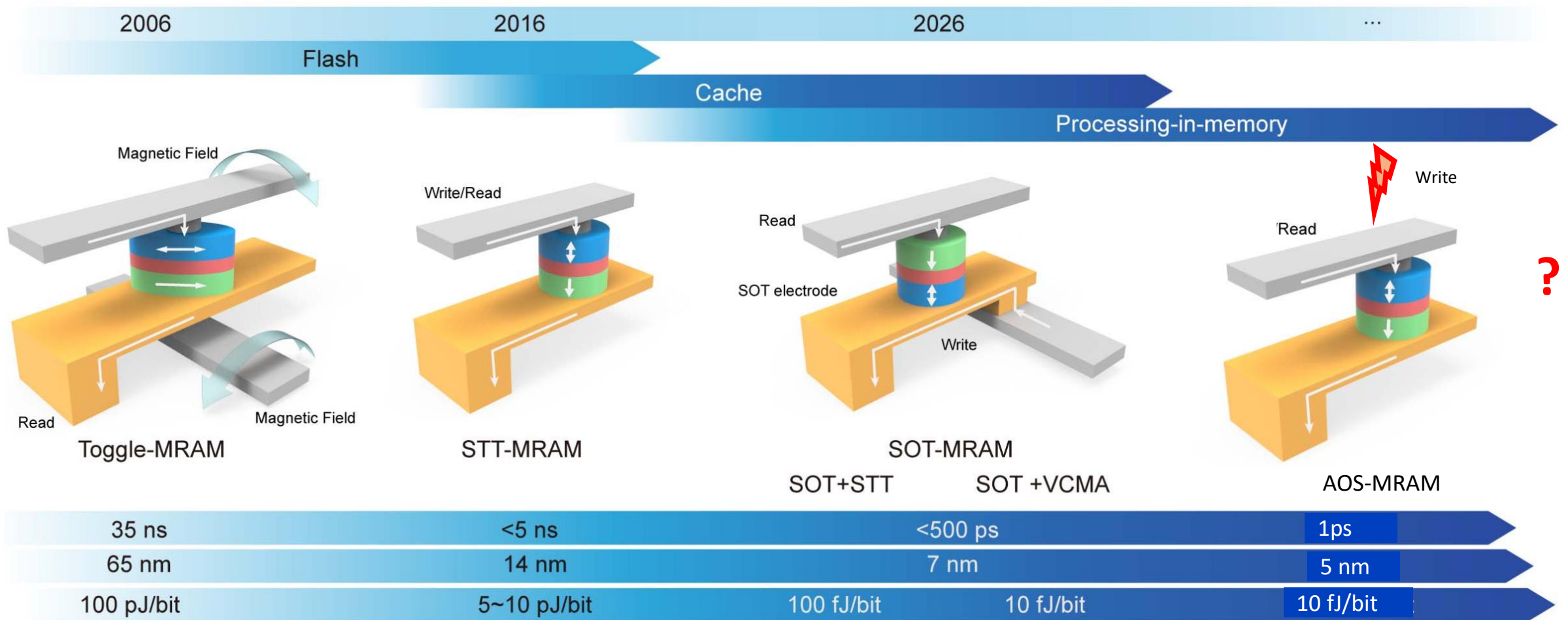
- Monodomain Particule



- $T = 0K$



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Thermal Stability given by $\Delta U = KV$

Outlines

- Magnetisation field switching
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 - Torques
- Current induced switching
 - Spin transfer Torque
 - Spin Orbit Torque
- All optical switching

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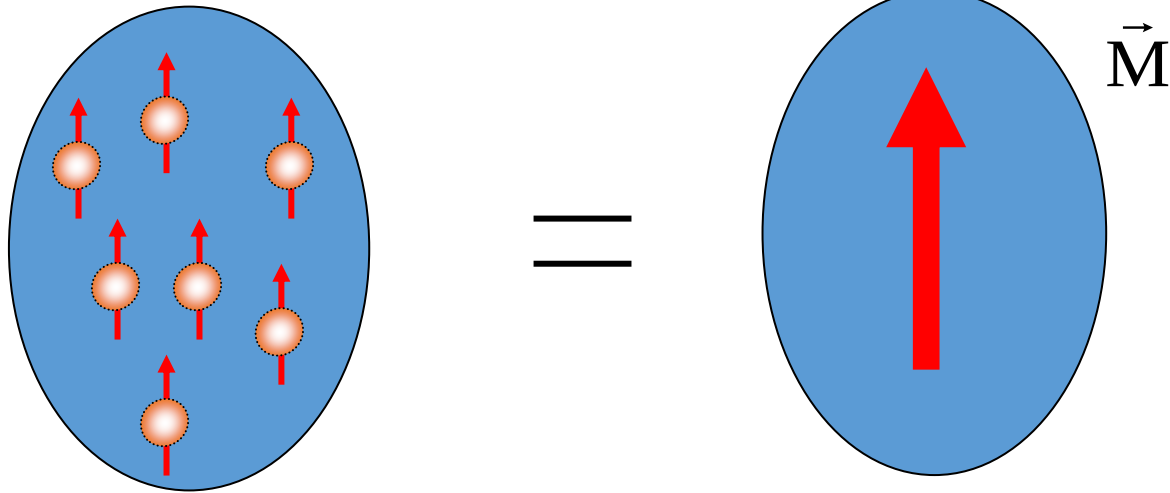
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Energy consideration

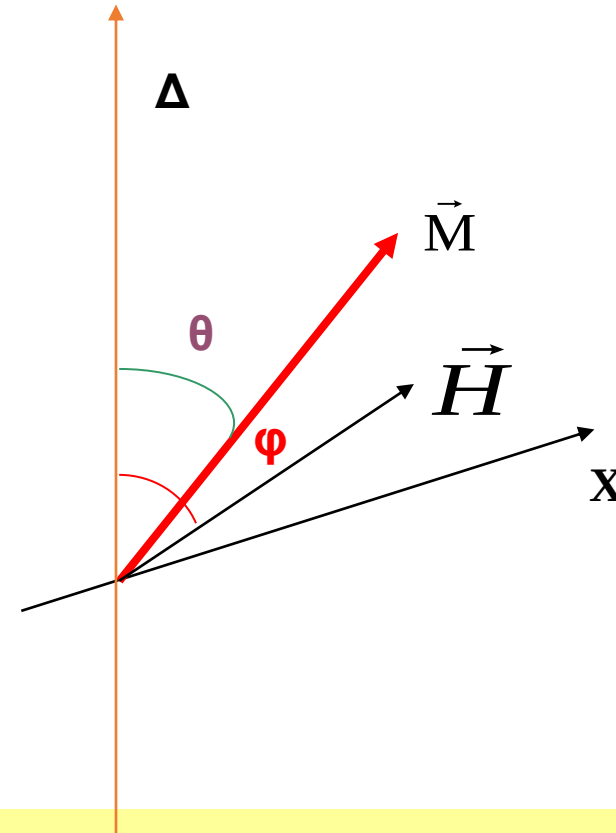
Hypotheses

$$E_{\text{exc}} = -J\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \quad \text{Is large}$$

- Monodomain Particule



- $T = 0\text{K}$



$$E_{\text{mag}} = E_{\text{aniso}} + E_{\text{Zeeman}} = KV(\sin\theta)^2 - \mu_0 M_s H \cos(\varphi - \theta)$$

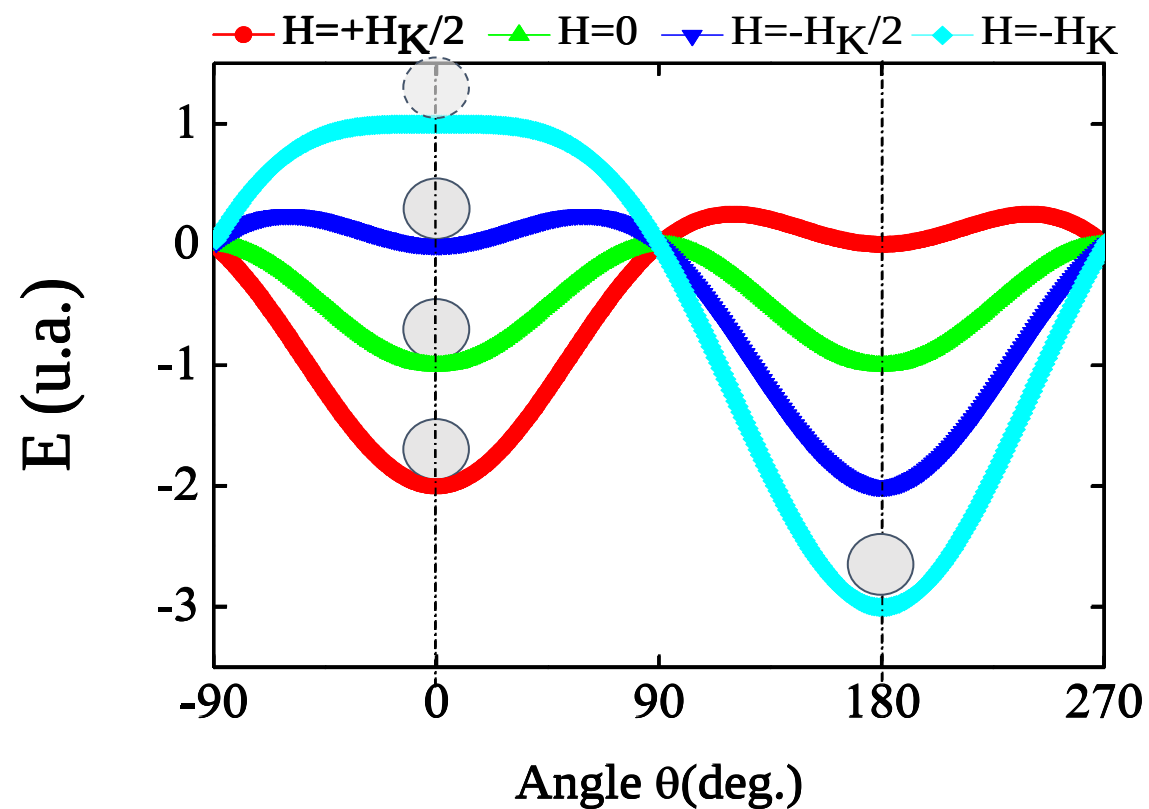
$$H_K = 2K/M$$

Energy consideration

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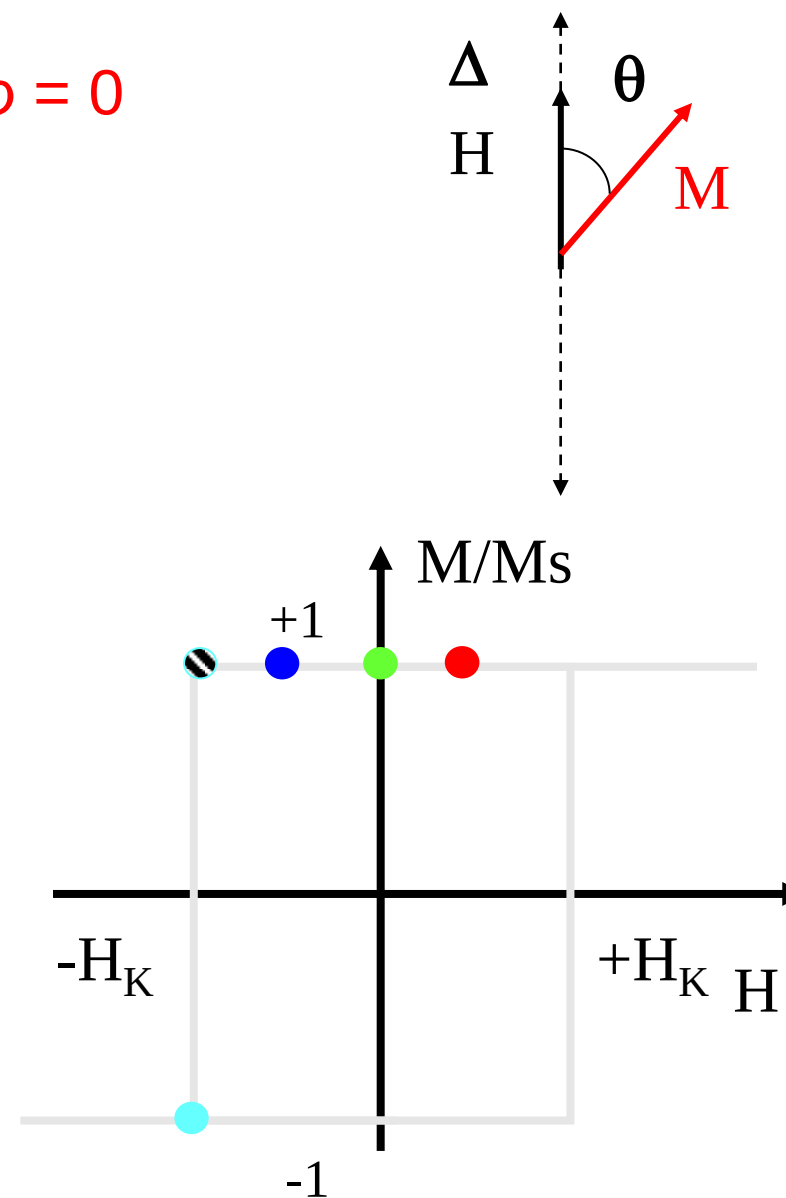
$$H // \Delta$$

$$\varphi = 0$$



$$P(t) = \exp(t/\tau_0)$$

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp(-\Delta U/k_B T)$$

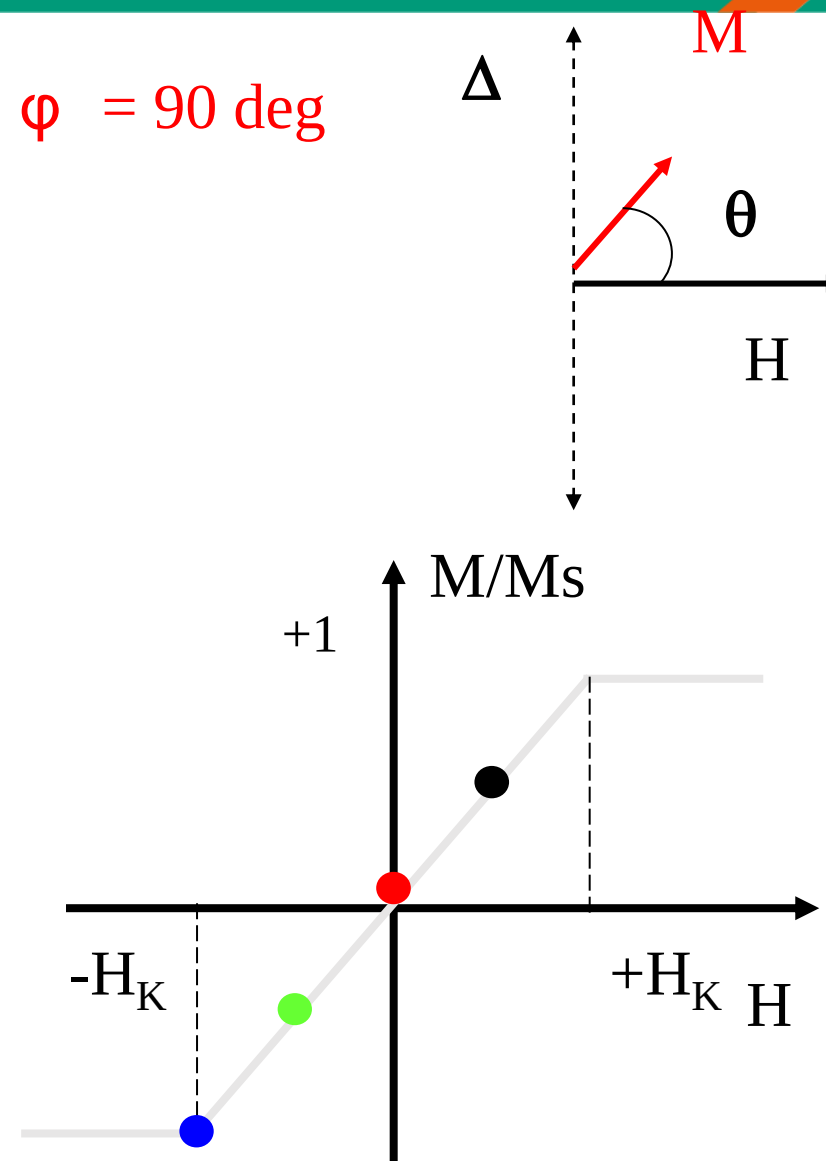
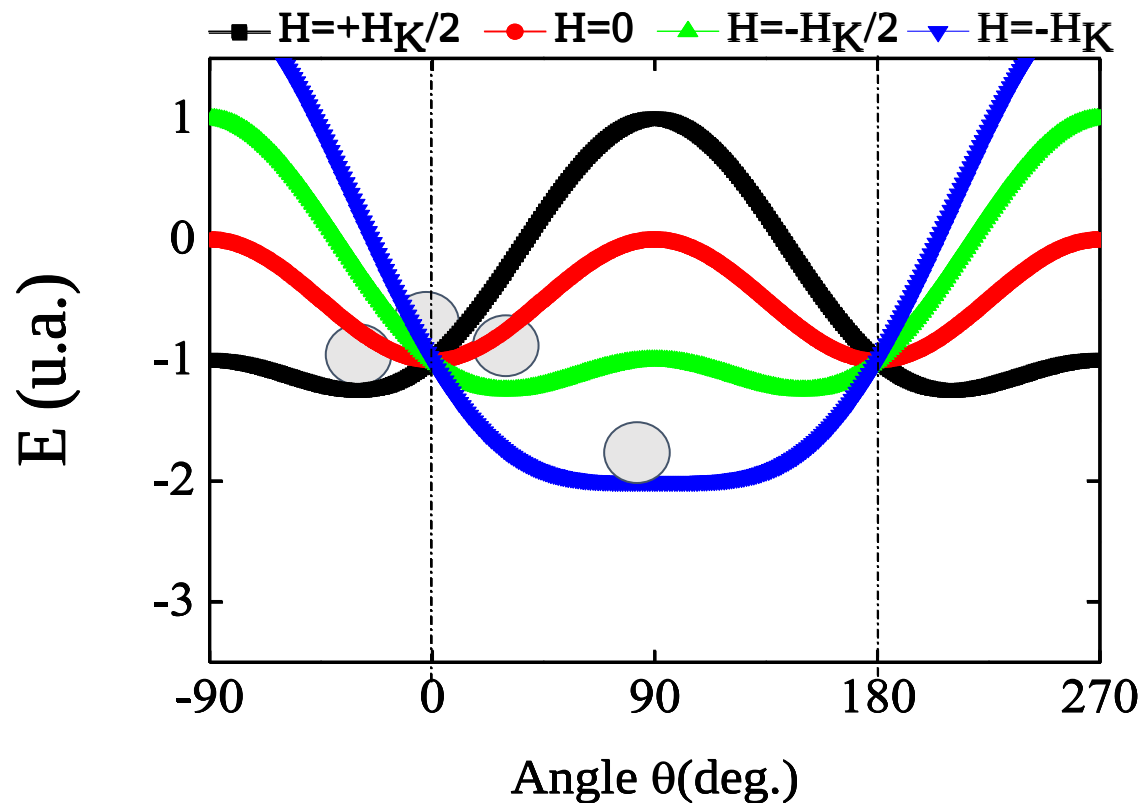


Energy consideration

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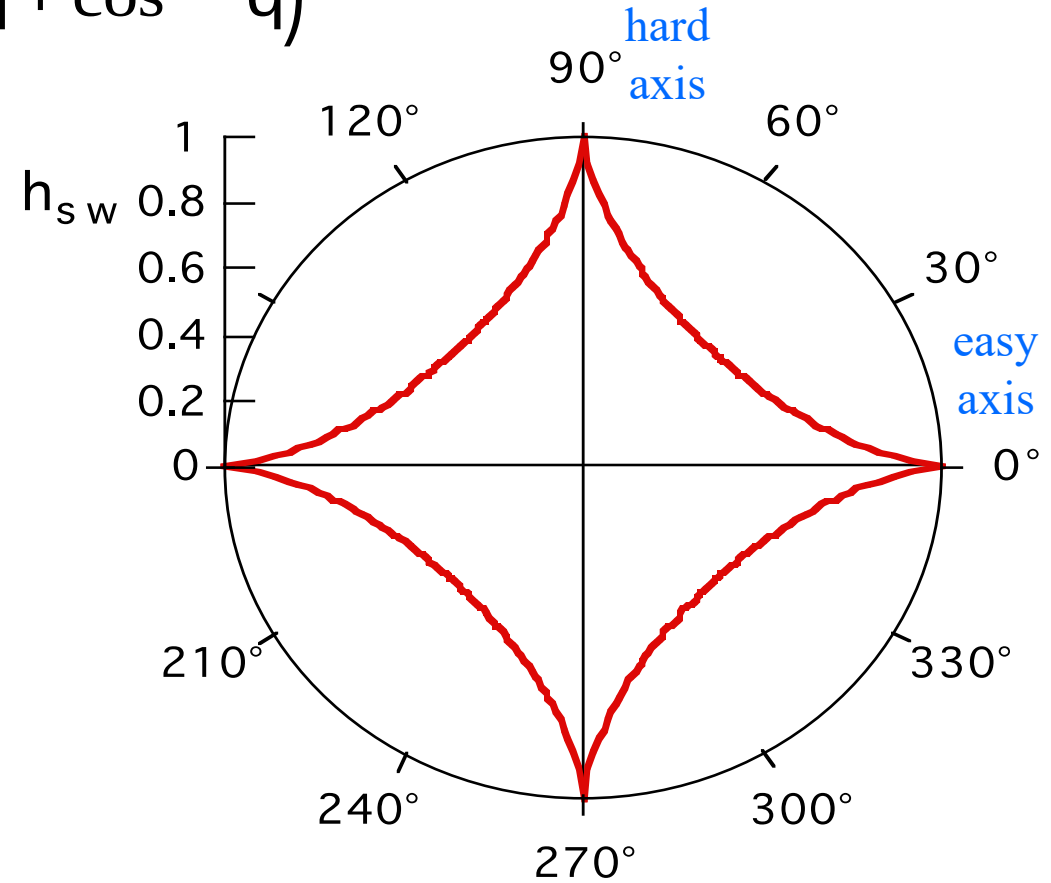
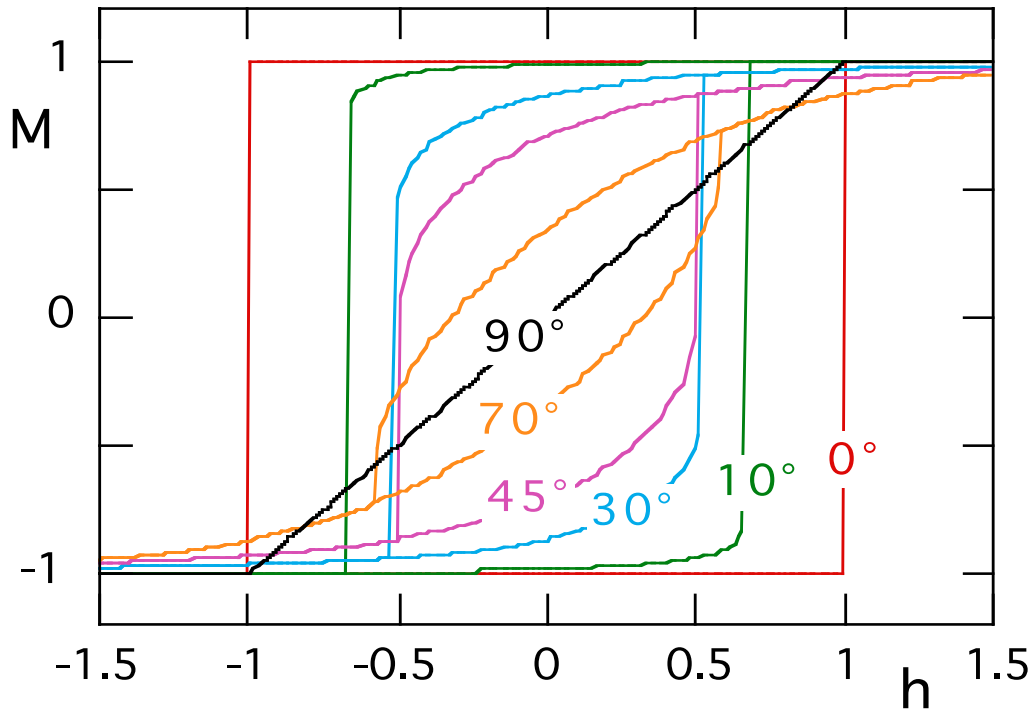
$$H \perp \Delta$$

$$\varphi = 90 \text{ deg}$$



Energy consideration

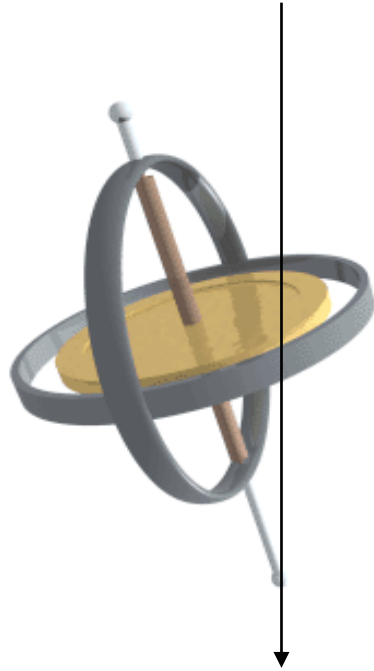
$$h_{sw} = \left(\sin^{2/3} q + \cos^{2/3} q \right)^{-3/2}$$



Stoner - Wohlfarth astroid

Angular momentum / Torque

$$\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$$



$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

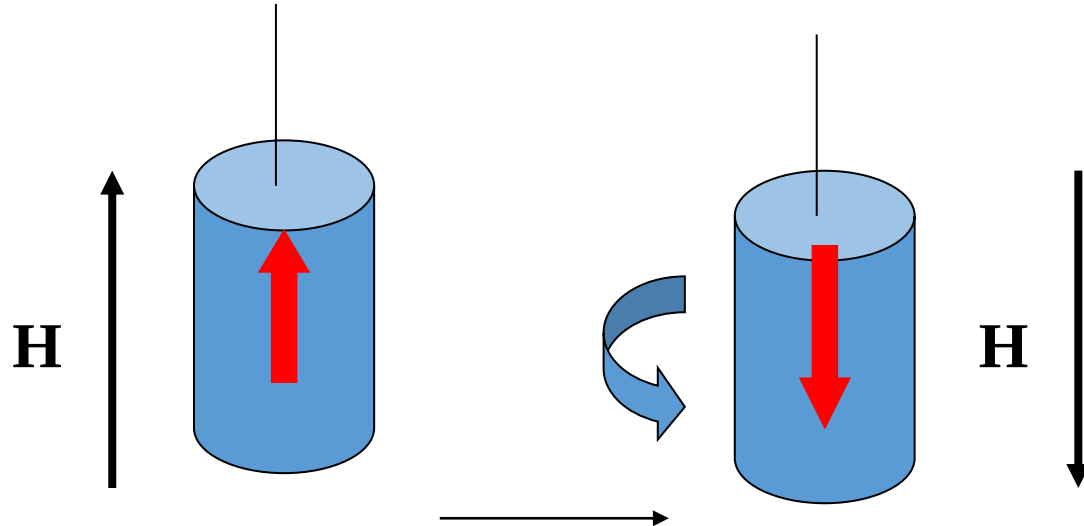
$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = d\mathbf{p} / dt$$

Newton's 2nd law

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$

Einstein de Haas effect



Δm

$$m = \gamma L$$

ΔL

$$\Gamma = \frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{dm}{dt}$$



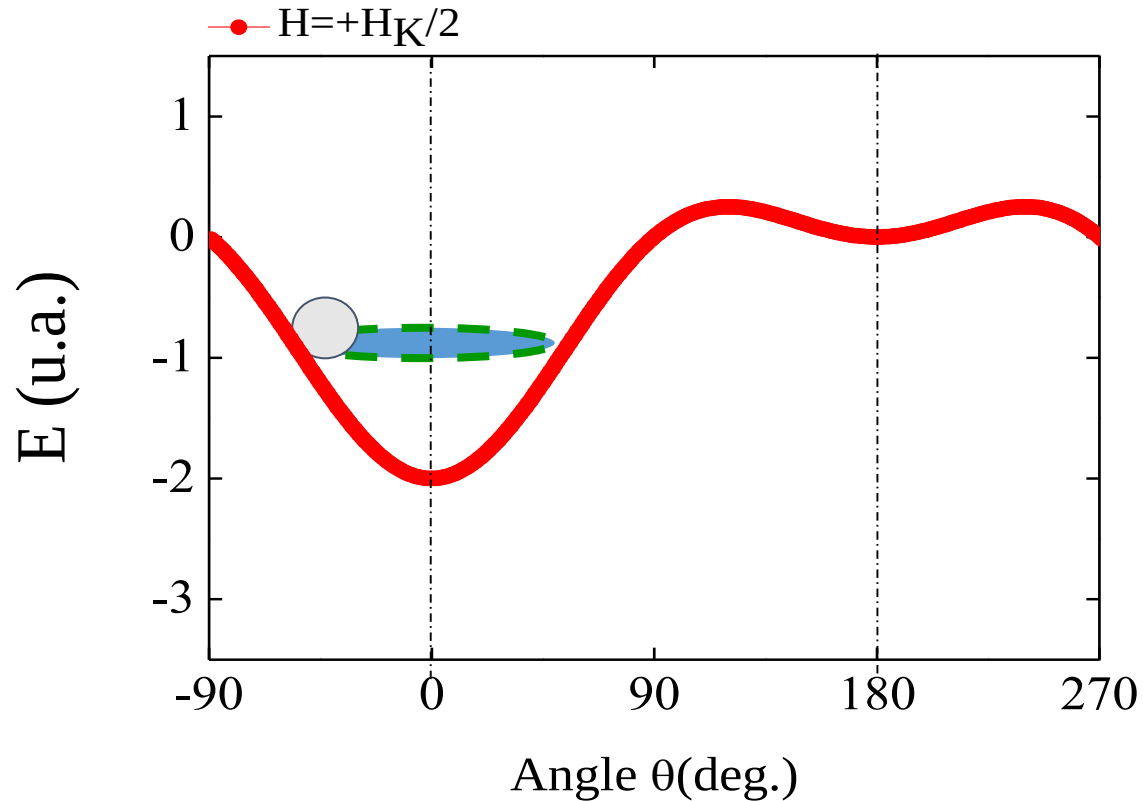
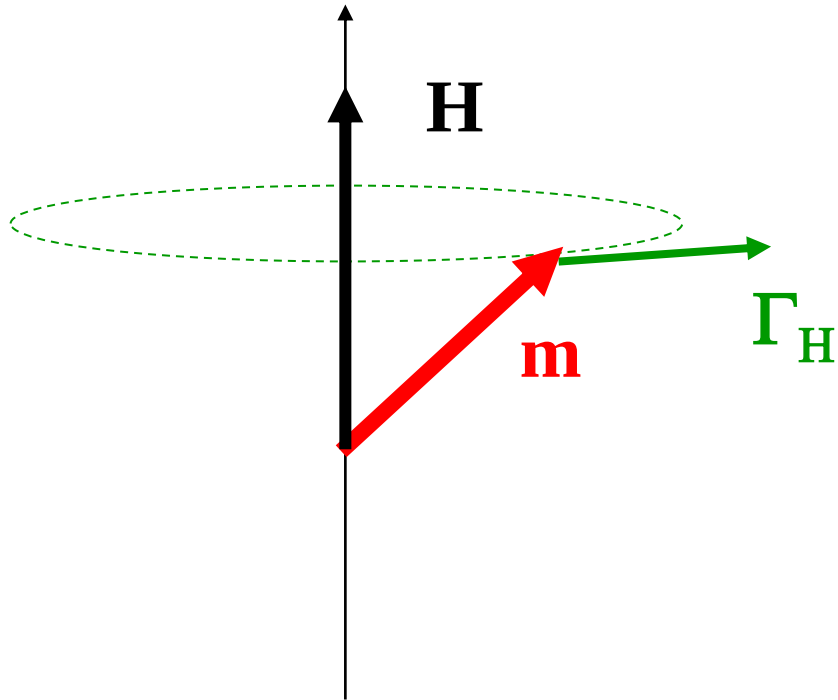
Rotation



A. Einstein, W. J. de Haas, *Experimenteller Nachweis der Ampereschen Molekularströme*, Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft, Verhandlungen **17**, pp. 152-170 (1915).

Torque

$$\Gamma_H = \mathbf{H} \wedge \mathbf{m} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} \wedge \mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt}$$



Landau Lifshitz 1935

Frequency: 28 GHz / Tesla

Period about 100 ps

Iso-energy

$$\frac{d\vec{m}}{dt} = -\gamma(\vec{m} \times \vec{H})$$

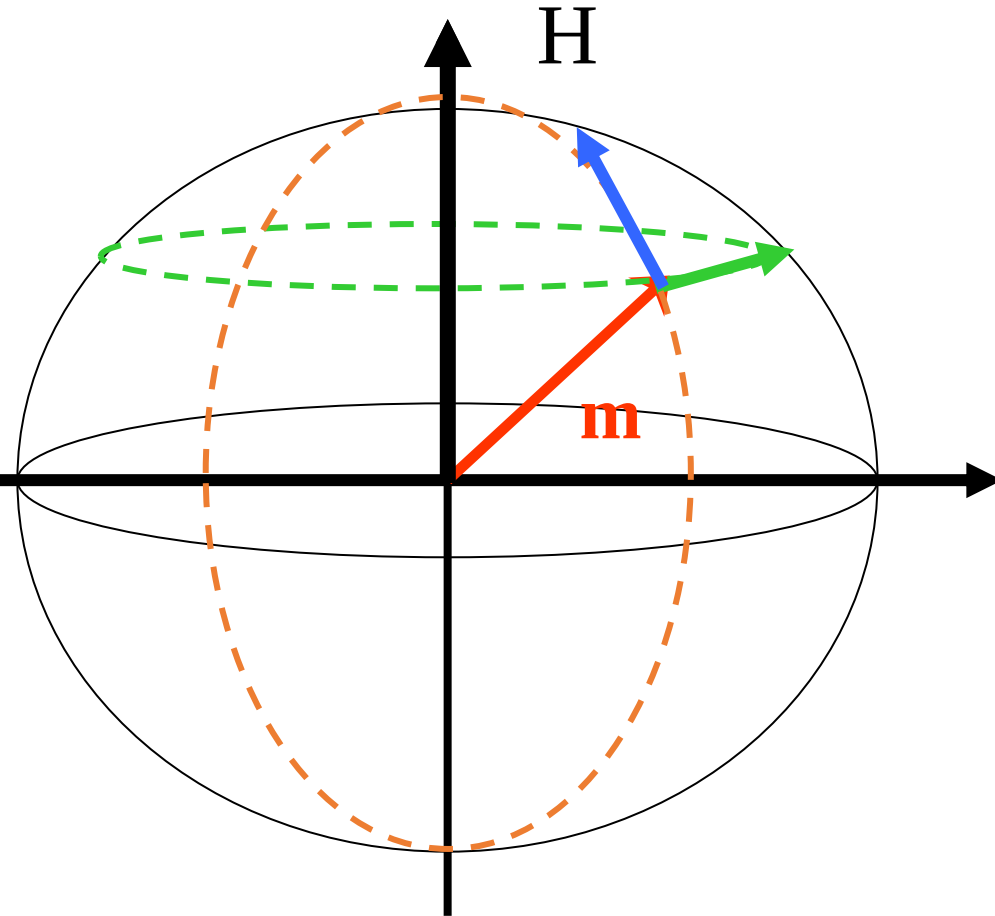
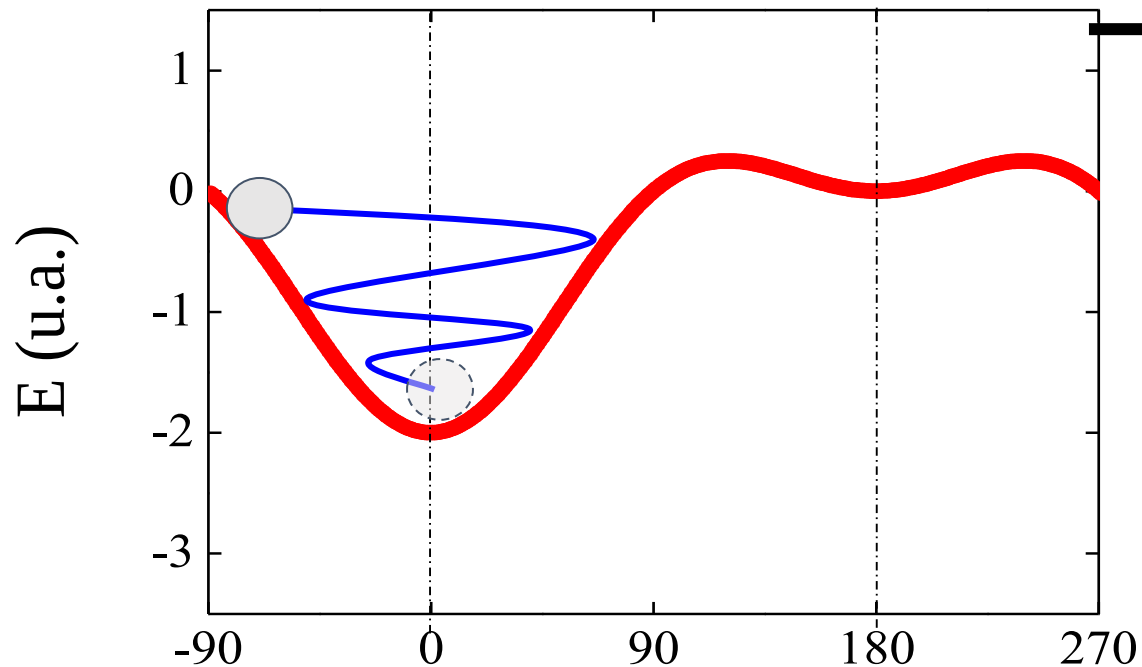
Landau- Lifshitz equation

Field torque (precession)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = \underbrace{-\gamma_0 \mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{H}}_{\text{Field torque (precession)}} + \underbrace{\alpha \left(\mathbf{m} \wedge \frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} \right)}_{\text{Damping torque (dissipation)}}$$

Damping torque (dissipation)

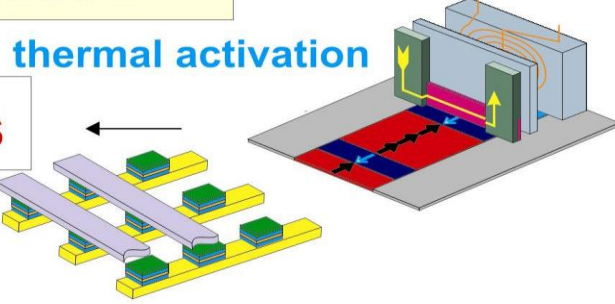
• $H = +H_K/2$



Magnetization Field Switching

Typical times

10^{-9} s 1 ns

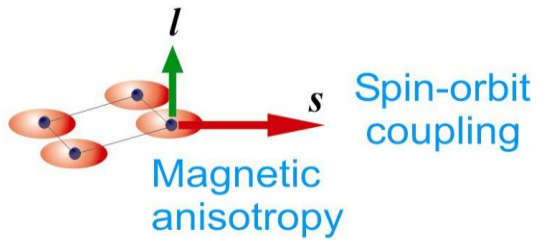


100 ps

10 ps

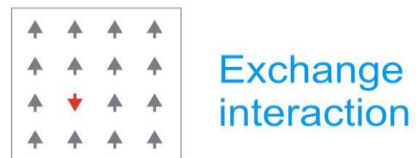
10^{-12} s 1 ps

100 fs



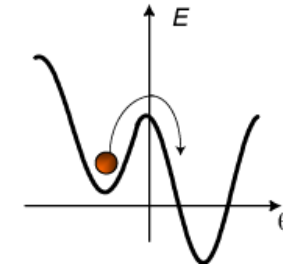
10 fs

10^{-15} s 1 fs



Typical times

- Exchange interactions
- Magnetocrystalline anisotropy
- Dipolar coupling

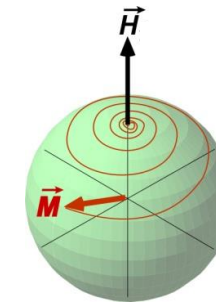


slow relaxation

1 yr

1 s

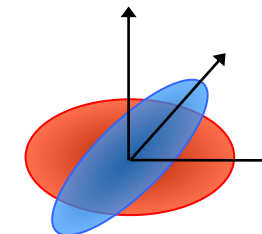
- Magnetic fields
- Spin torques
- Light



precession

1 ns

1 ps



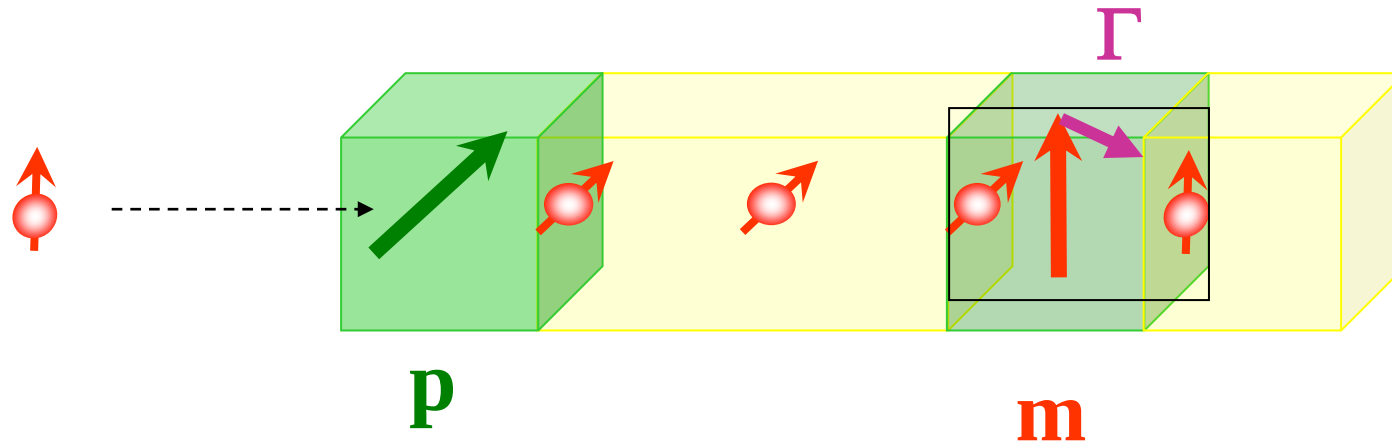
spin-orbital couplings

1 fs

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Spin Transfer Torque STT



- Angular momentum conservation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}_e}{dt} = -\frac{d\mathbf{L}_m}{dt}$$

- Spin Transfer torque

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_m = \frac{d\mathbf{L}_e}{dt}$$

Spin Transfer Torque

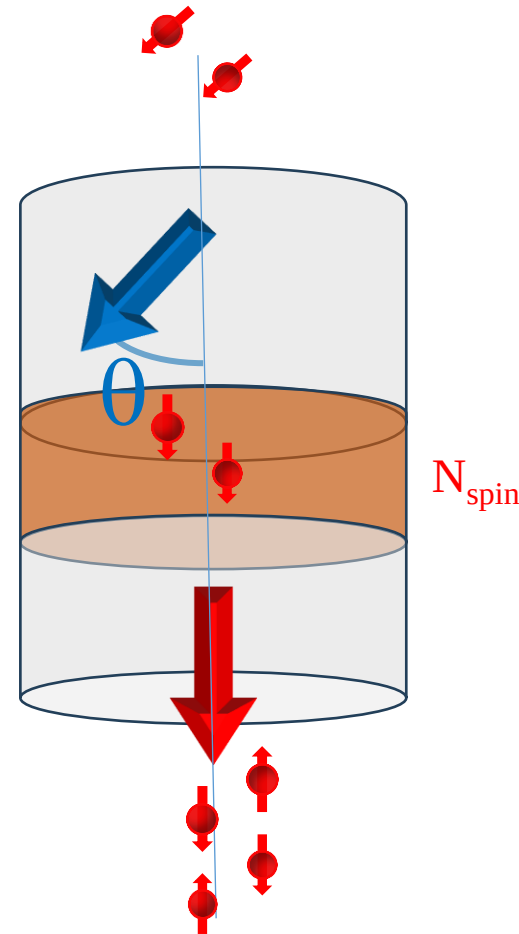
$$N_{\text{spin}} = P_i \frac{I dt}{e}$$

$$\Delta m_e^\perp = P_i g \mu_B (\sin \theta)$$

$$-\Delta L_e = \frac{1}{\gamma_0} \frac{I dt}{e} P_i g \mu_B (\sin \theta)$$

Newton second law

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$



$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}_e}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_0} \frac{I P_i g \mu_B}{e} (\mathbf{m} \wedge (\mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{u}_z))$$

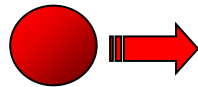
Spin Transfer Torque

Number

$$n = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma} \psi_{i\sigma}^* \psi_{i\sigma}$$



$$\mathbf{j} = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\hat{\mathbf{v}}] \psi_{i\sigma}$$



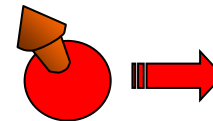
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = -j$$

Spin

$$\mathbf{m} = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\mathbf{s}_{\sigma,\sigma'}] \psi_{i\sigma'}$$



$$J_S = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\mathbf{s}_{\sigma,\sigma'} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}}] \psi_{i\sigma}$$



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = -J_S$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = -J_S + \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} + \text{damping}$$

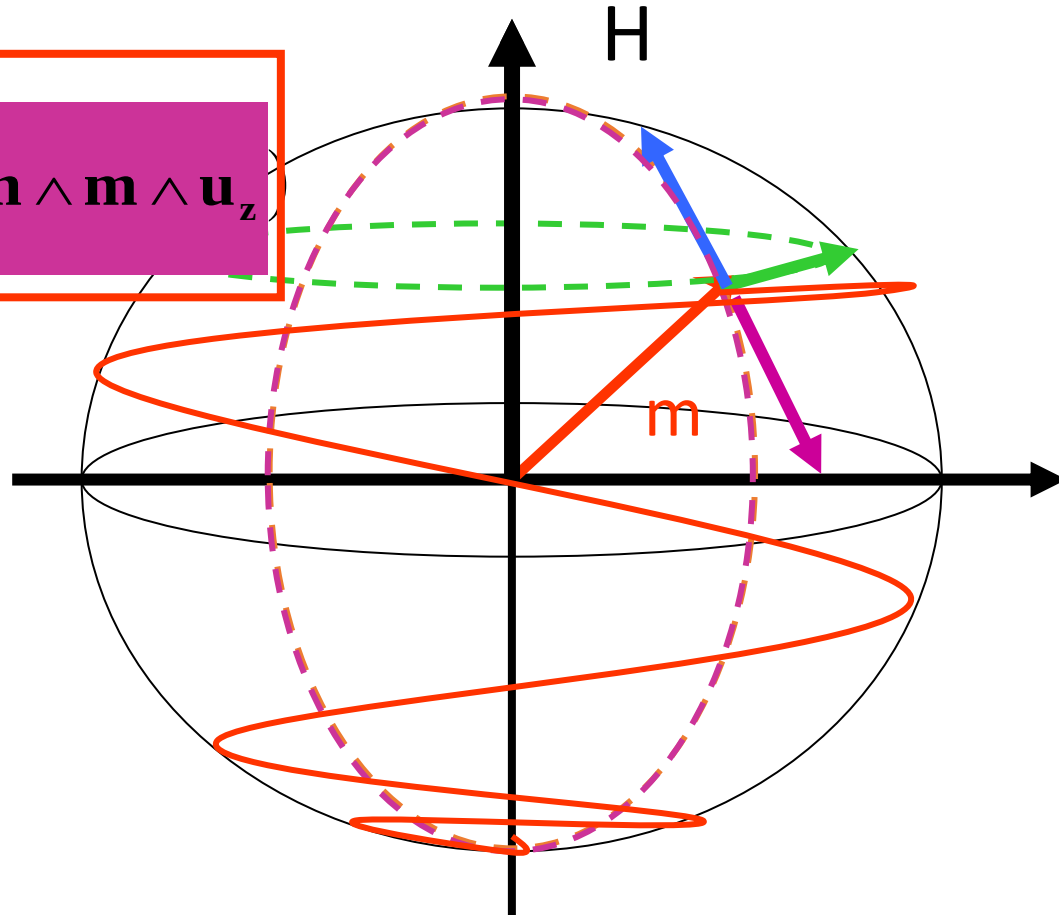
Magnetisation Dynamic : LLG

Field torque (precession)

Spin torque (negative friction)

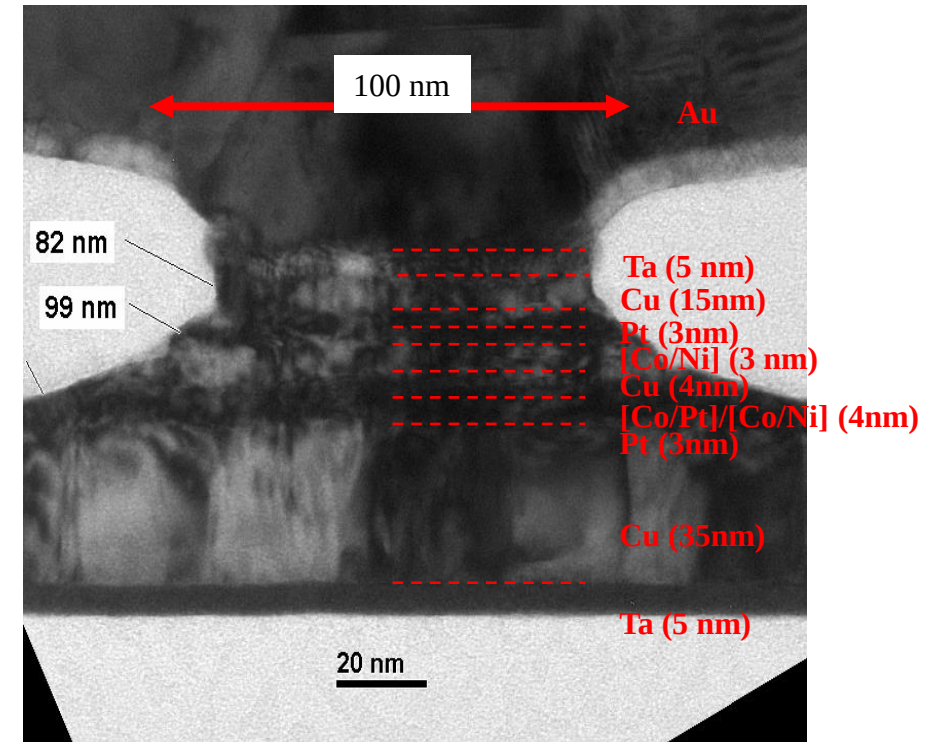
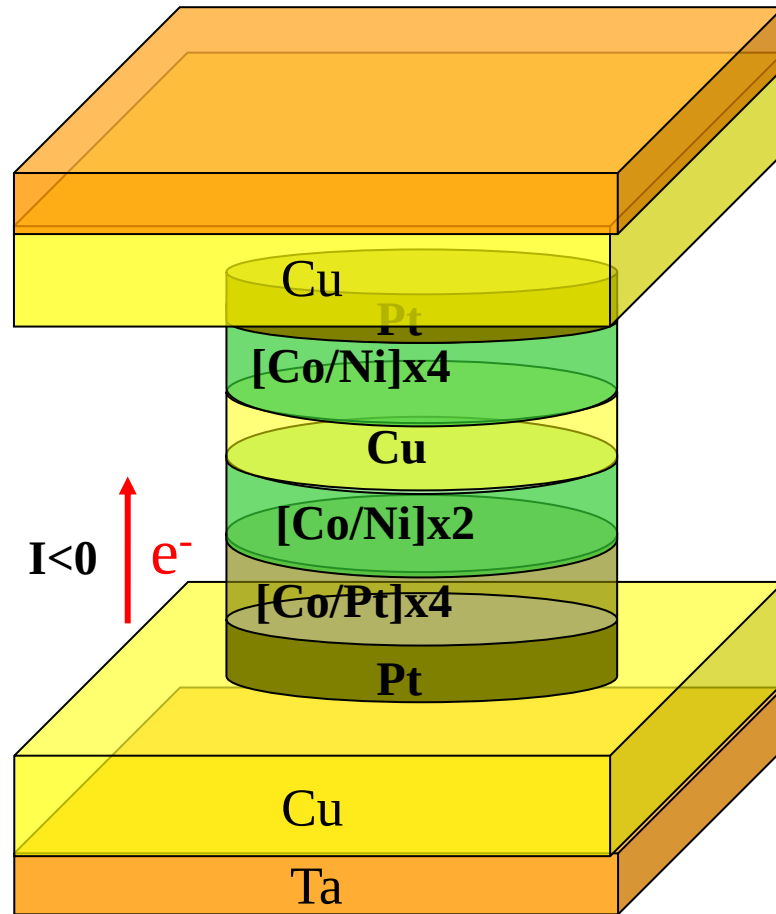
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Damping torque (dissipation)

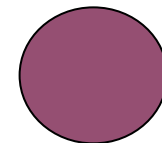
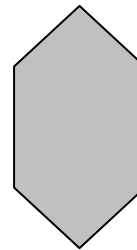


Description is valid at equilibrium:
Amplitude of M is a Cst / long time scale $t > 100\text{ps}$)

Nanopillars

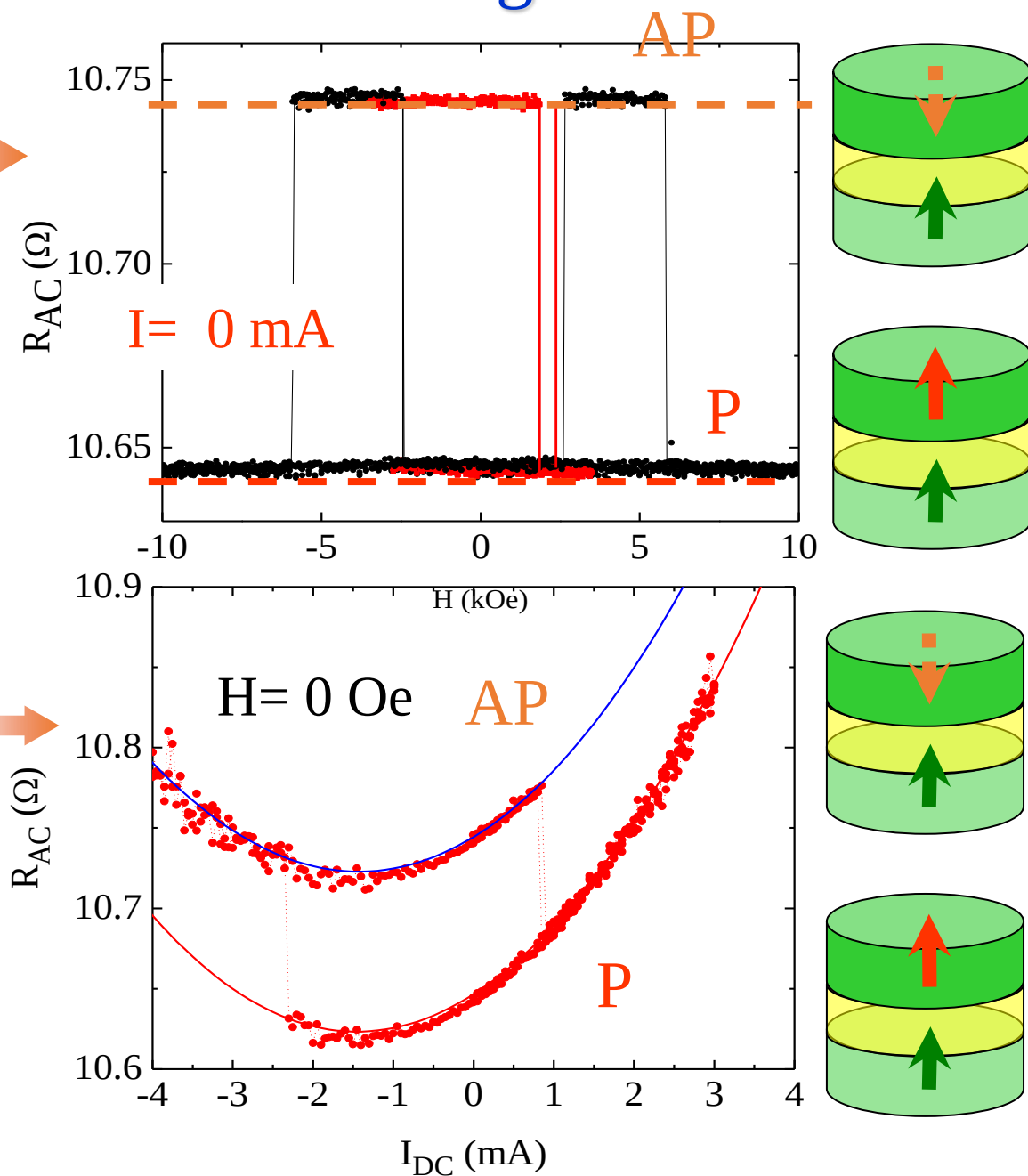
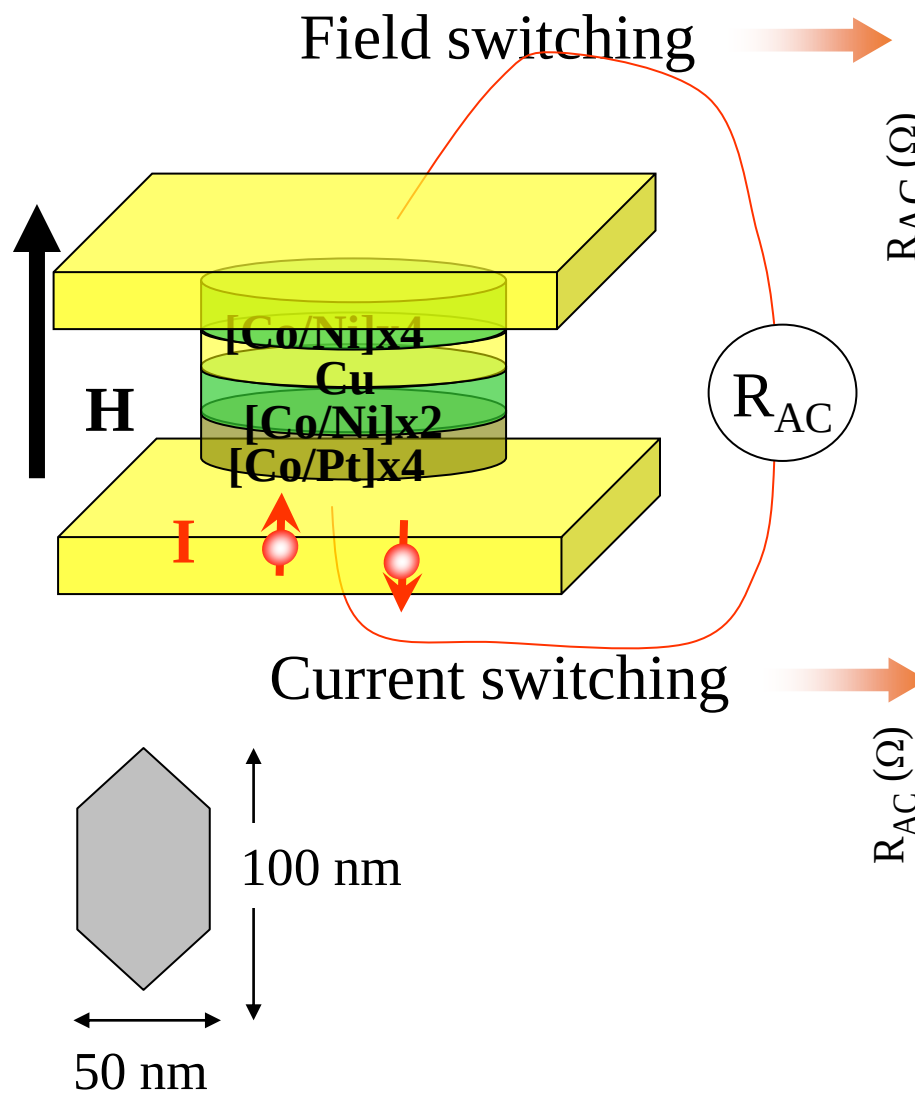


5 μm

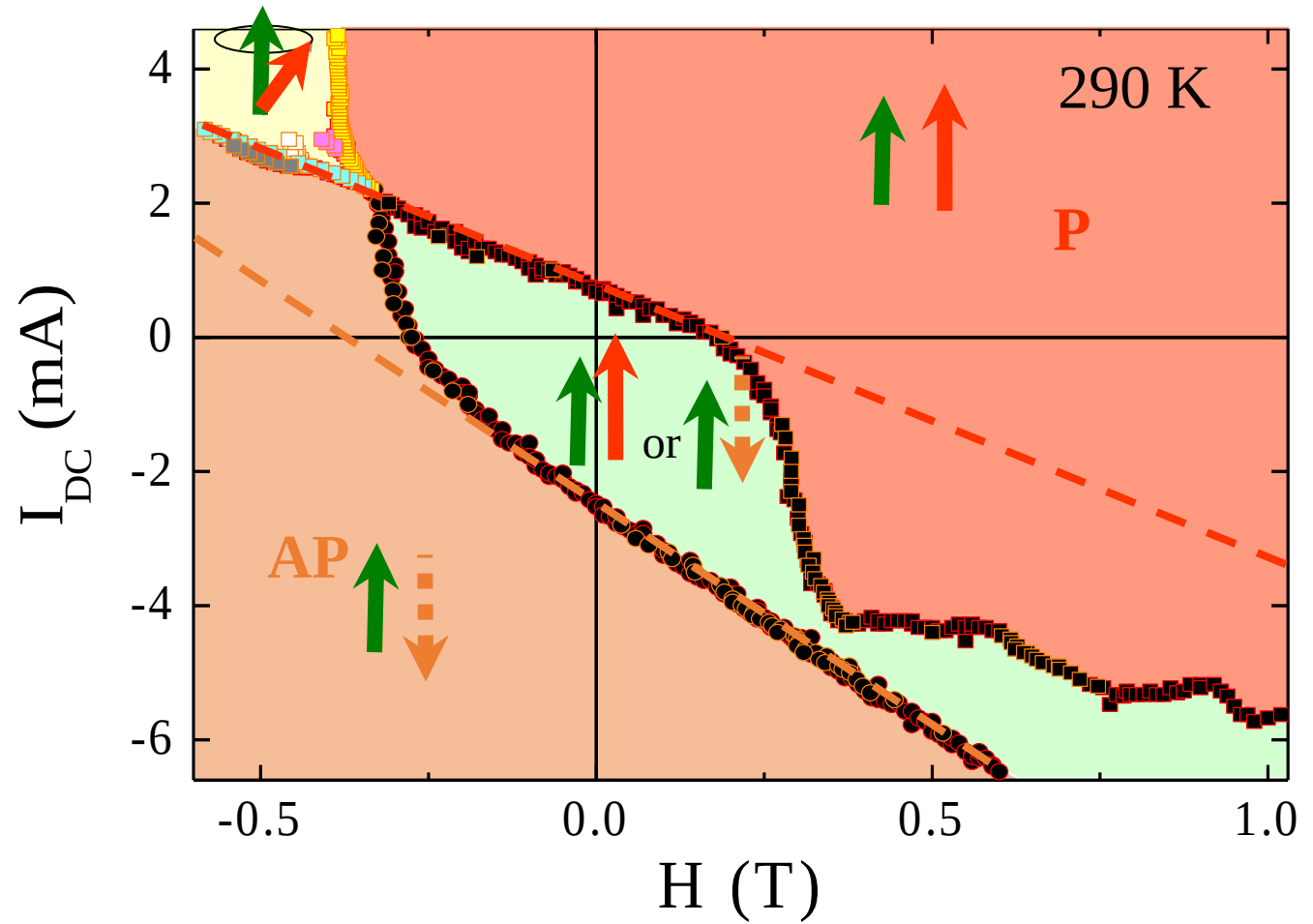
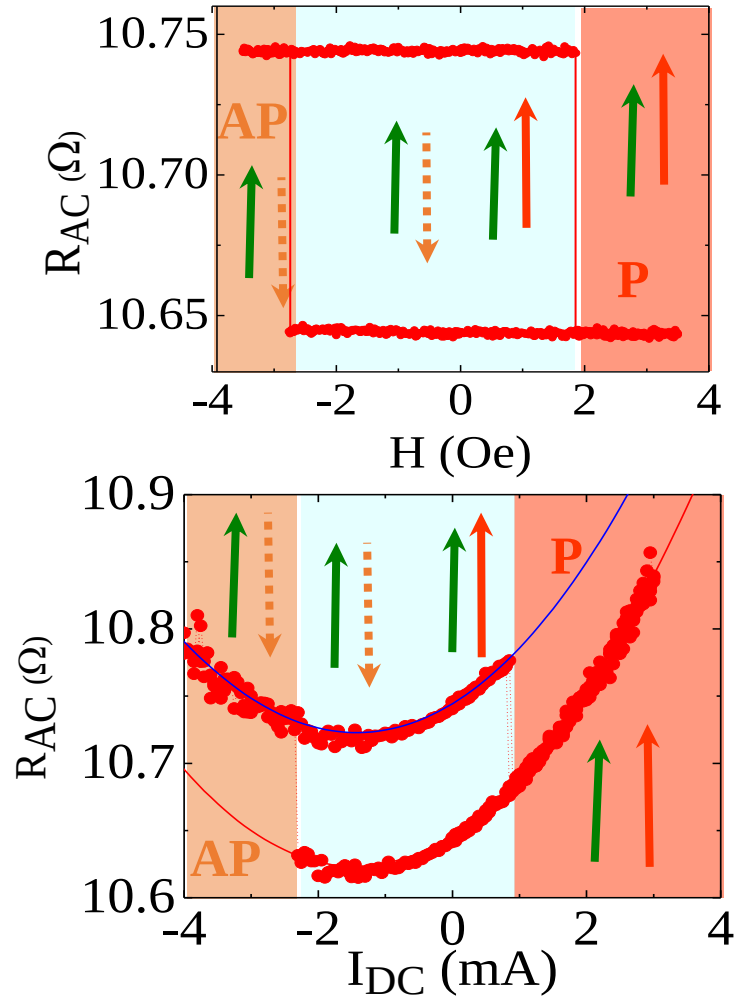


50 nm

Magnetization switching



Model system

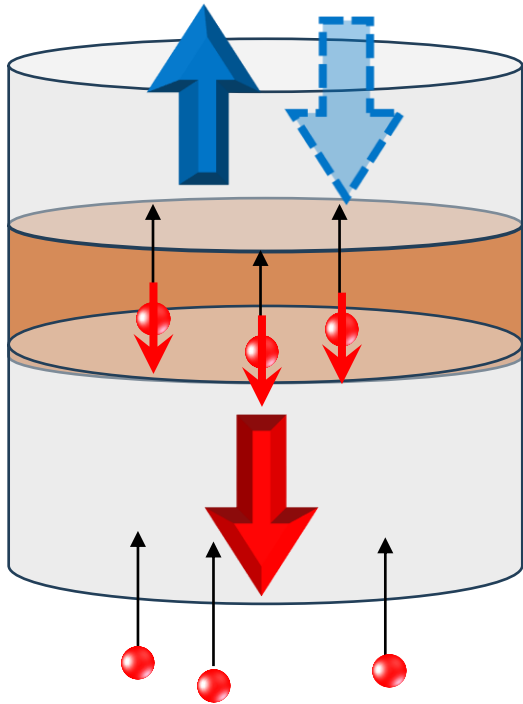


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Current induced switching

LLG

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} + \alpha (\mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}) + \beta \mathbf{I} (\mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{u}_z) \quad \mathbf{m} = \text{cst}$$

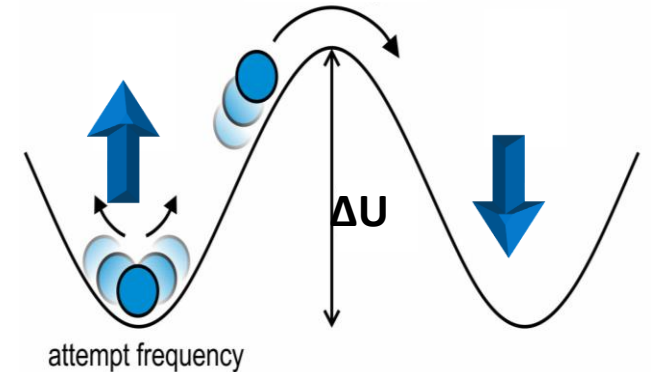


$$I_{\text{SW}} = \frac{\alpha \gamma}{\beta} H_{\text{eff}}$$

$$I_{\text{SW}} = \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{\alpha M_s V}{g(\theta) p} (H_{\text{eff}})$$

● For application

High efficiency



Low current

J. Z. Sun, IBM J. Res. & Dev. 50, 81 (2006)

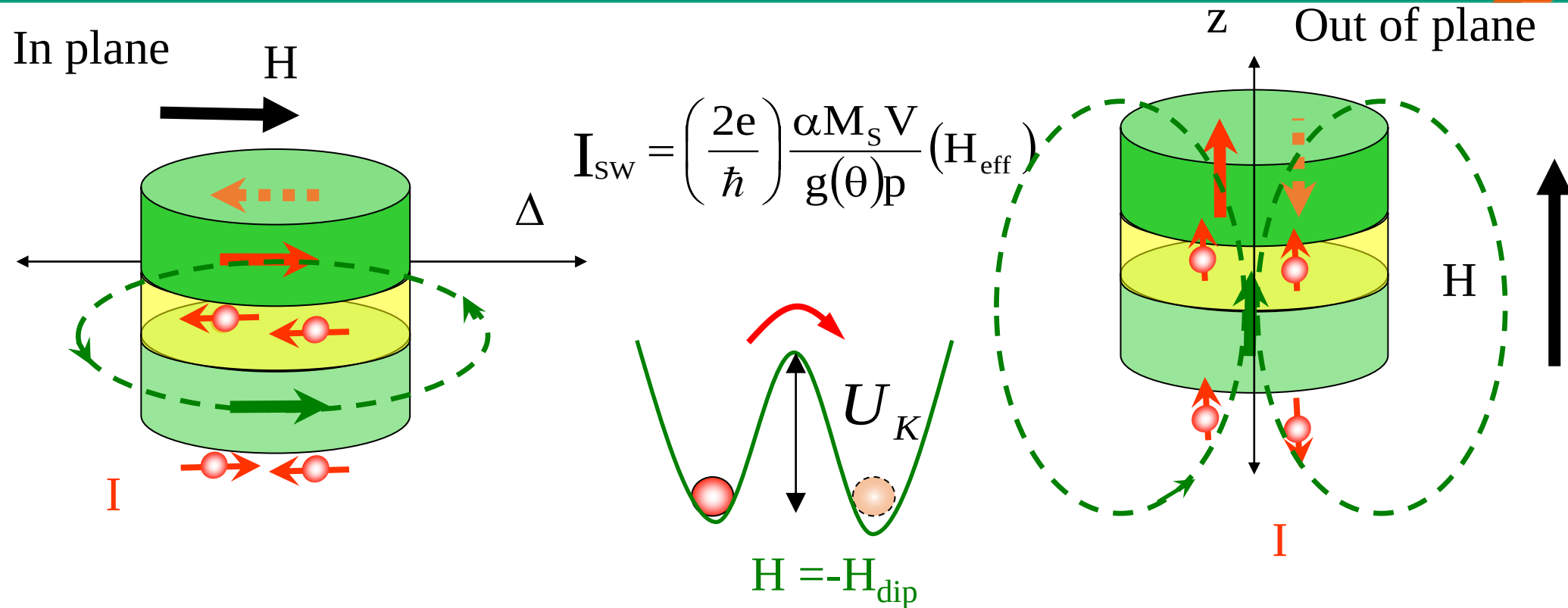
Thermal Stability

High energy Barrier

D. Chiba et al Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 216602 (2004)

$$U_K \geq 50 k_B T$$

Perpendicular = Efficiency + Stability

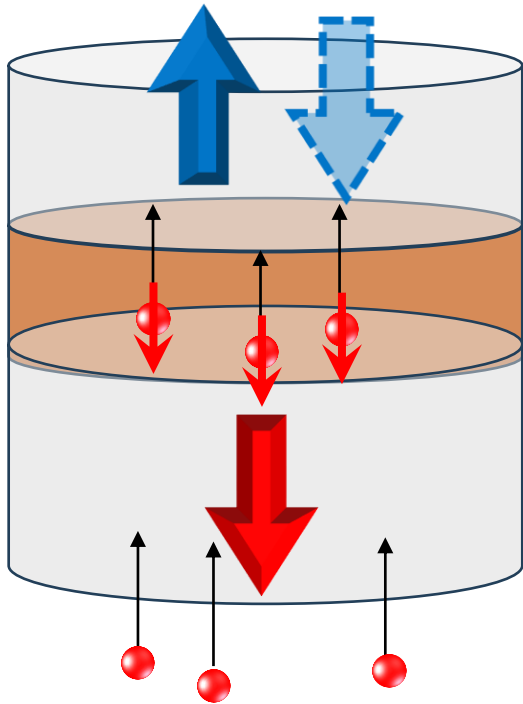


$H_{eff}^{P \rightarrow AP}$	$H + H_{dip} + H_{K//} + 2\pi M_s$	$H + H_{dip} + (H_{K\perp} - 4\pi M_s)$
U_K	$(M_s V H_{K//})/2$	$(M_s V (H_{K\perp} - 4\pi M_s))/2$
$ I_{SW} $	$\left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{2\alpha}{g(\theta)p} (U_K + \pi M_s^2 V)$	$\left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{2\alpha}{g(\theta)p} (U_K)$

Current induced switching

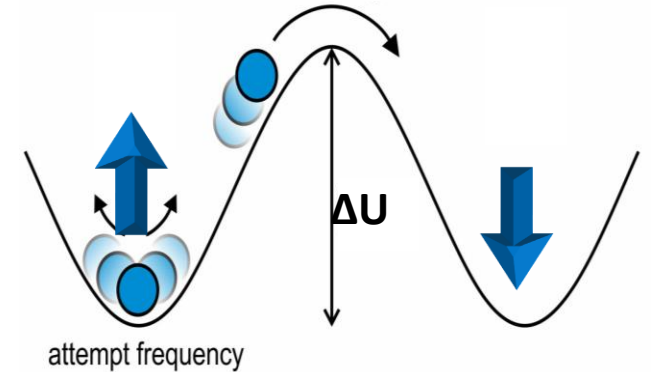
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$$I_{\text{sw}} = \frac{\alpha \gamma}{\beta} H_{\text{eff}}$$

For PMA system



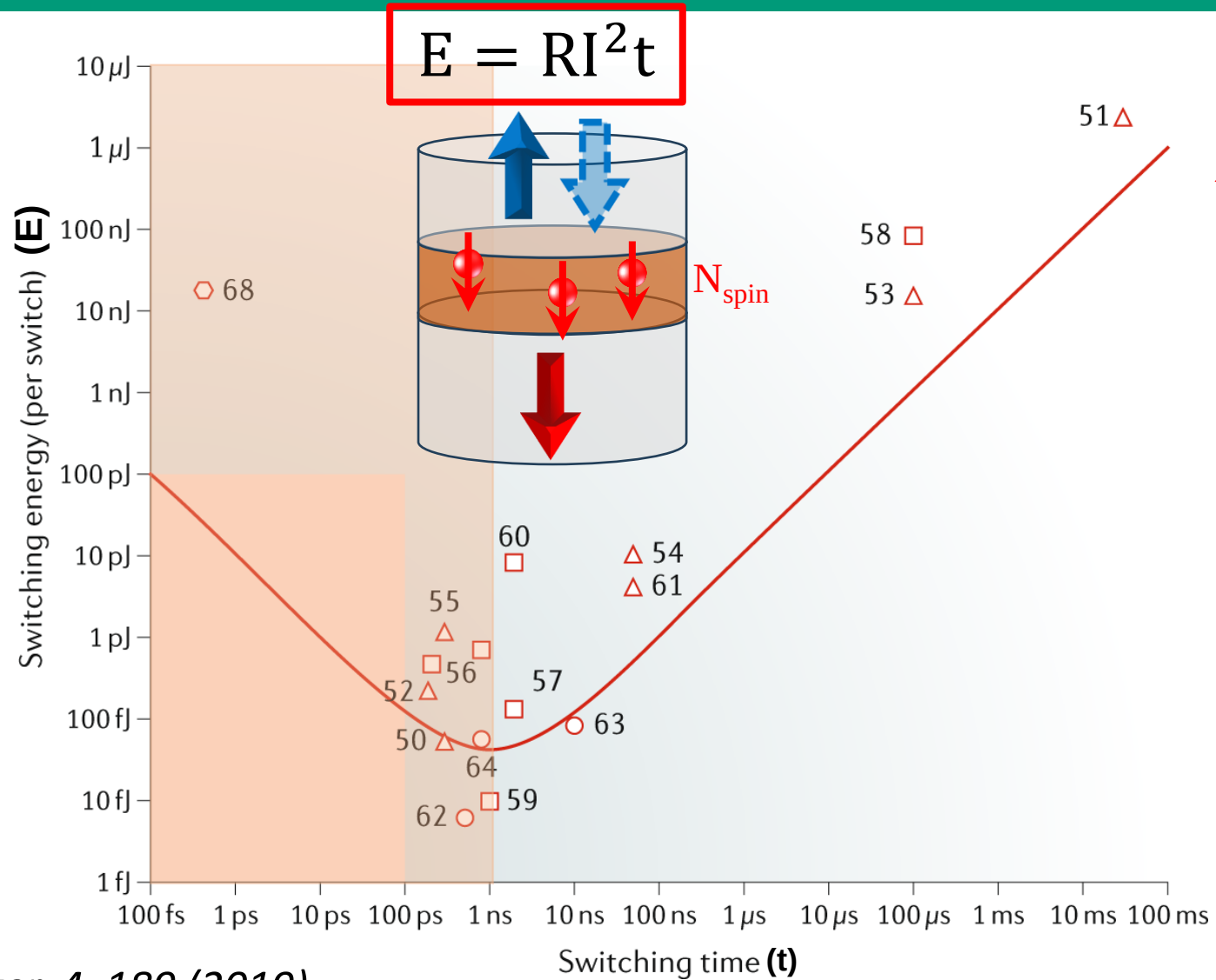
$$I_o = \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{2\alpha}{g(\theta)p} (\Delta U)$$

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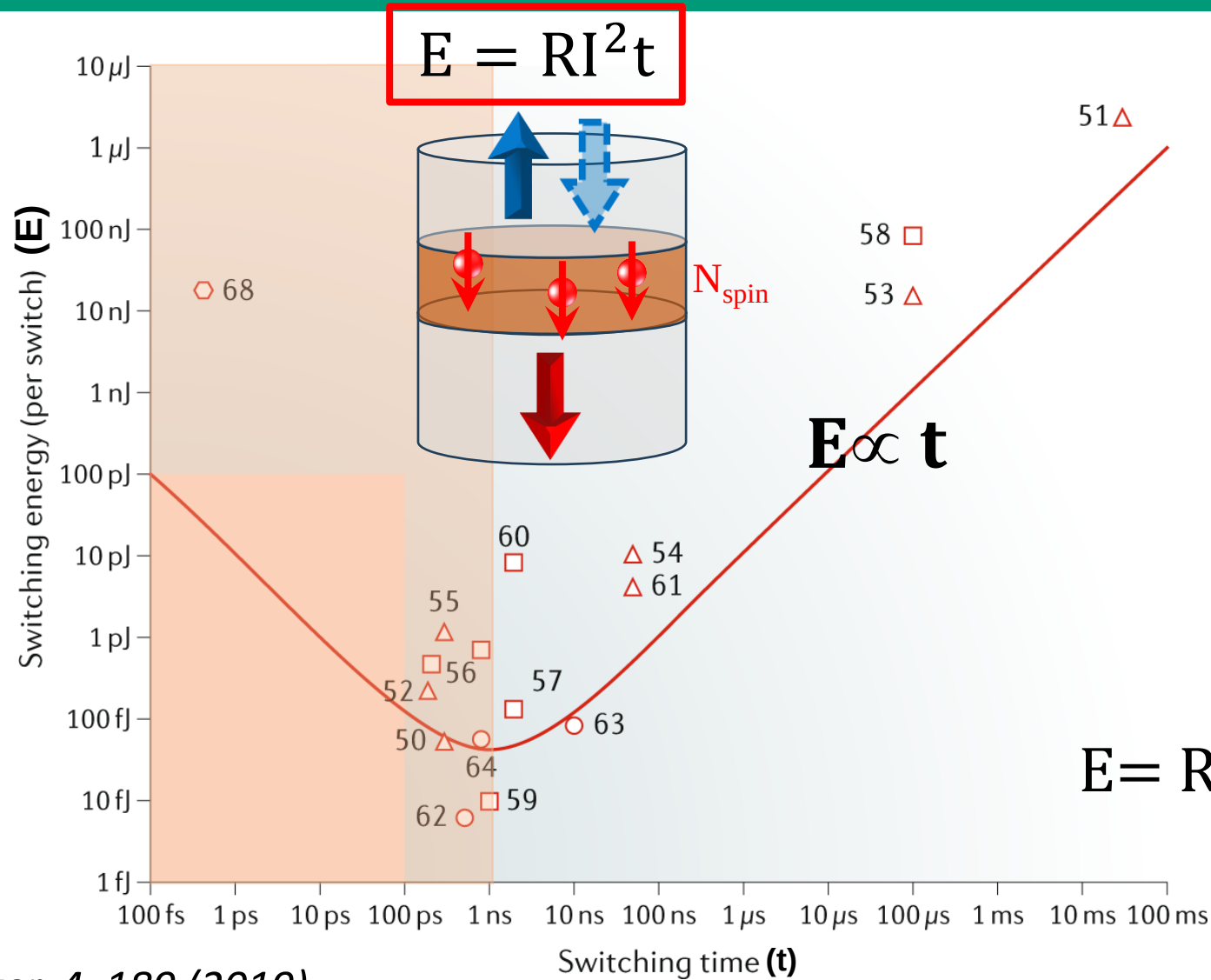


$$1/\tau = \alpha (I - I_0)$$

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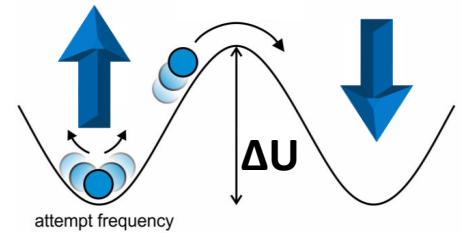
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Current induced switching



$$1/\tau = \alpha (I - I_0)$$

$$I_0 = \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{2\alpha}{g(\theta)p} (\Delta U)$$



$$I_0 \propto \Delta U$$

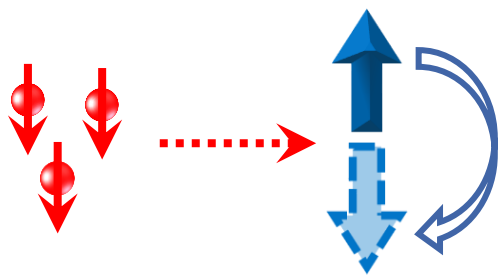
$$E = RI_0^2 t = A R \Delta U^2 t$$

A.V. Kimel et al *Nat. Rev. Mater.* 4, 189 (2019)
 K. Garrelo *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 105, 212402 (2014)
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Current induced switching

Angular momentum conservation

$$N_{\text{spin}} > \Delta M = 2M$$



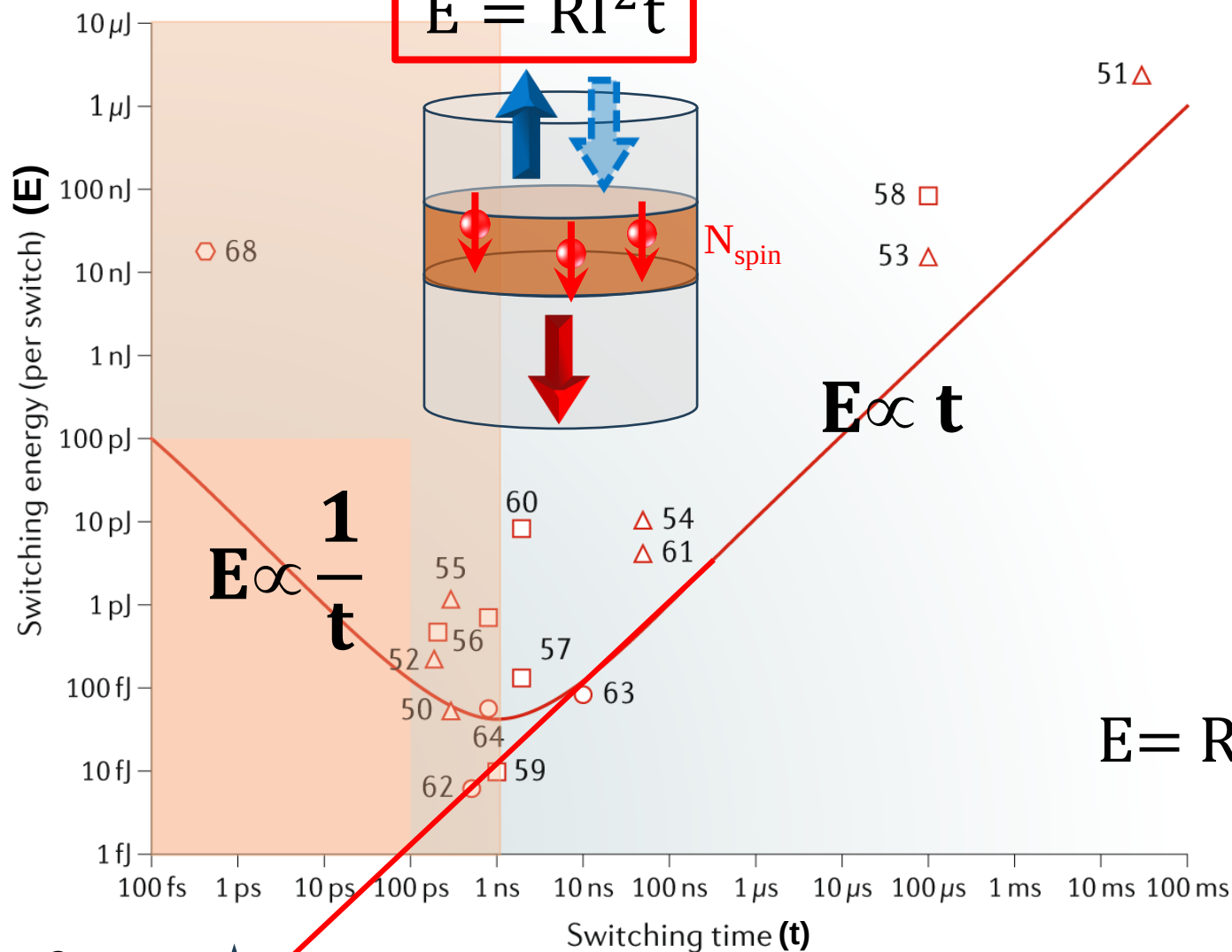
$$I = \alpha \frac{N_{\text{spin}} e \hbar}{t}$$

$$E = \alpha \frac{R N_{\text{spin}}^2}{t}$$

Need to reduce ΔM ?

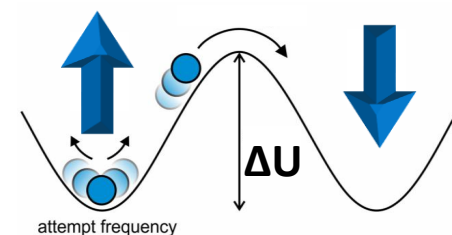
- Non uniform ?
- Antiferromagnet ?
- Out of equilibrium ?

$$E = R I^2 t$$



$$1/\tau = \alpha (I - I_0)$$

$$I_0 = \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right) \frac{2\alpha}{g(\theta)p} (\Delta U)$$

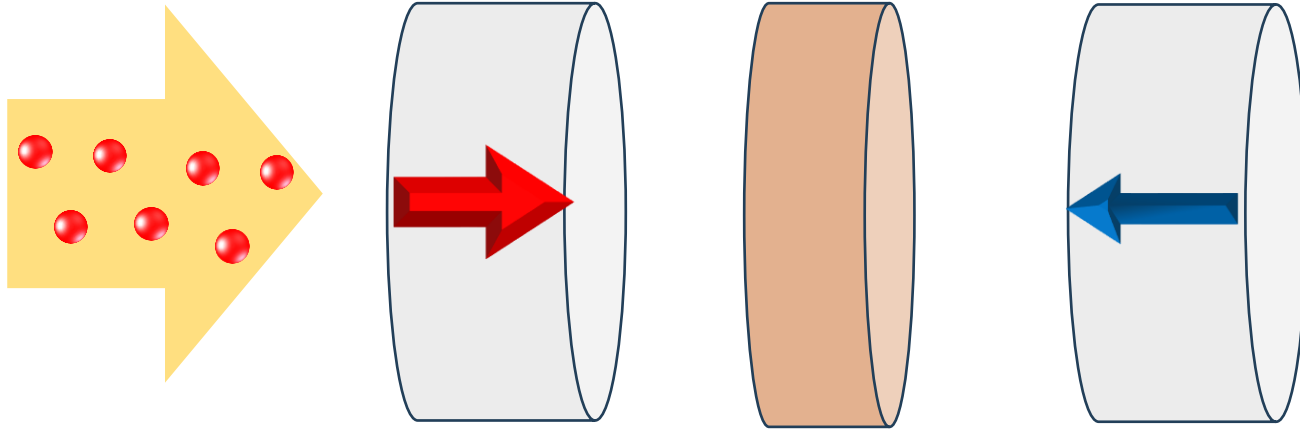


$$I_0 \propto \Delta U$$

$$E = R I_0^2 t = A R \Delta U^2 t$$

Current induced switching

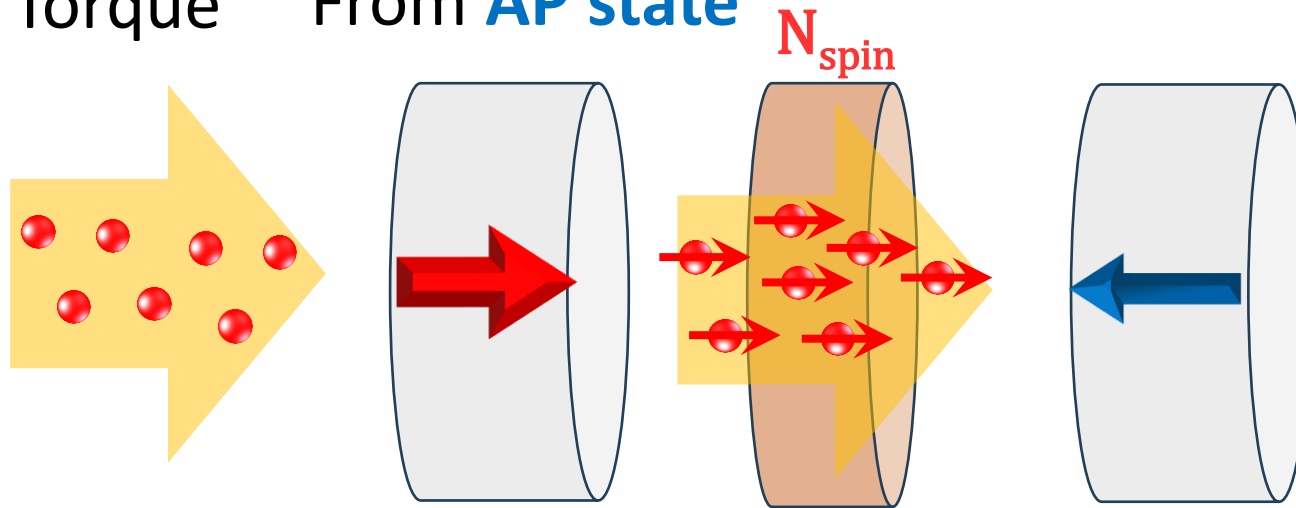
Spin Transfer Torque From **AP** state



Current induced switching

Spin Transfer Torque

From **AP** state

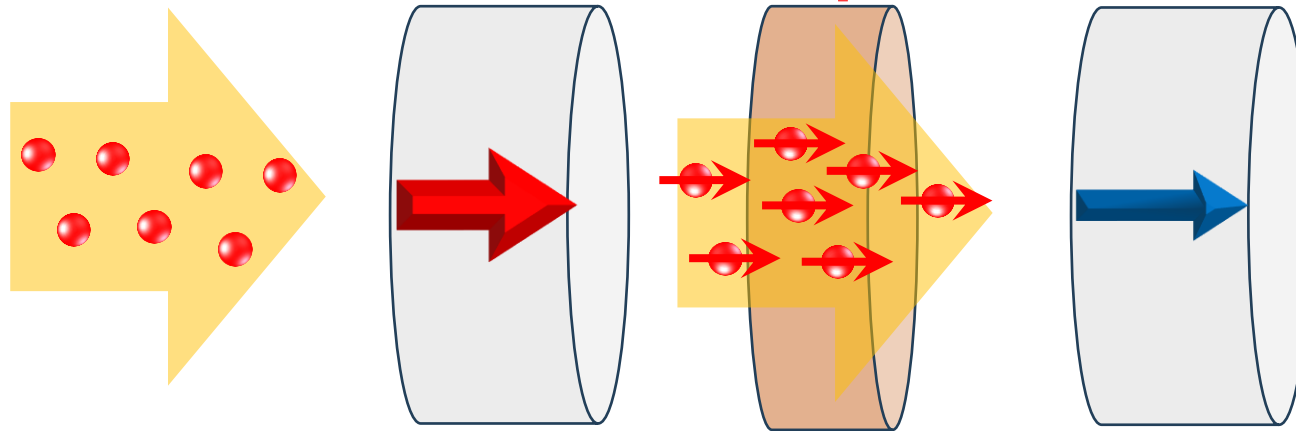


Current induced switching

Spin Transfer Torque

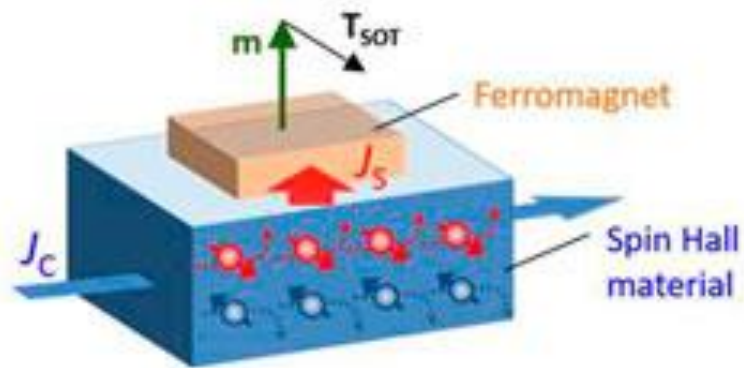
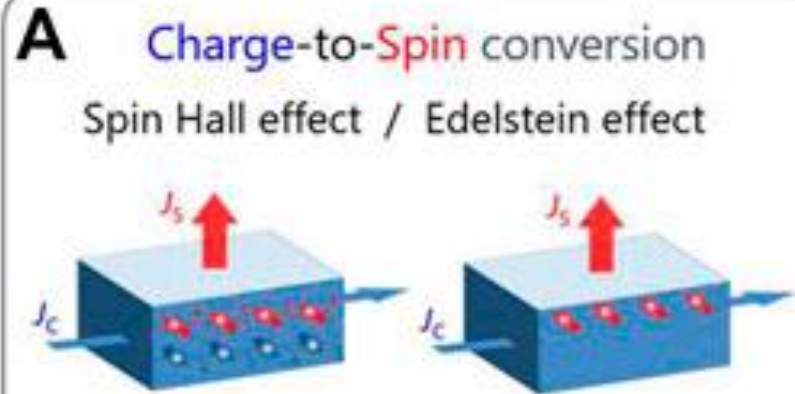
From **AP state** to **P state**

Criteria:

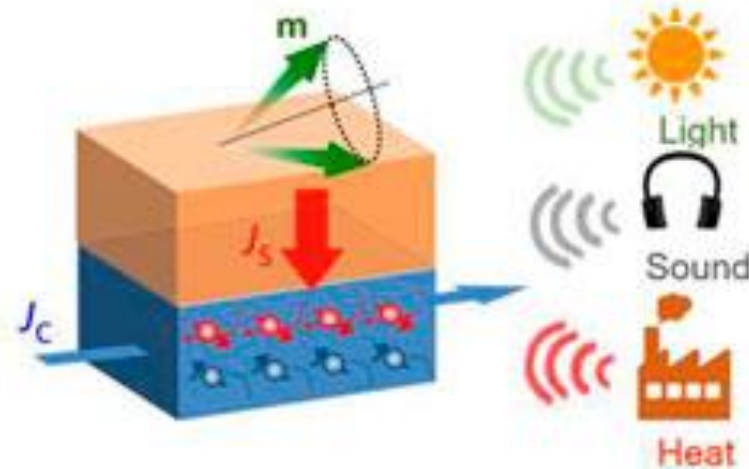
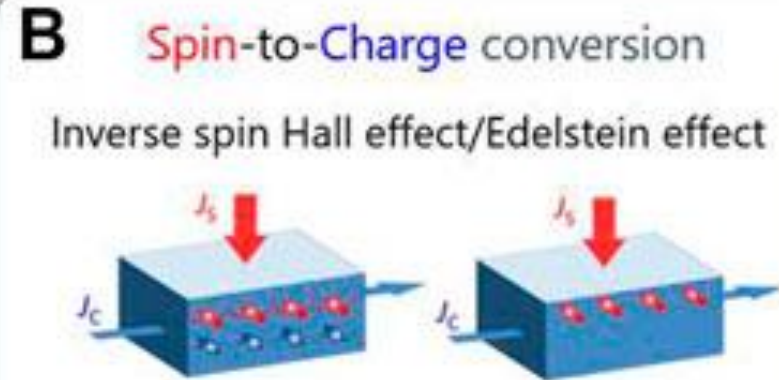


$$N_{\text{spin}} > \Delta M = 2M$$

Charge to spin / Spin to charge



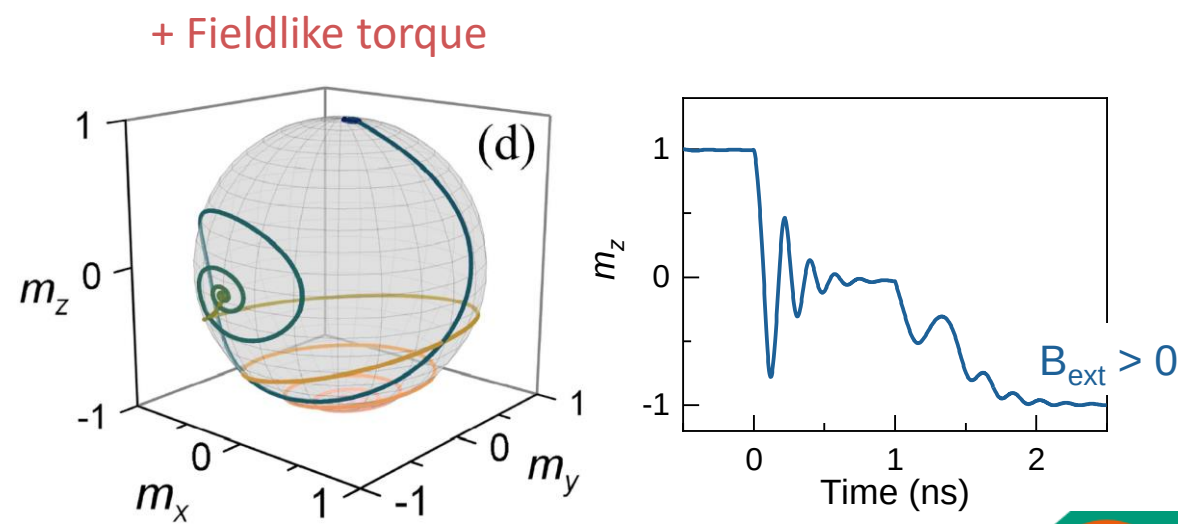
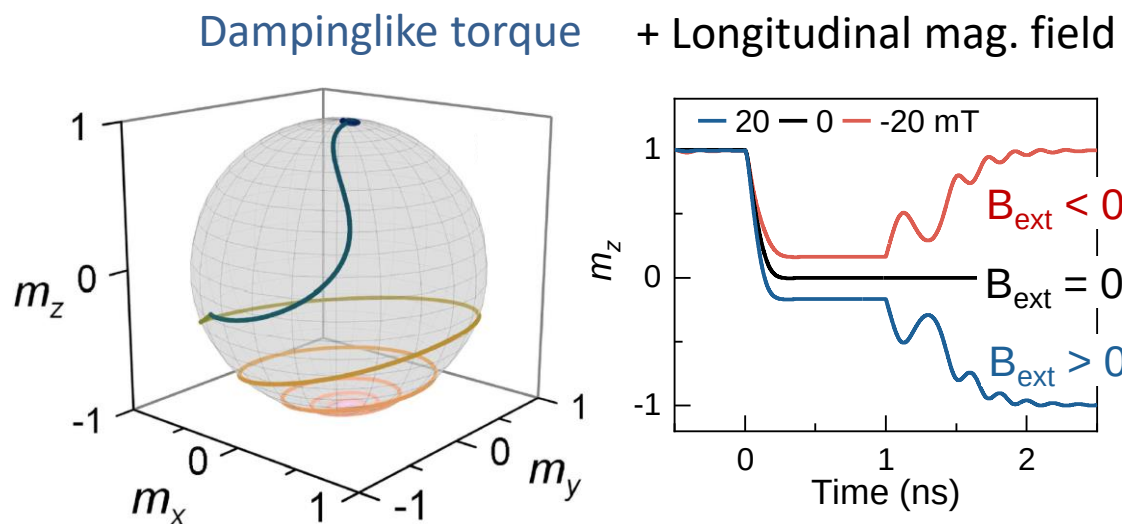
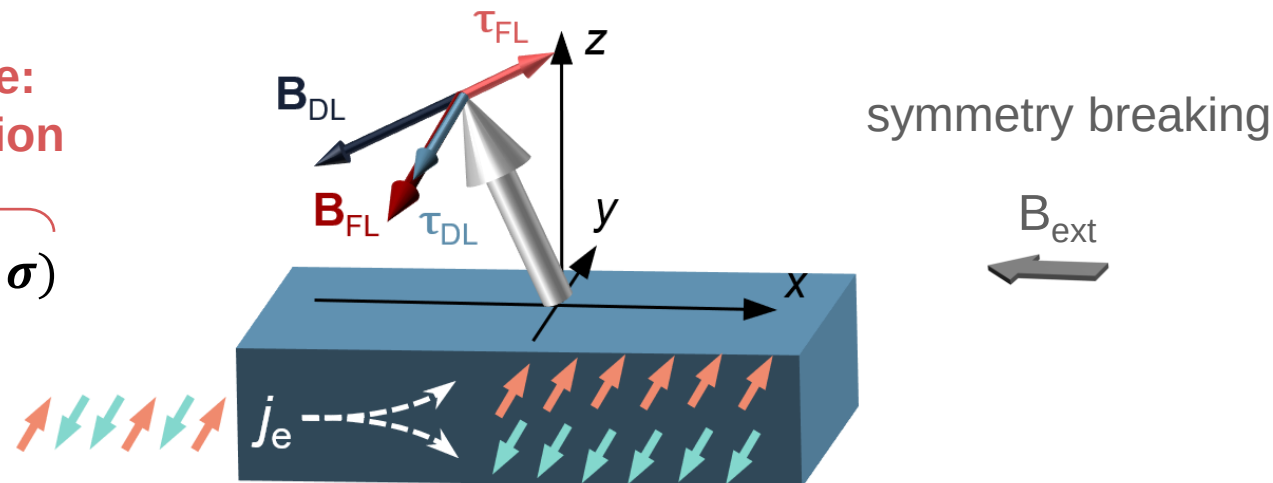
Magnetization control



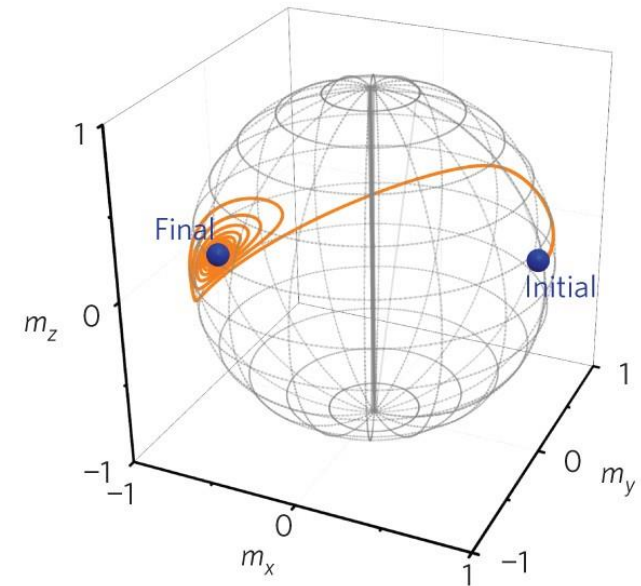
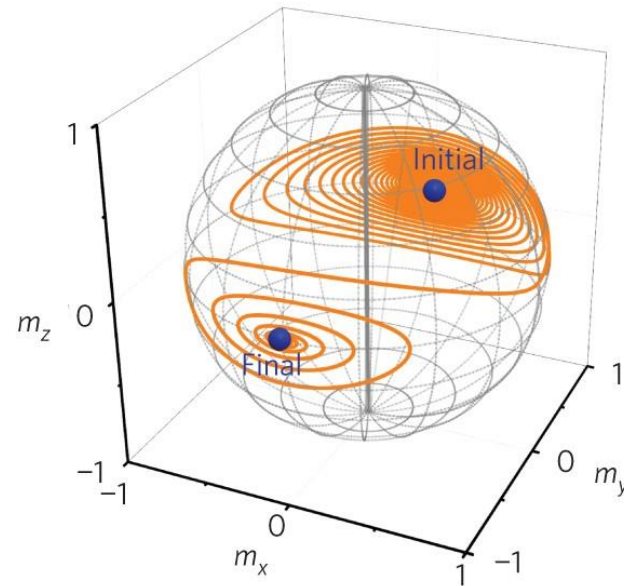
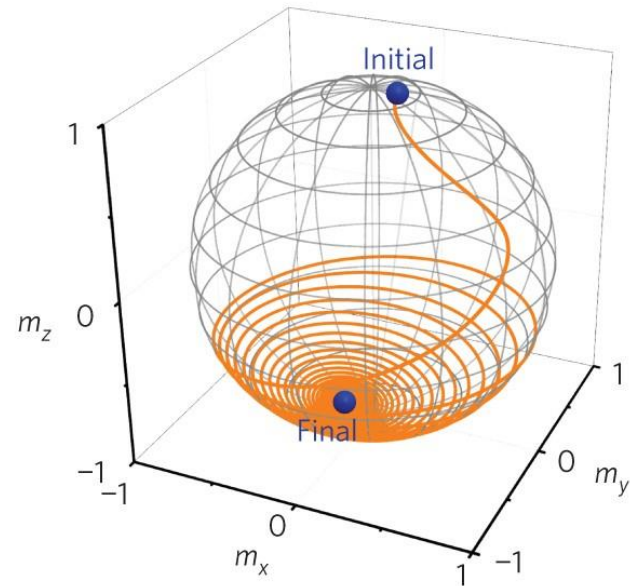
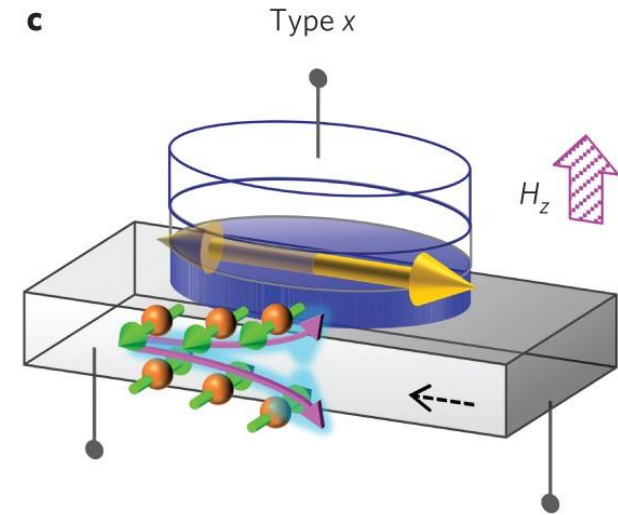
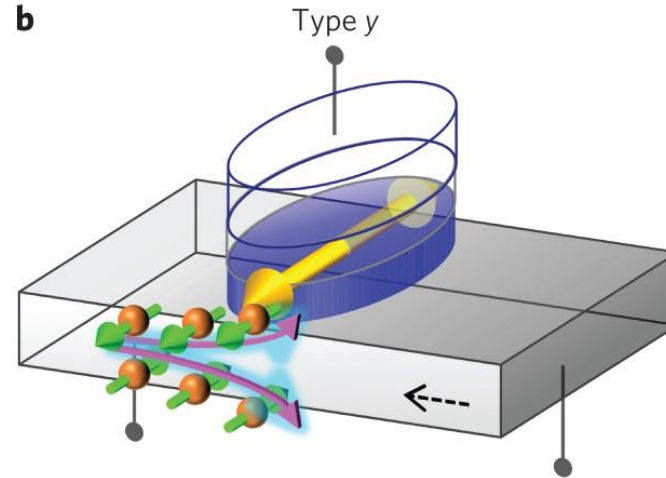
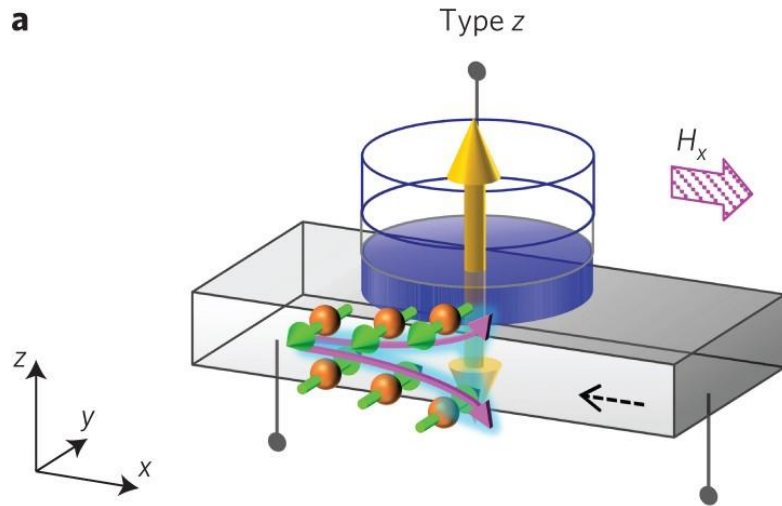
Energy conversion

Macrospin model of SOT-induced magnetization dynamics

Spin-orbit torque: $\Gamma = \underbrace{\tau_{DL} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})}_{\text{Damping-like: reversal}} + \underbrace{\tau_{FL} (\mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})}_{\text{Field-like: precession}}$



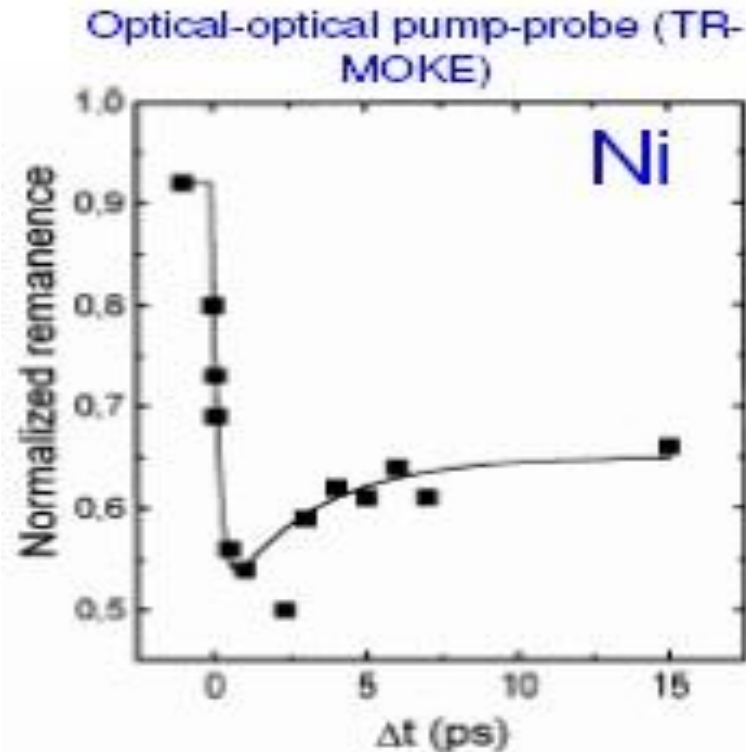
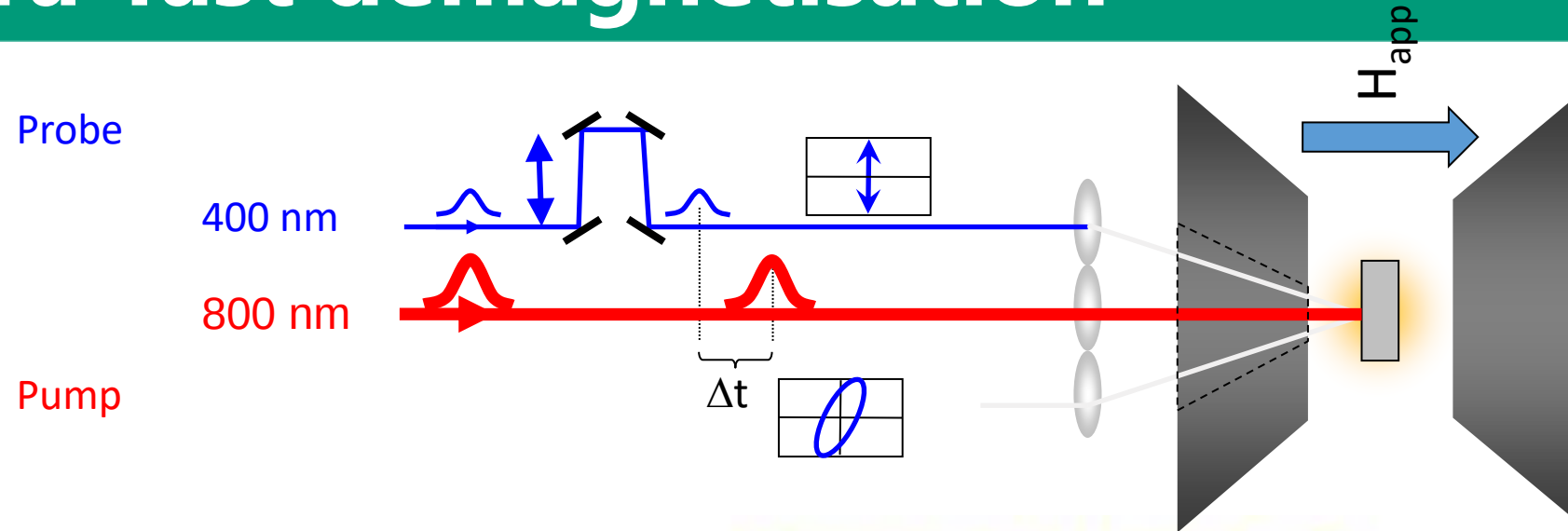
Spin Orbit Torque vs geometries



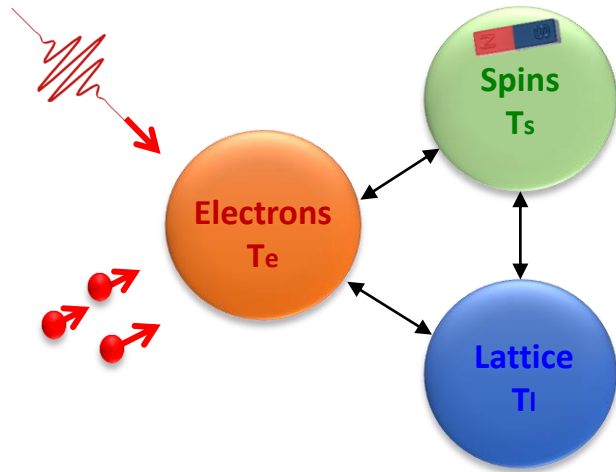
Outlines

- Magnetisation field switching
 - Energy
 - Torques
- Current induced switching
 - Spin transfer Torque
 - Spin Orbit Torque
- All optical switching

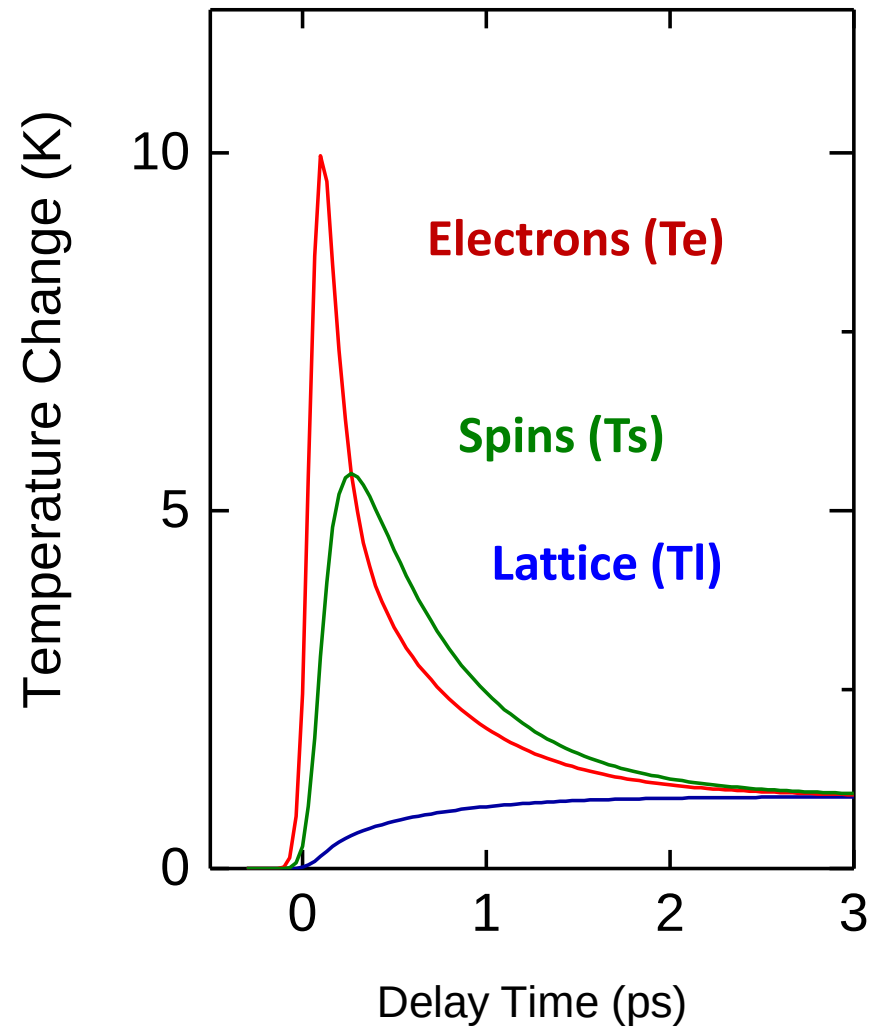
Ultra-fast demagnetisation



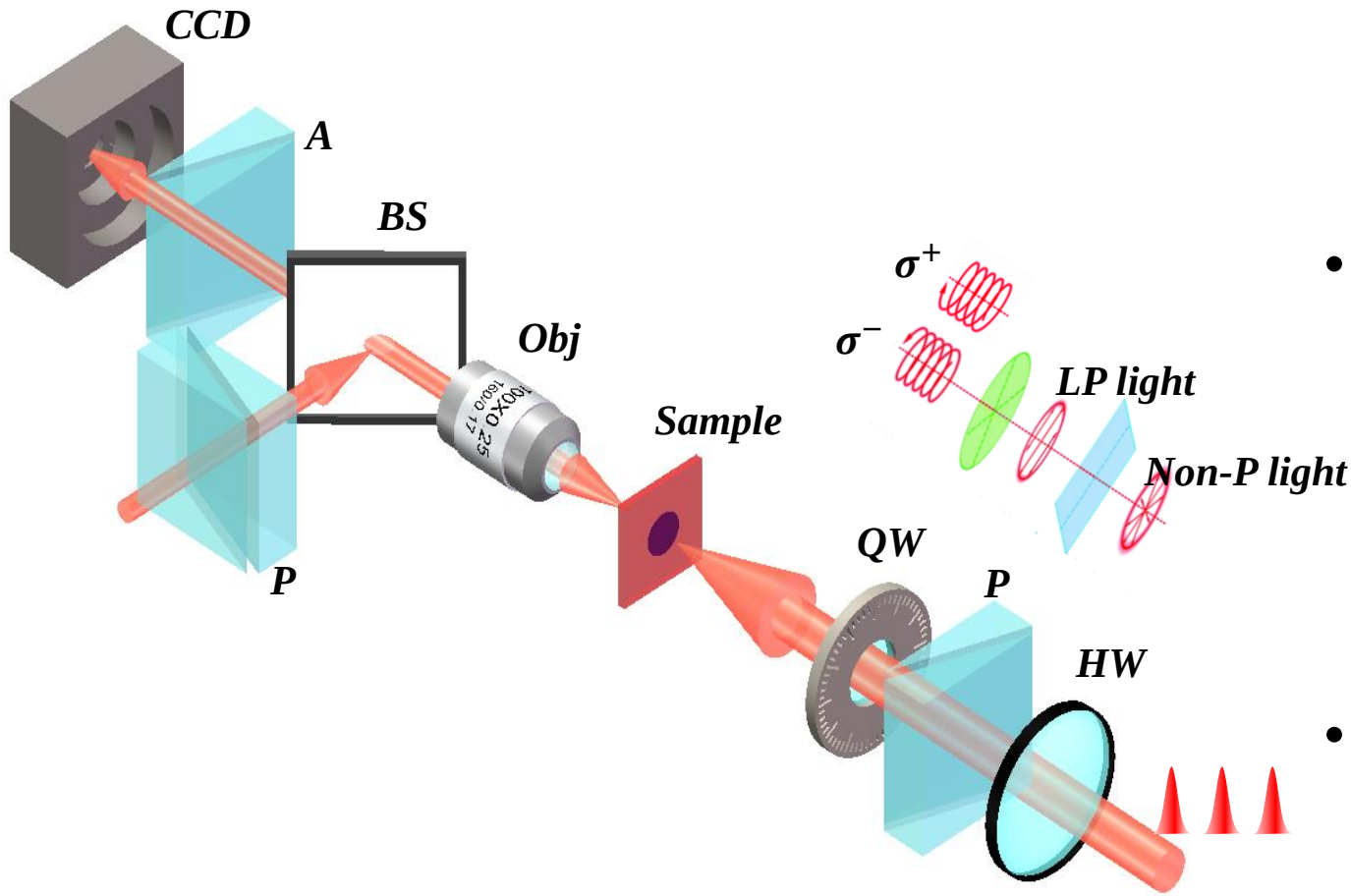
Ultra-fast magnetism



- Energy Transfer
- Angular Momentum Transfer
- Charge / Spin Current Transfer

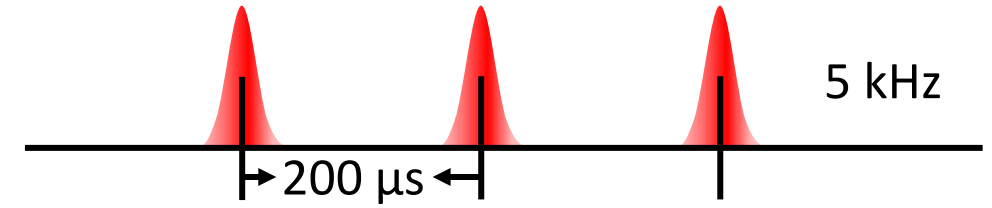


Femto second laser

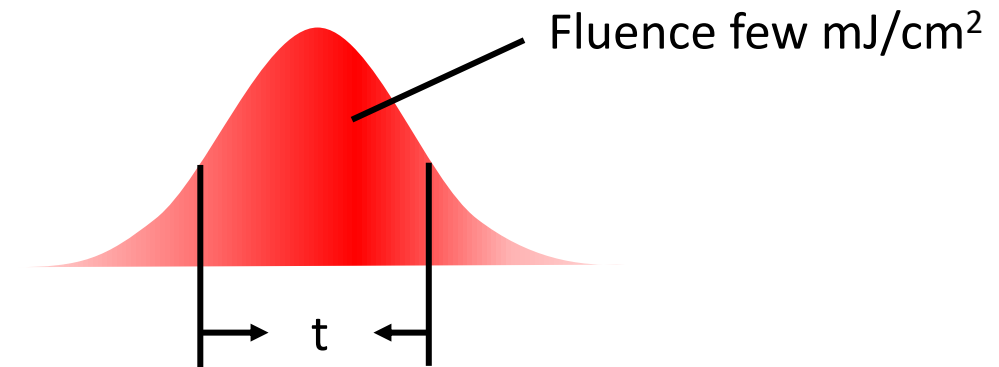


Pulse diameter around 100 μm

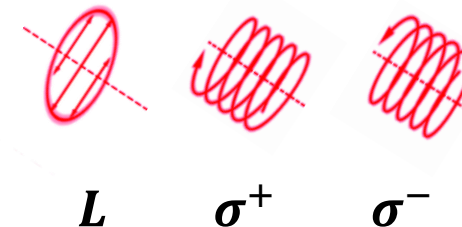
- Pulse number / repetition rate



- Pulse duration / Laser Fluence



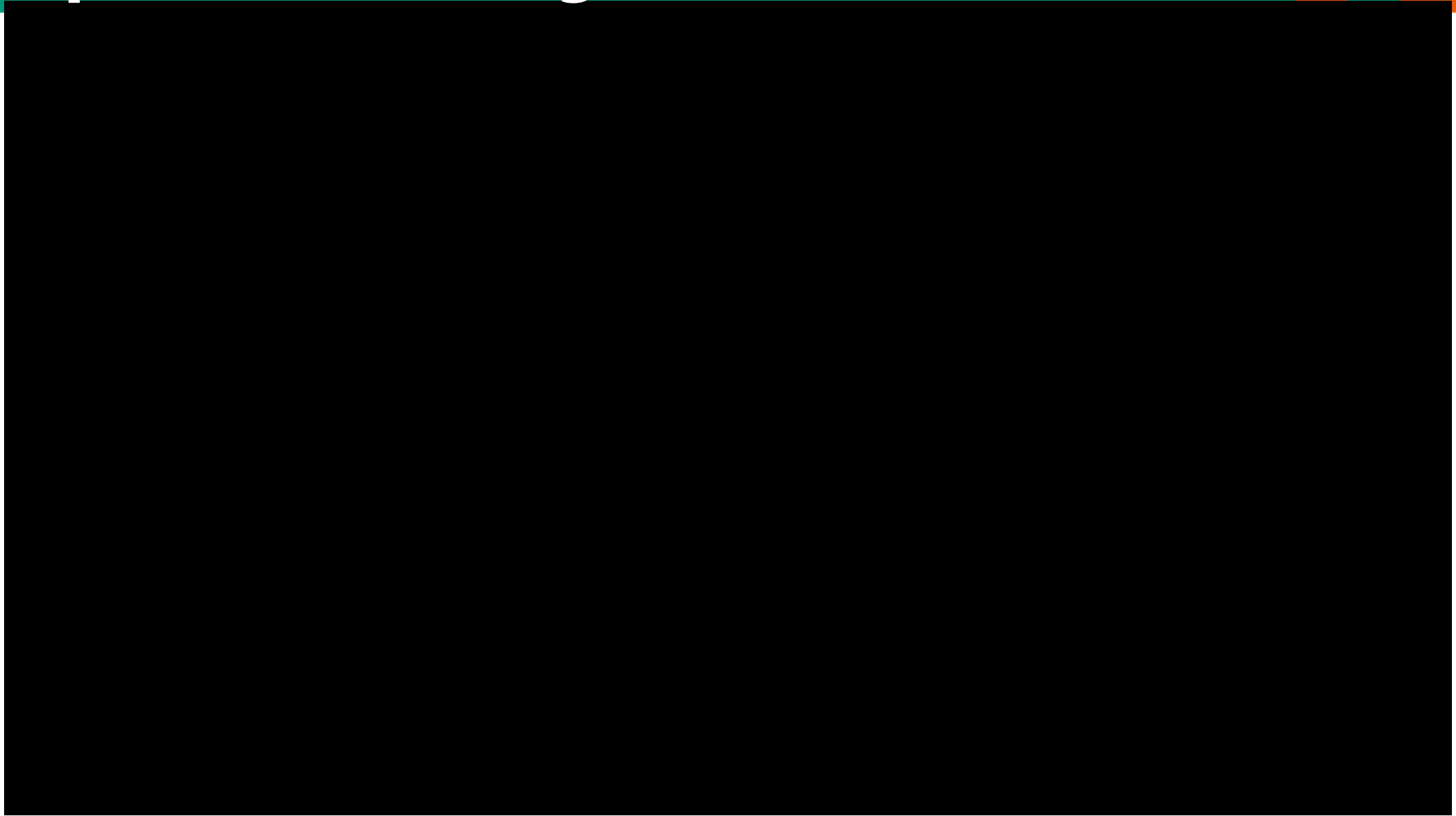
- Light Helicity



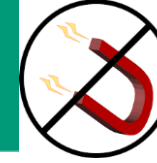
All optical switching



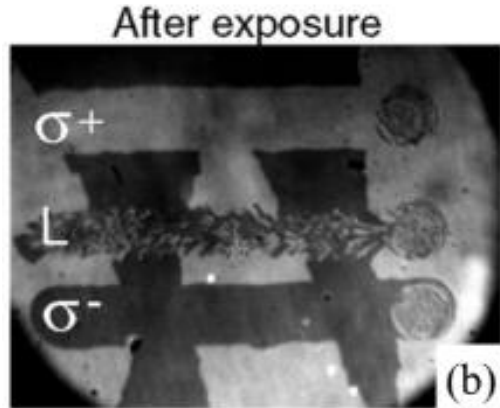
All optical switching



3 types of All Optical Switching



All Optical – Helicity dependent switching

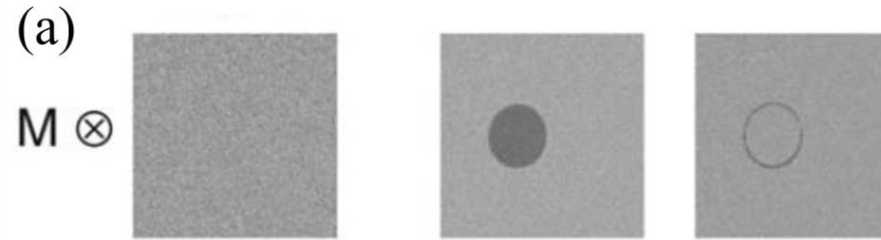


Stanciu, C. D. et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 047601 (2007).

AO-HDS

- Switching given by light helicity
- Multiple pulses
- Ferro-, Ferri-magnets...

All Optical – Helicity Independent switching

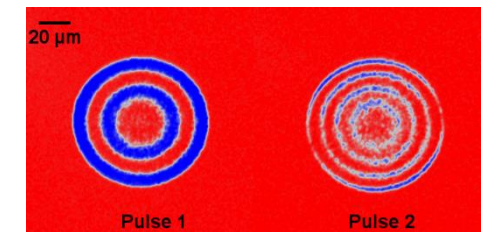
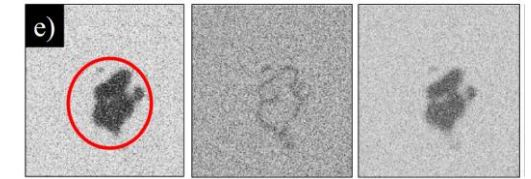


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AO-HIS

- Switching given by initial state
- Ultra-fast single pulse
- Gd Based + MnRuGa close to compensation

All Optical – Precessional switching



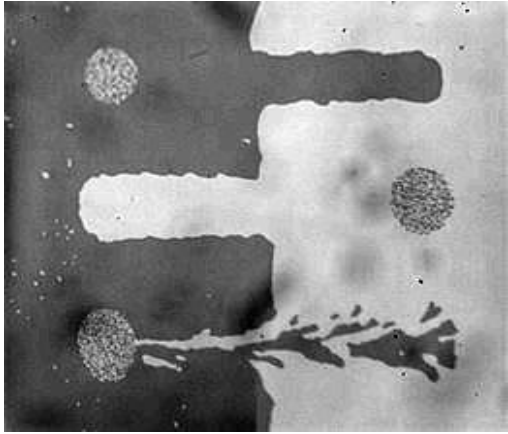
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AO-PS

- Single pulse
- Inplane re-orientation
- Heterostructure

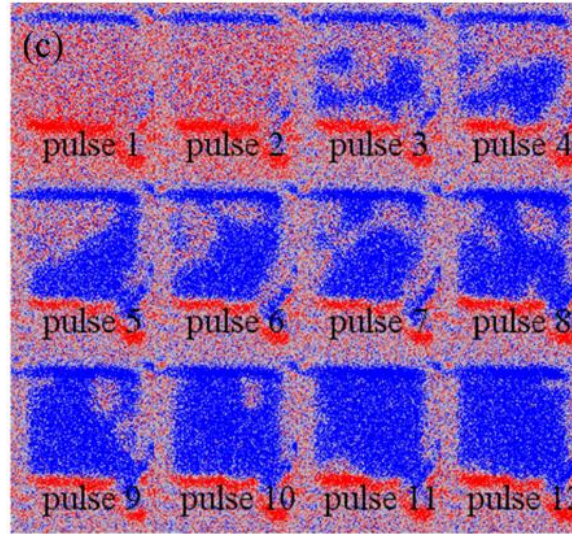
All Optical – Helicity dependent switching

Characteristics

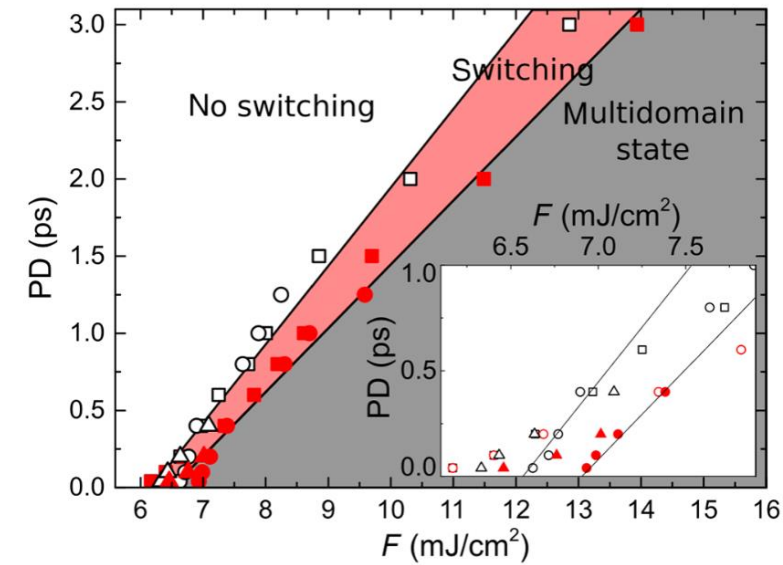


All types of materials

- Ferrimagnetic alloys, Multilayers
- Ferromagnet Co/Pt , Co/Ni
- Granular Media



Multiple pulses



Characteristic State diagram

Huang , T et al. Physical Review B
111 (14), 144408 (2025)

Kichin, G. et al.
Phys. Rev. Applied **12**, 024019 (2019).

S. Mangin et al., Nat. Mater. **13**, 286-292 (2014)

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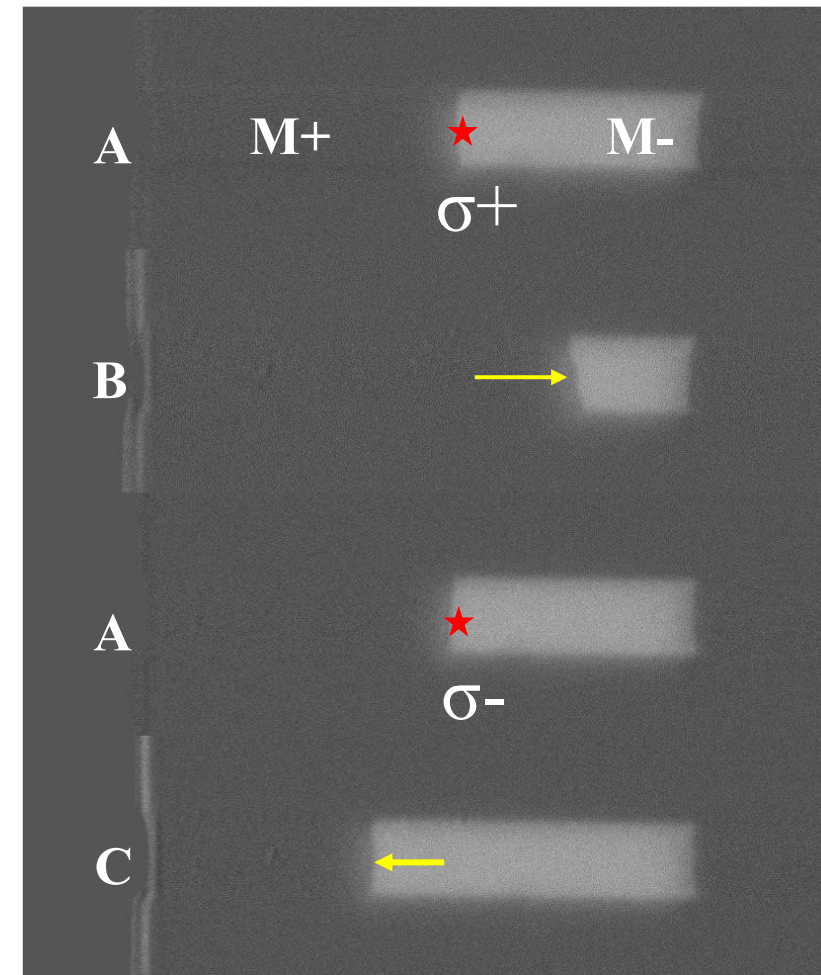
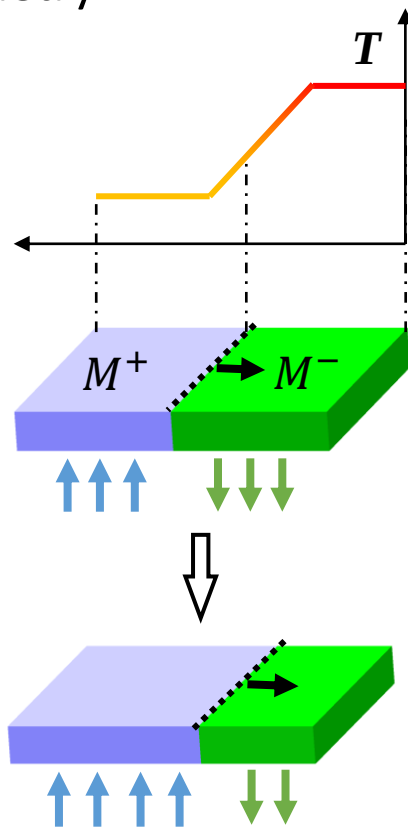
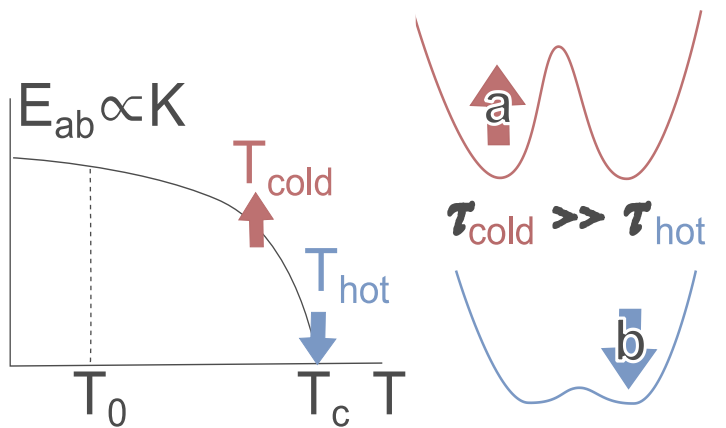
All Optical – Helicity dependent switching

Mechanism

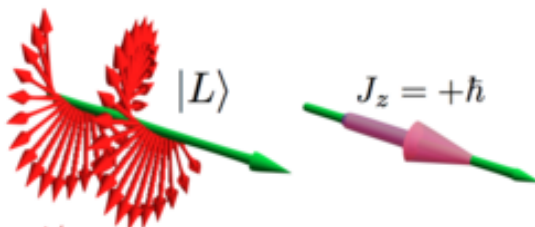
MCD

Helicity dependence

Absorption asymmetry / heating Asymmetry



Inverse Faraday Effect : Angular Mt transfer ?



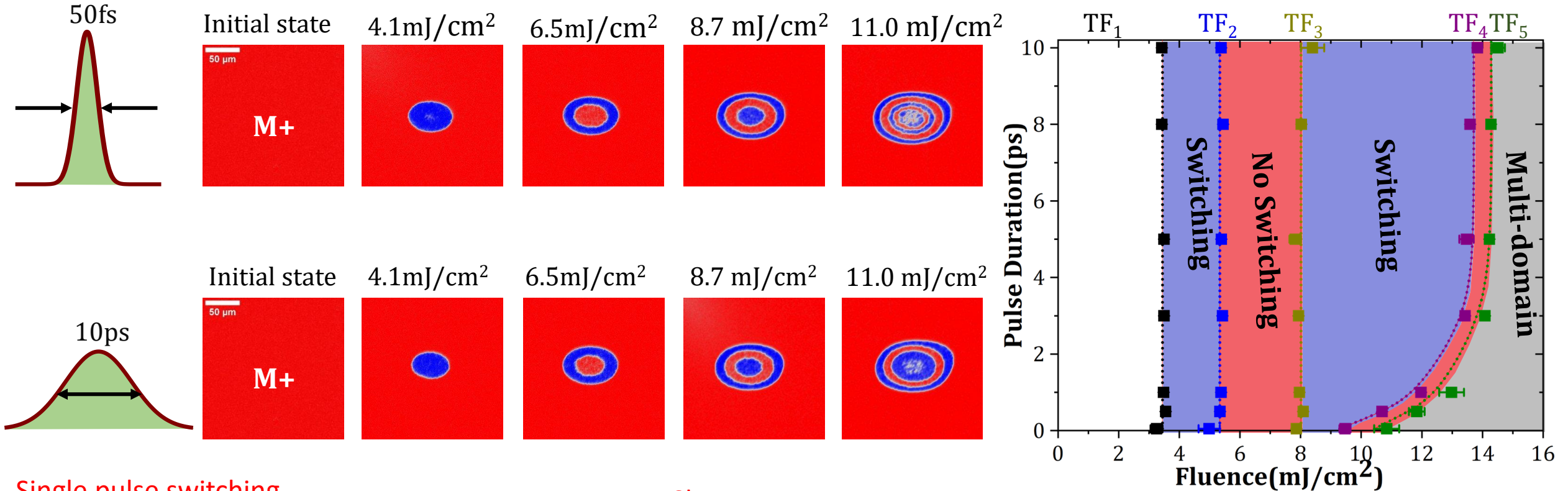
Domain wall motion by thermal gradient

Y. Quessab et al Phys. Rev. B 97, 054419 (2018)

All Optical – Precessional switching

Characteristics

Single switching in $[\text{Tb}/\text{Co}]_5$ multilayer

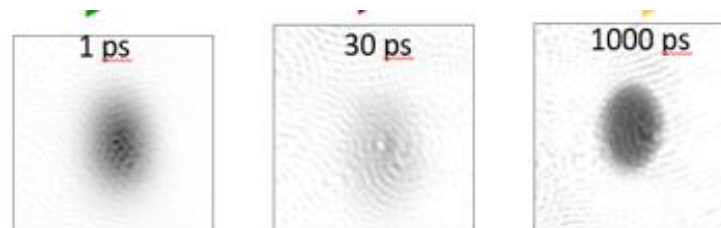


Single pulse switching

Slow

Characteristic State diagram

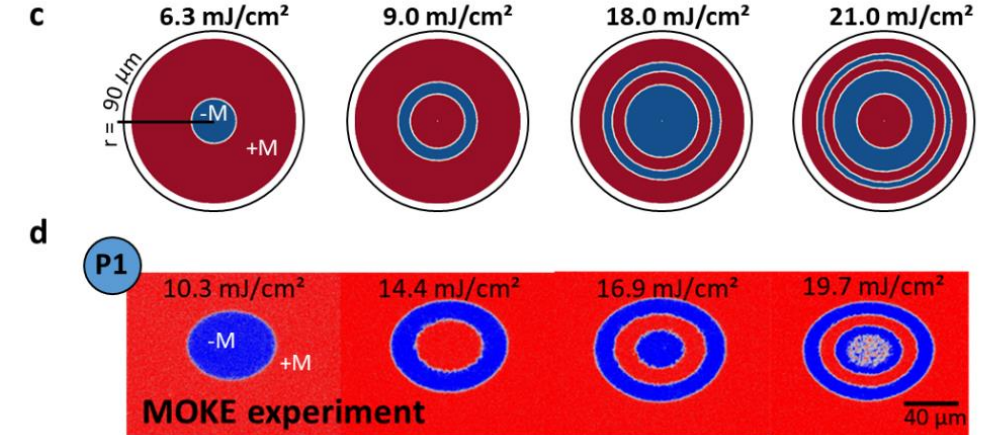
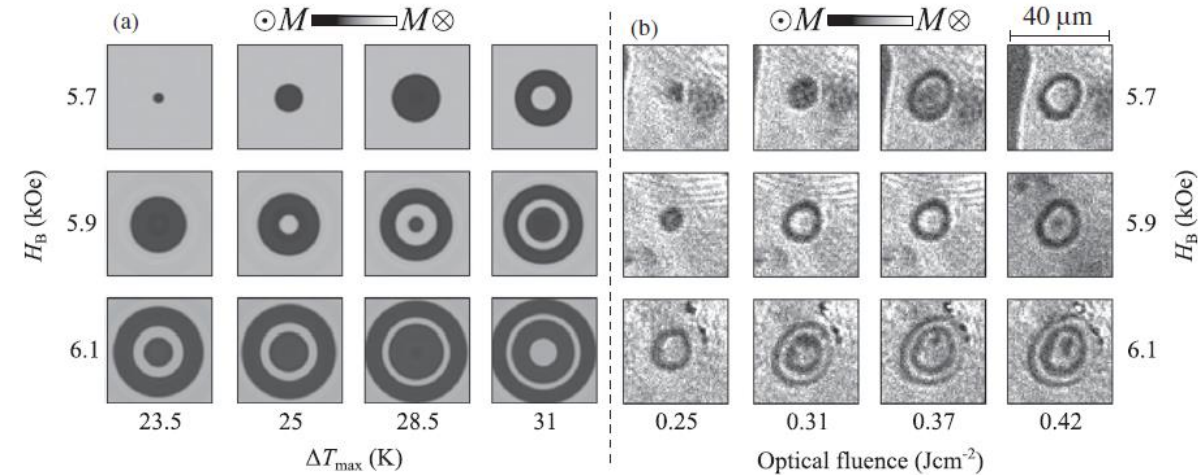
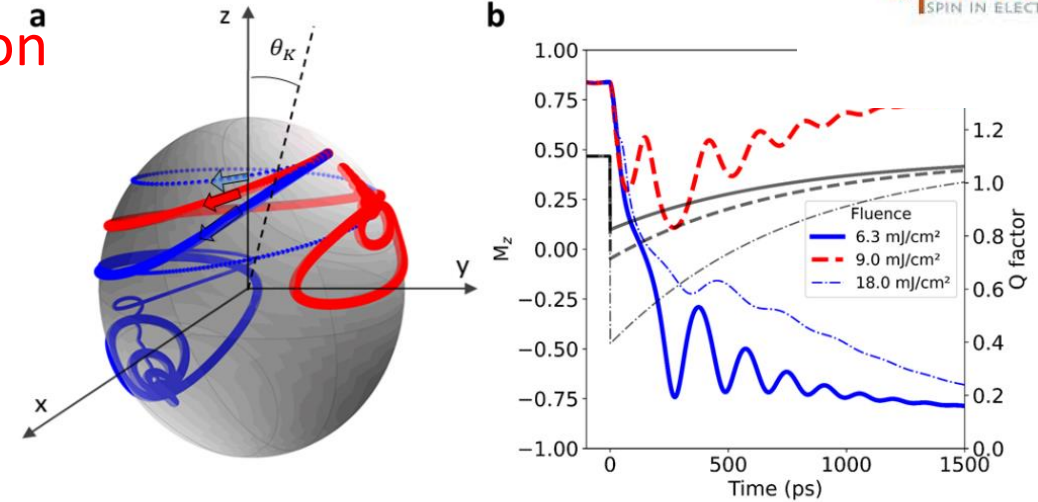
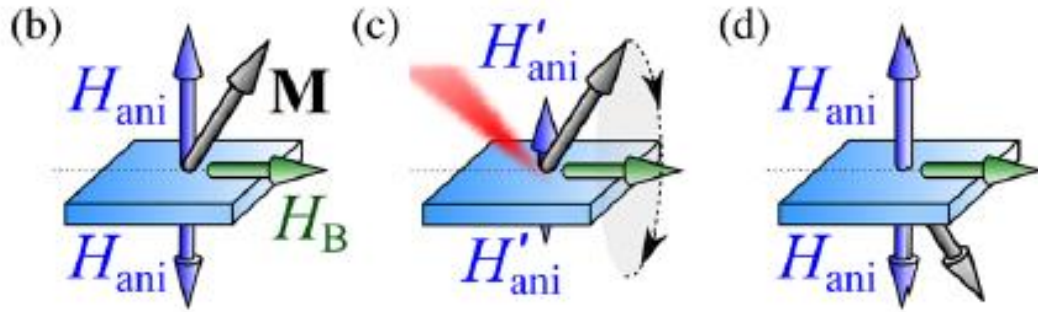
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All Optical – Precessional switching

Mechanism

In plane reorientation^a



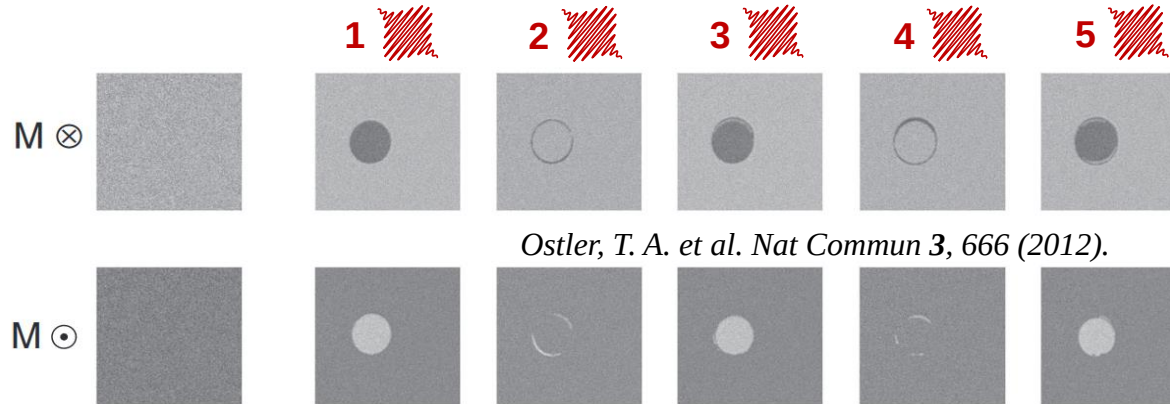
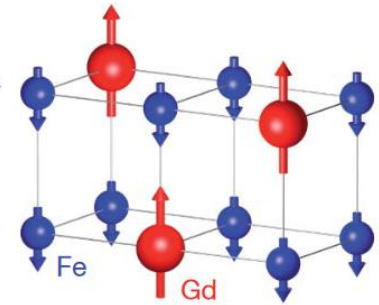
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All Optical – Helicity Independent switching

Characteristics



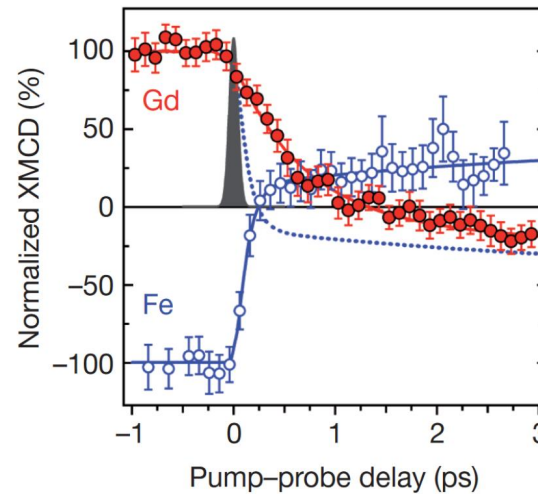
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Single pulse & Fast

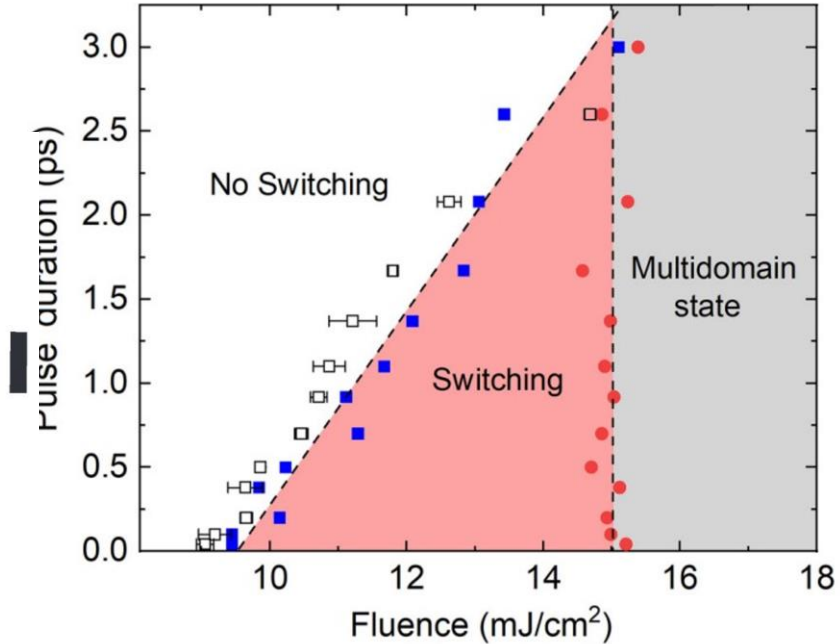
Specific materials

→ Gd based Material

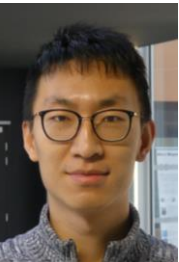
→ MnRuGa



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Characteristic State diagram



Jiaqi Wei

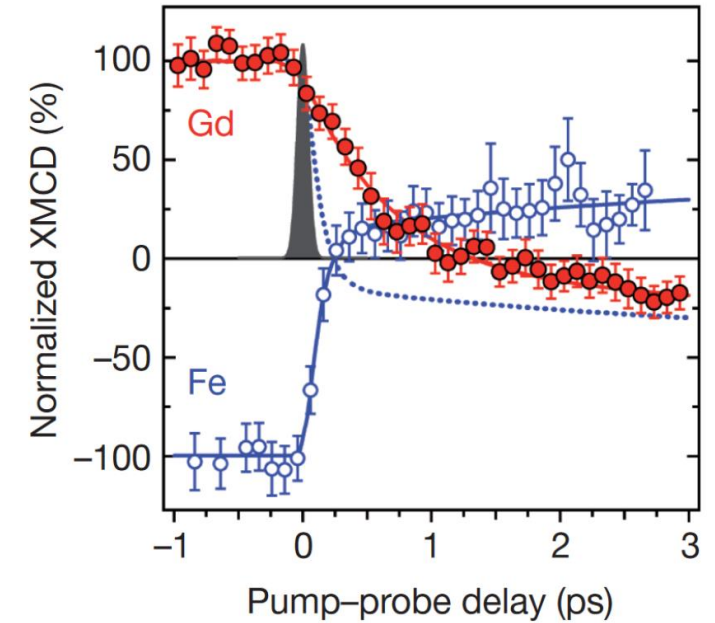
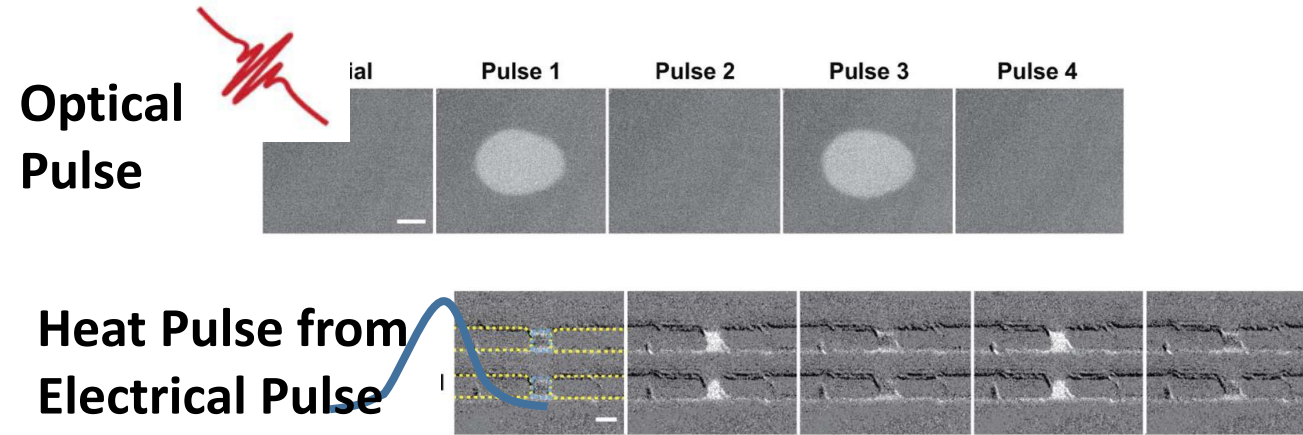
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All Optical – Helicity Independent switching

Mechanism

Heat assisted phenomena

Angular mt transfer between two sublattices

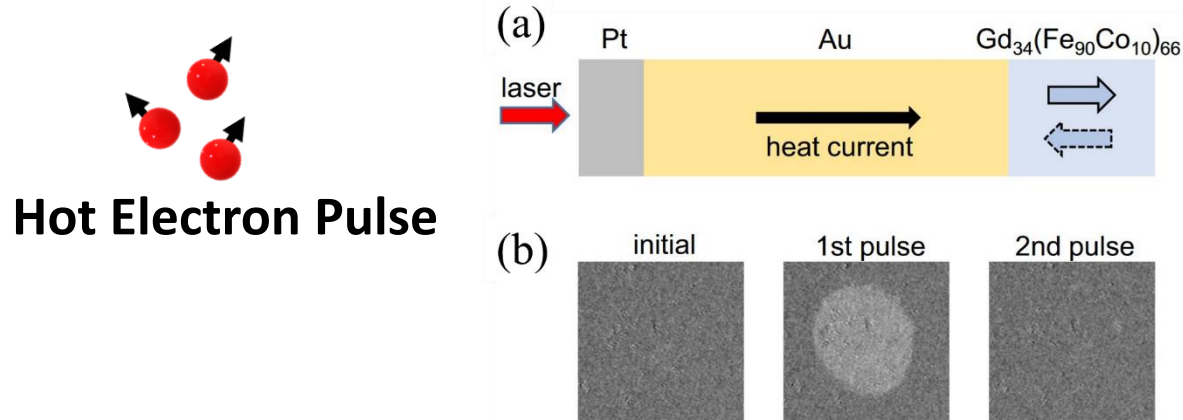


Recipe

- Demagnetize Fe
- Demagnetize Gd to generate angular mt transfer

$$J_s = dM_{\text{Gd}}/dt$$

Yang, Y. et al. *Science Advances* 3, e1603117 (2017).



N. Bergeard, et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 117, 147203 (2016)

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3 types of thermally assisted switching at different time scales

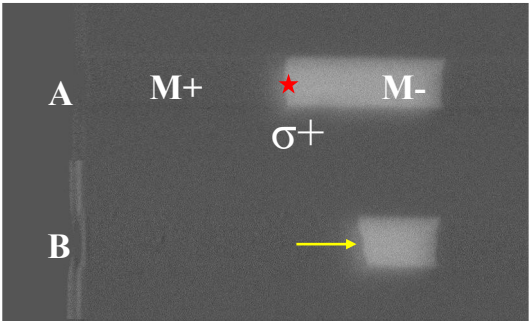
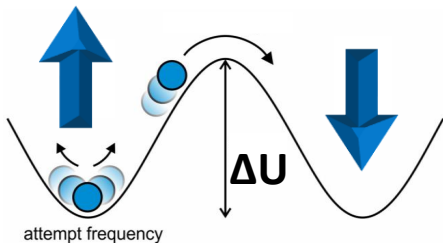
All Optical –
Helicity dependent switching

All Optical –
Precessional switching

All Optical –
Helicity Independent switching

Different but all are thermally driven

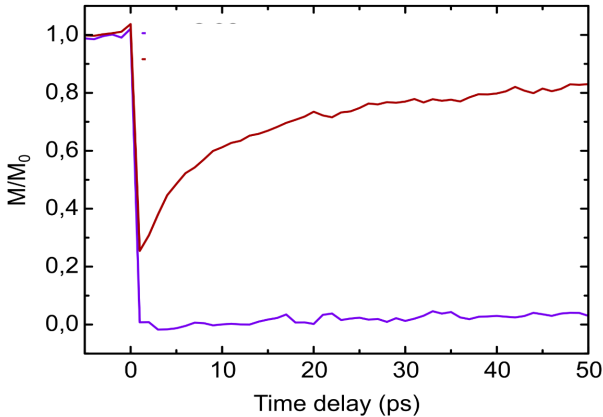
- Domain nucleation
- Domain wall propagation



- Anisotropy reorientation
- Magnetization Precession

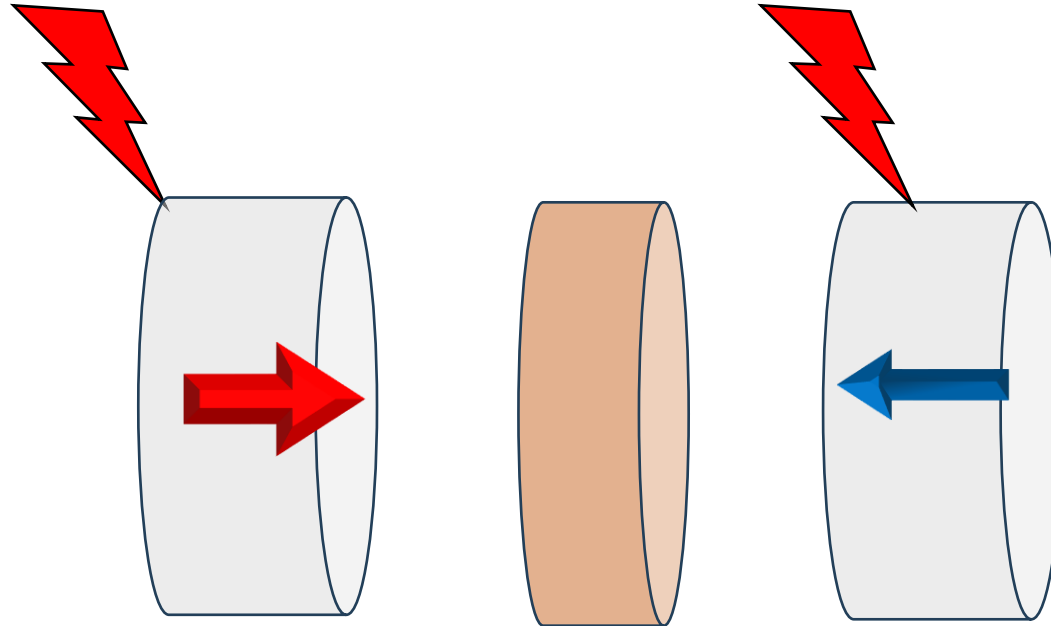


- Ultra-fast Demagnetization
- Angular Momentum transfer



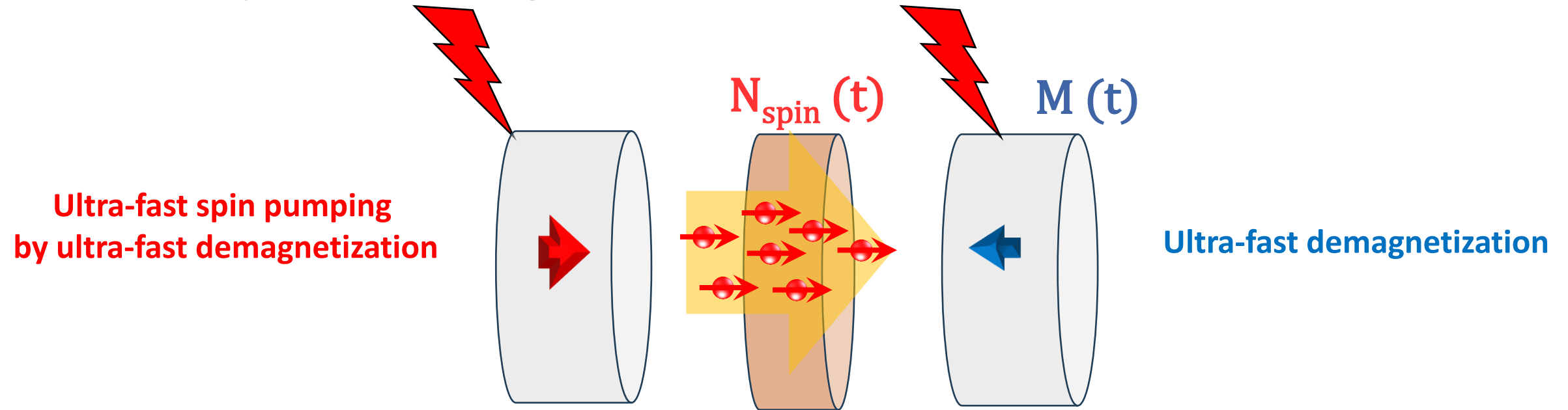
Light induced switching

Ultra-fast Optical switching From **AP state** to **P state**



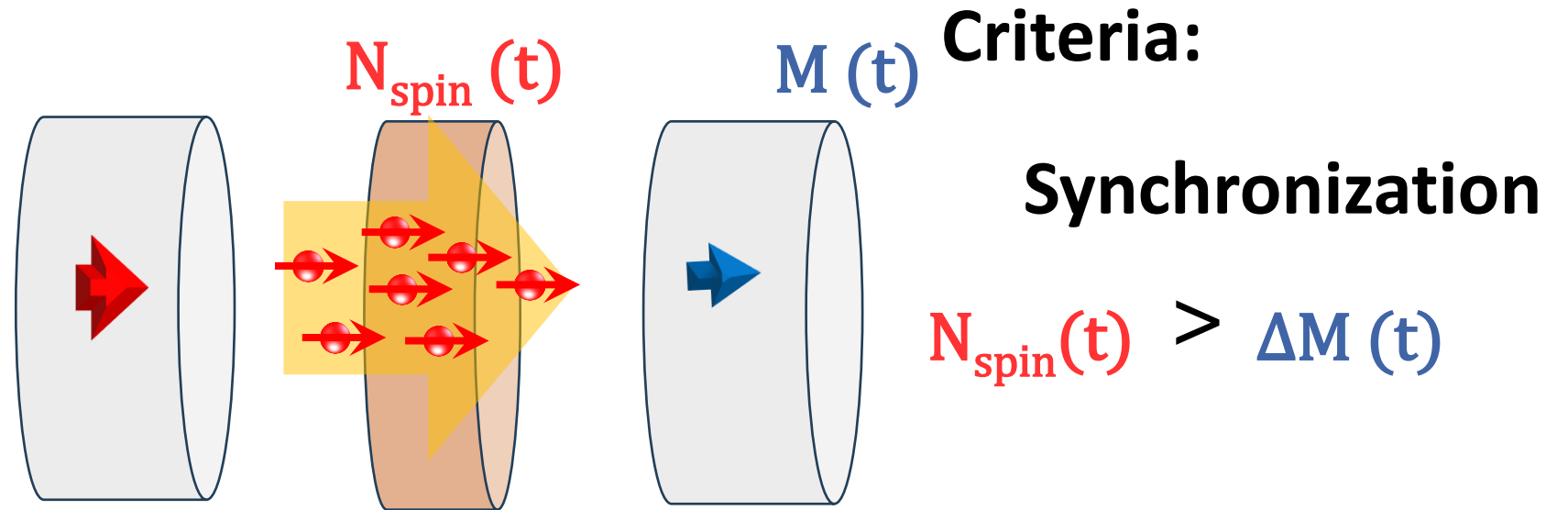
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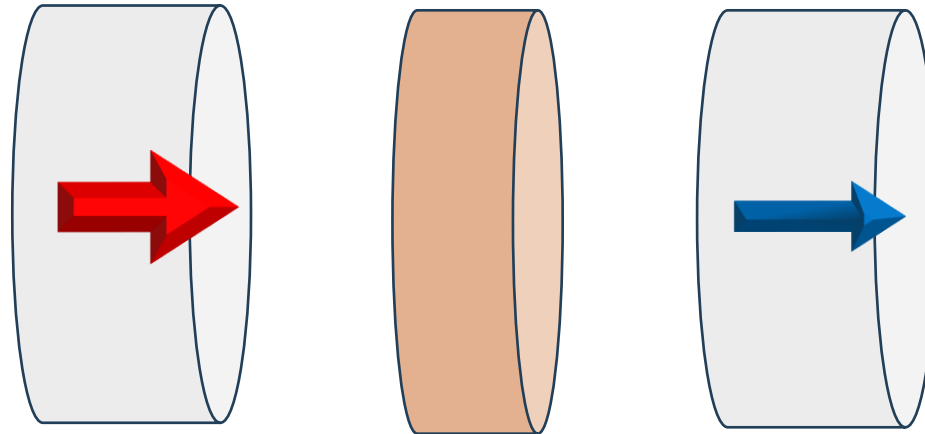
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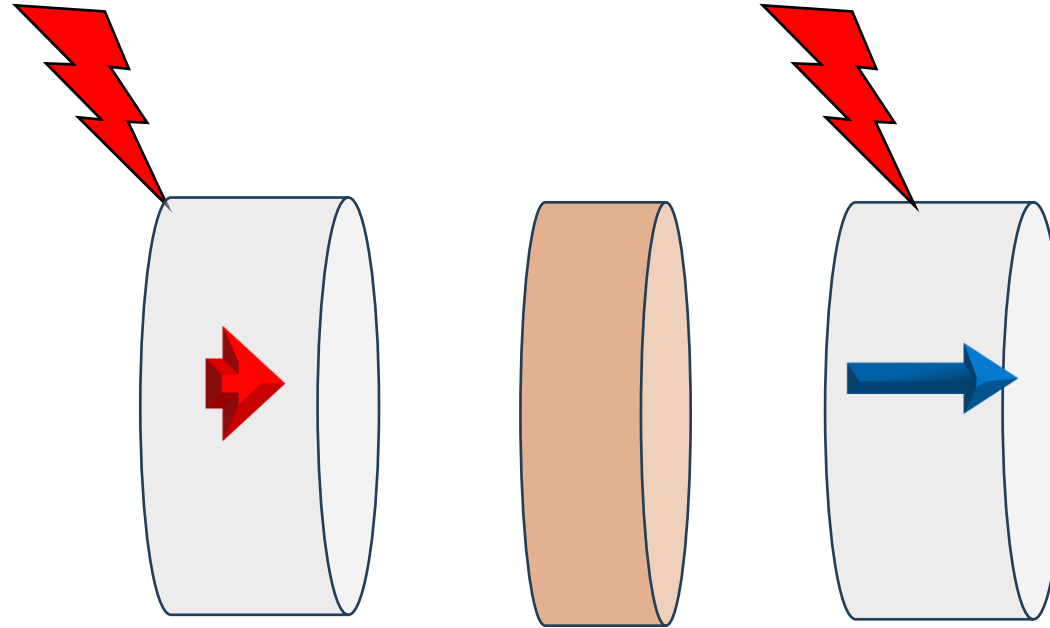
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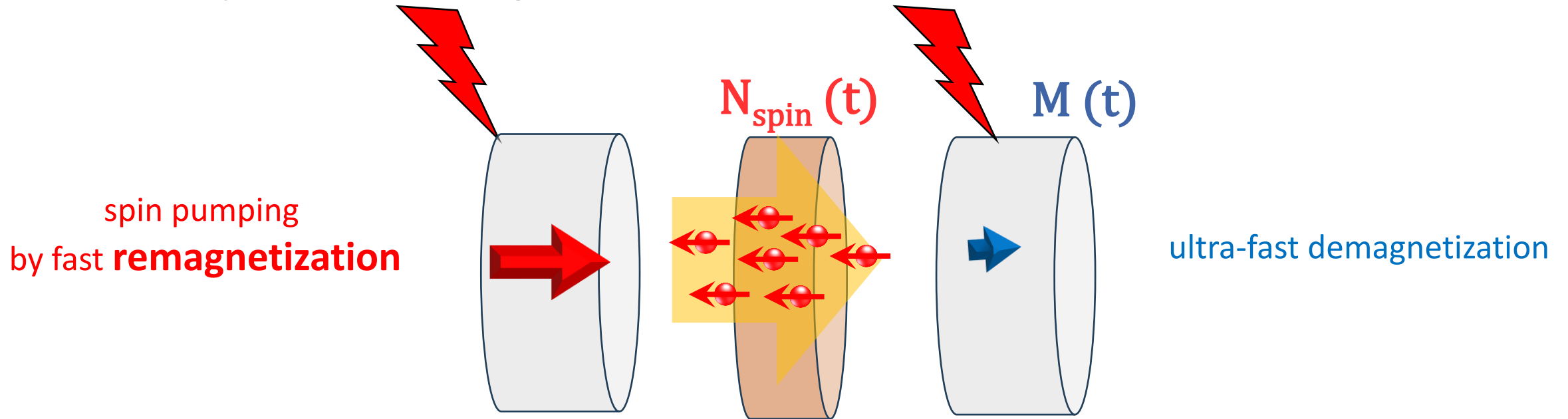
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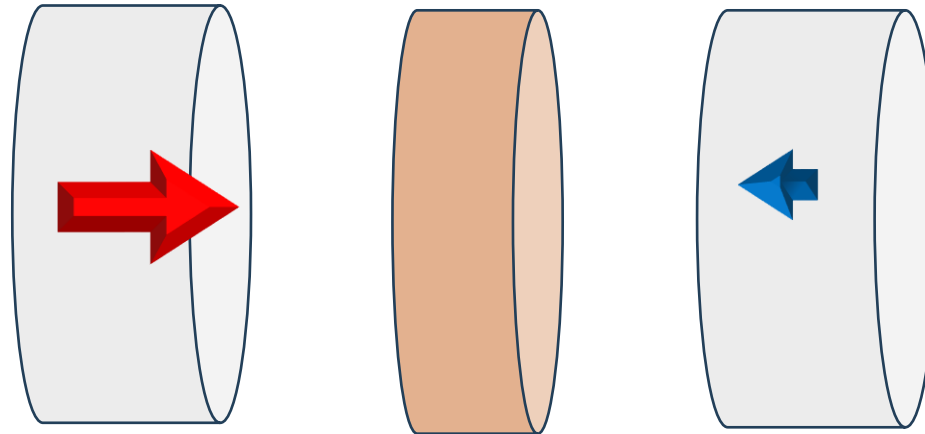
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Light induced switching

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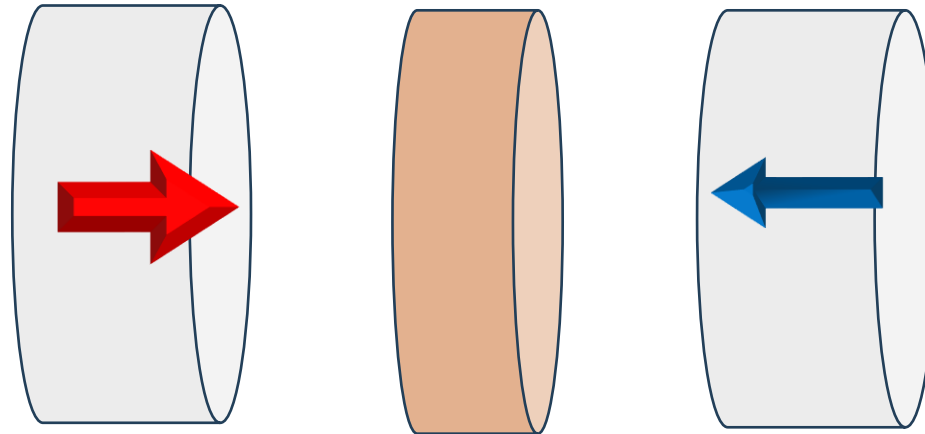
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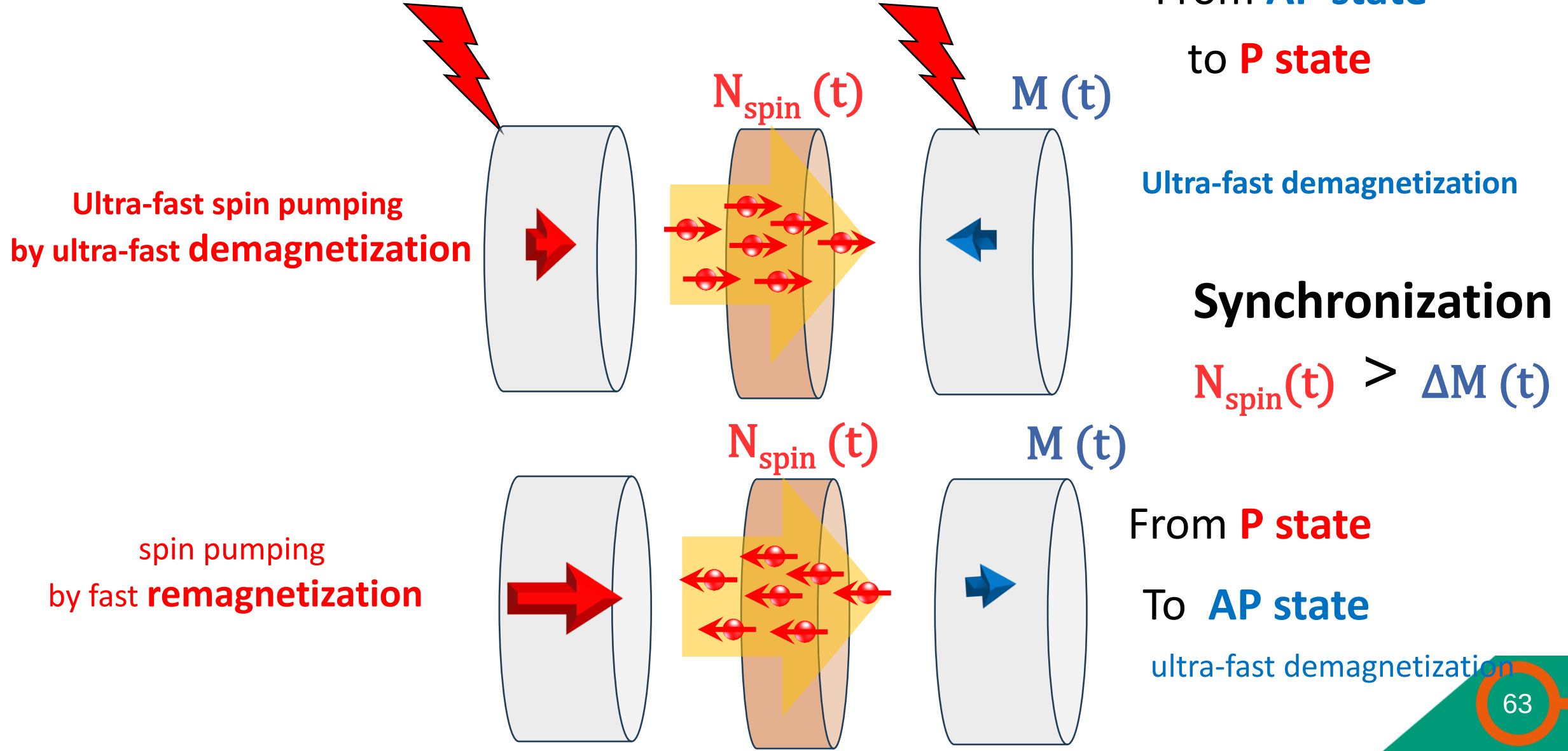
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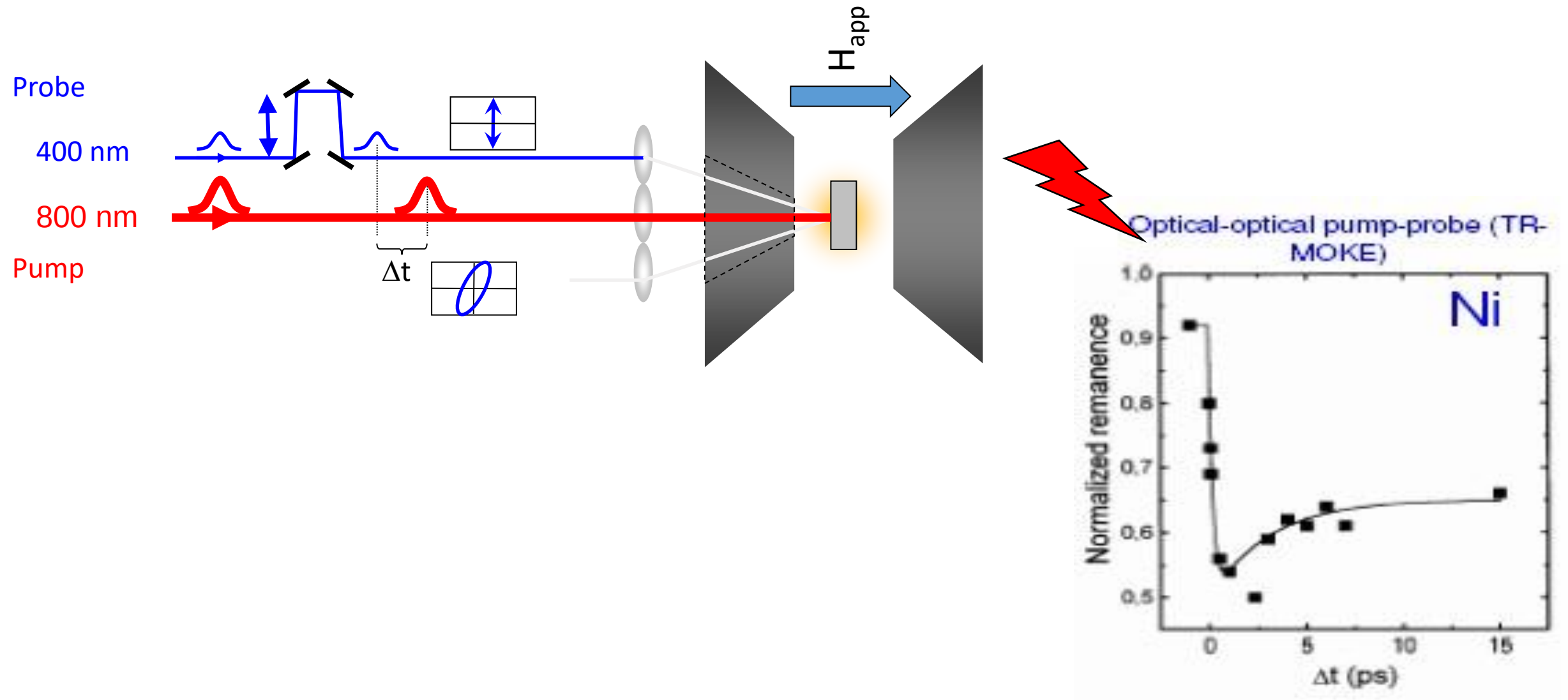
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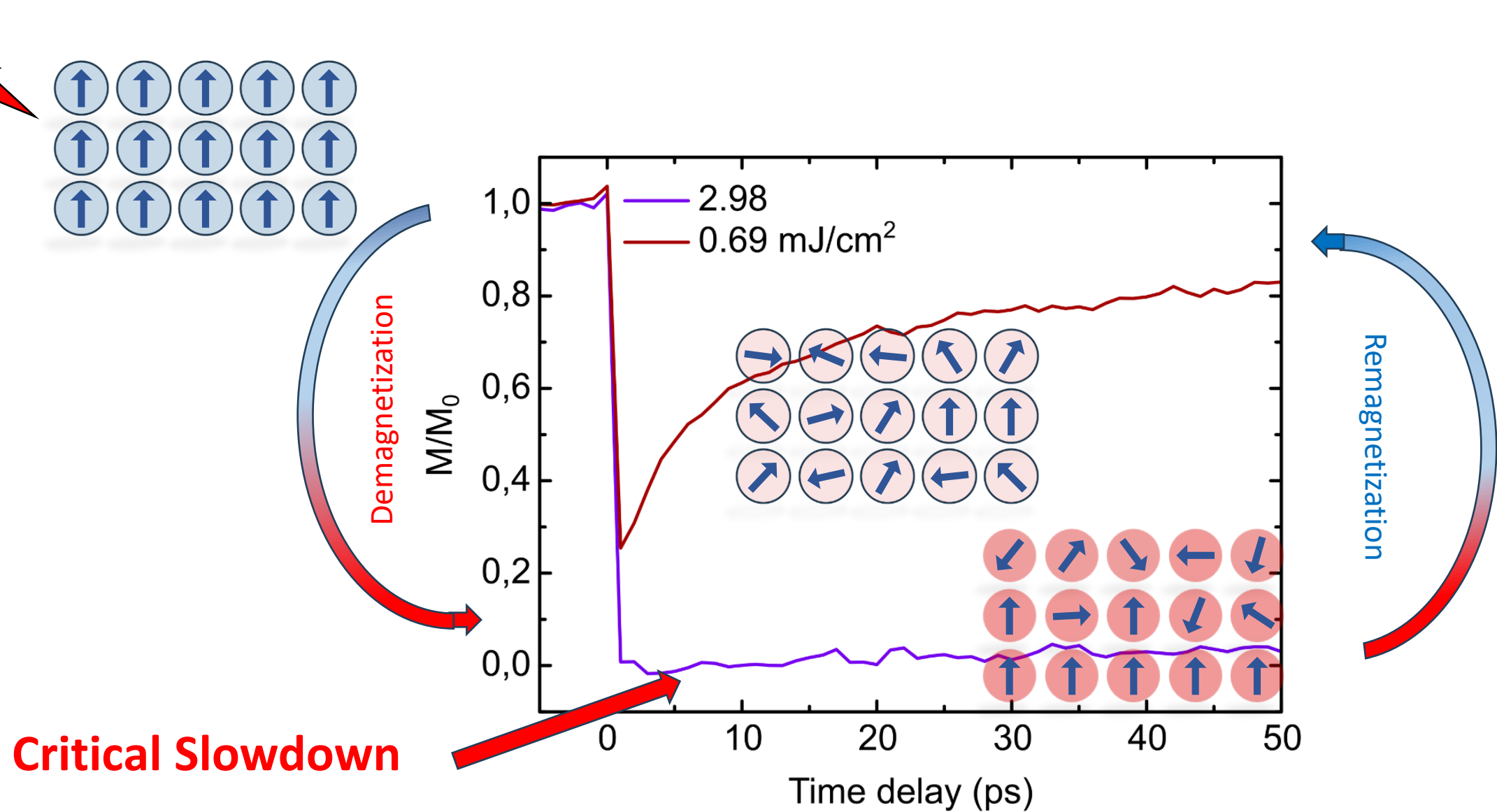
- Current Vs Light Induced switching
- Light Induced switching : demagnetization driven switching
- Experimental results showing:
single pulse – ultra-fast – deterministic –low energy switching
- Conclusions

Ultrafast demagnetization



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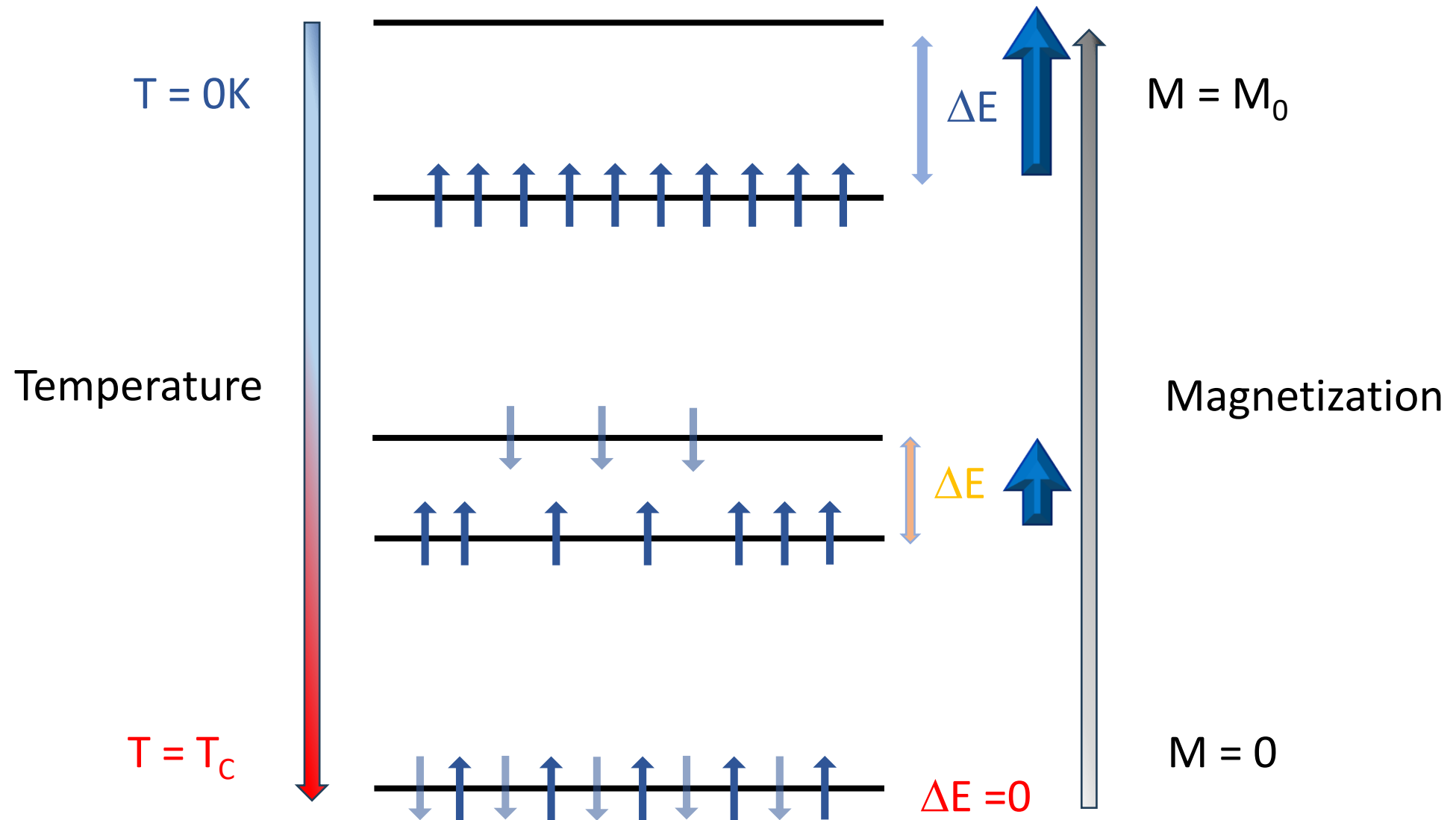
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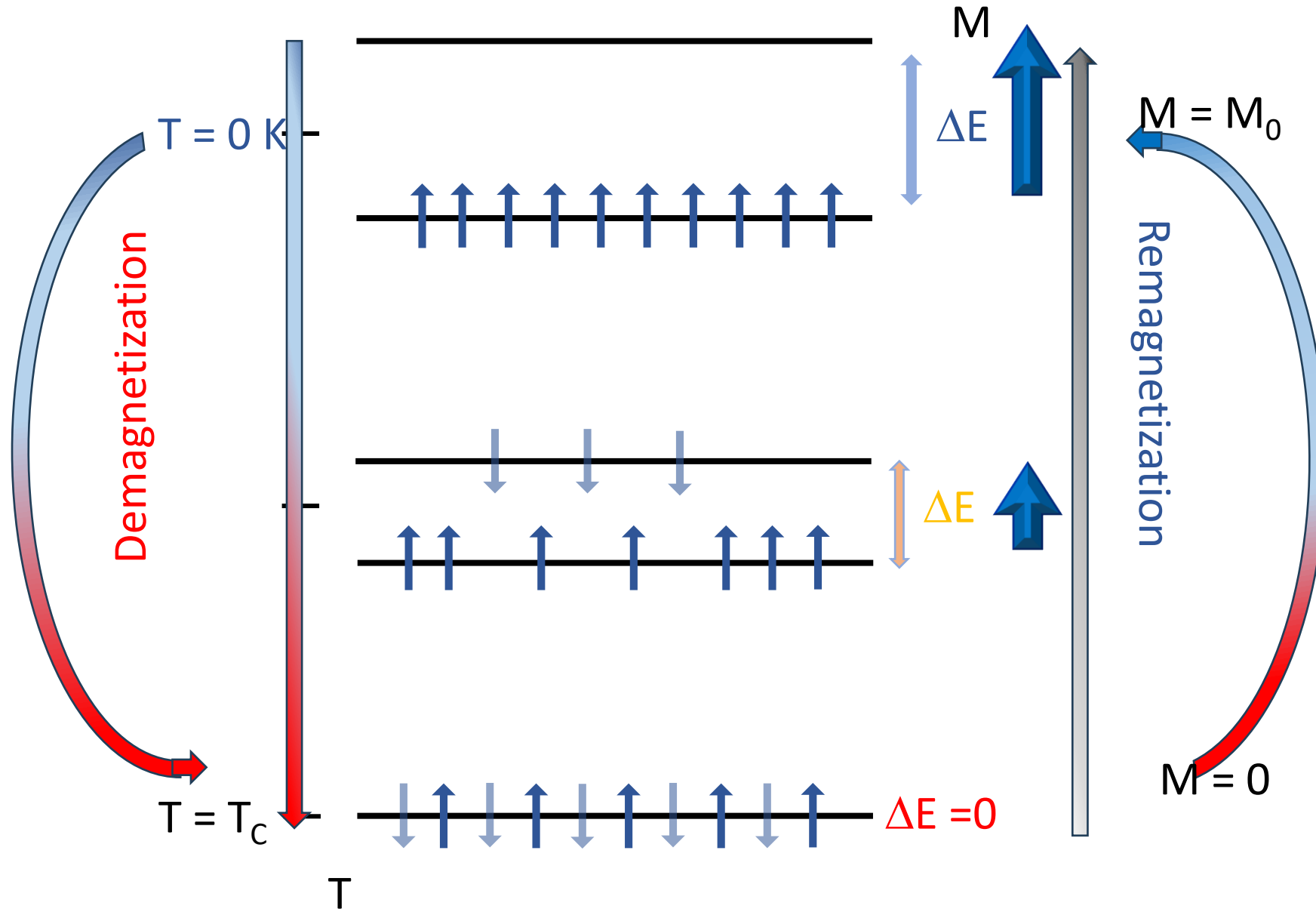
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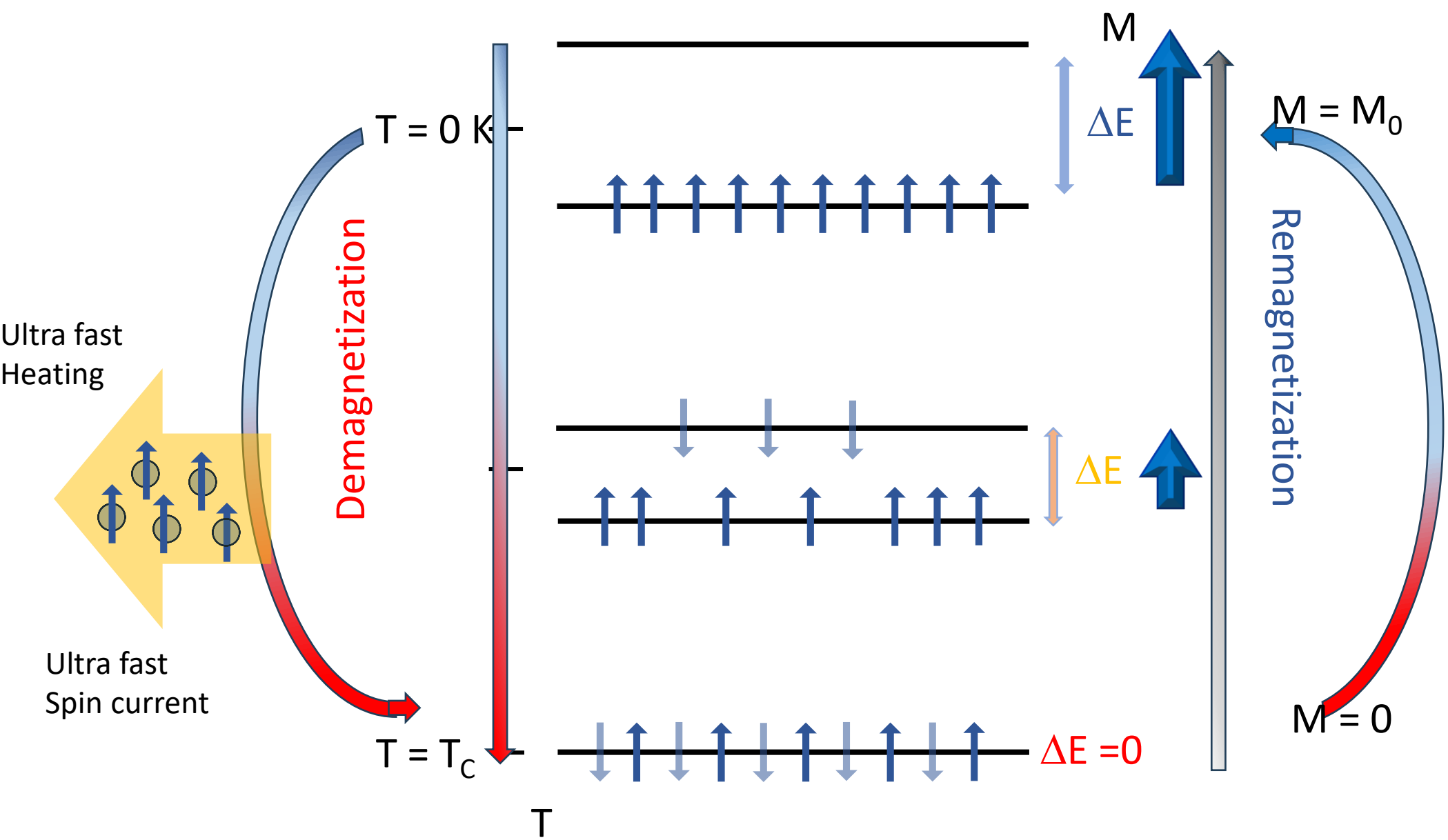
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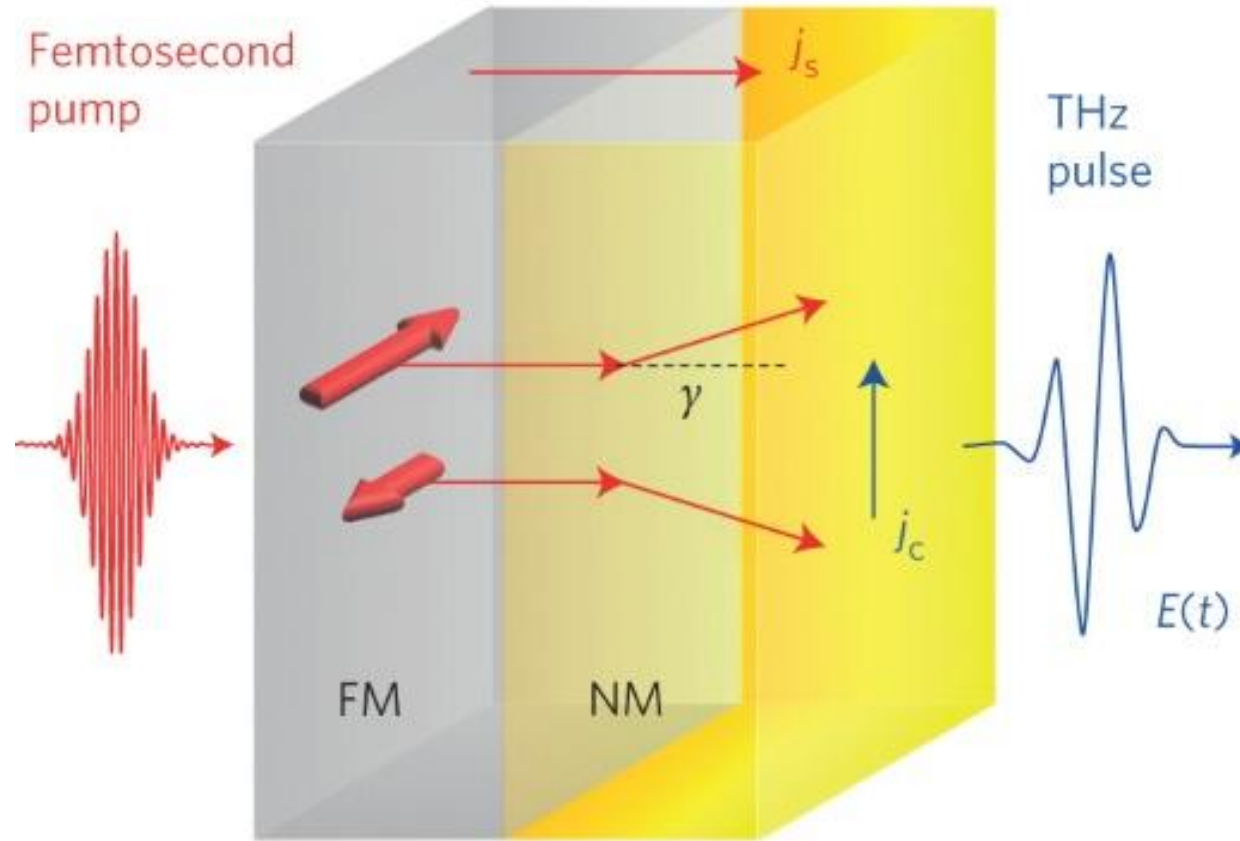
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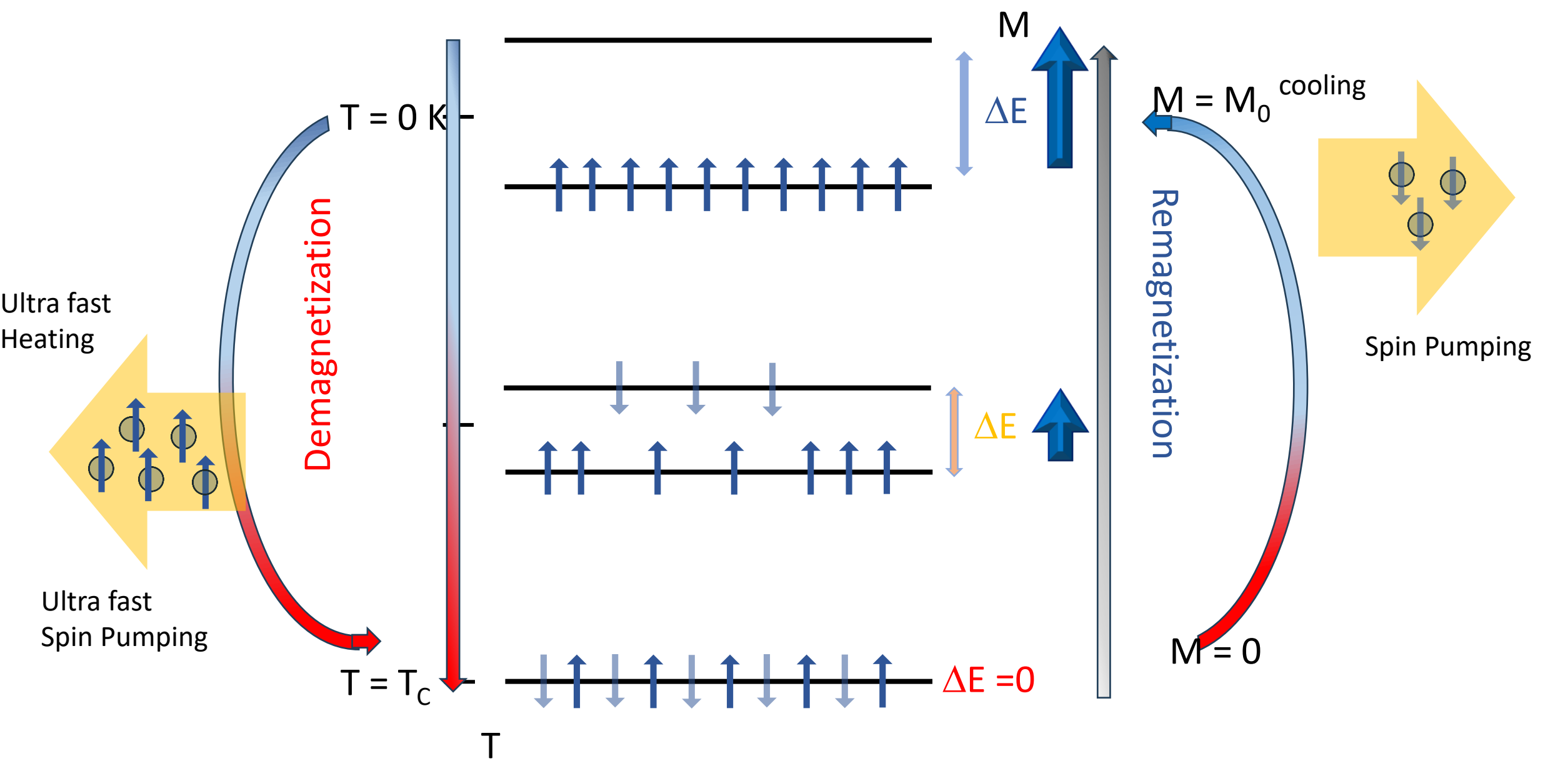
Ultrafast demagnetization : Ultrafast spin current - Ultrafast spin pumping



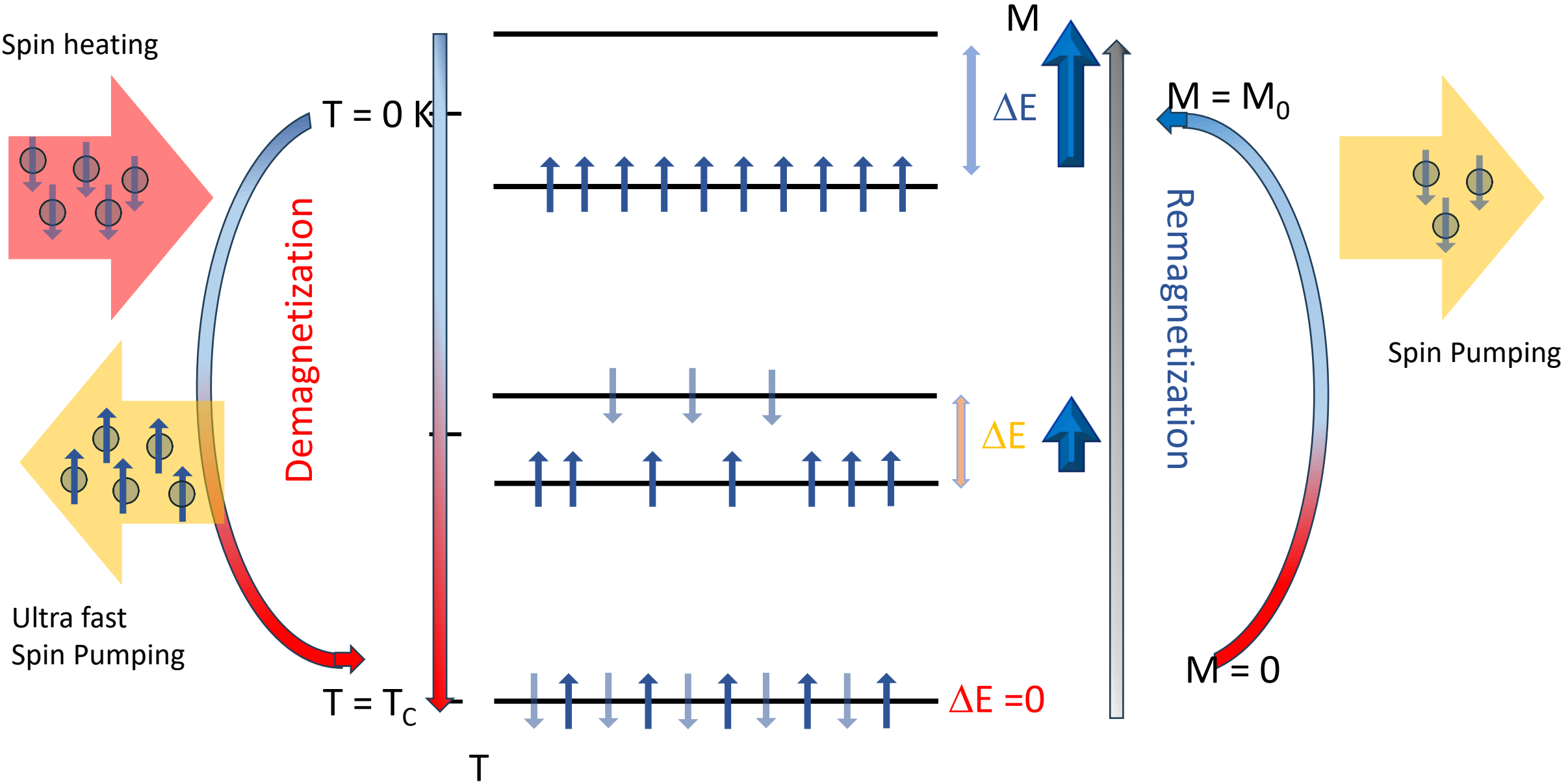
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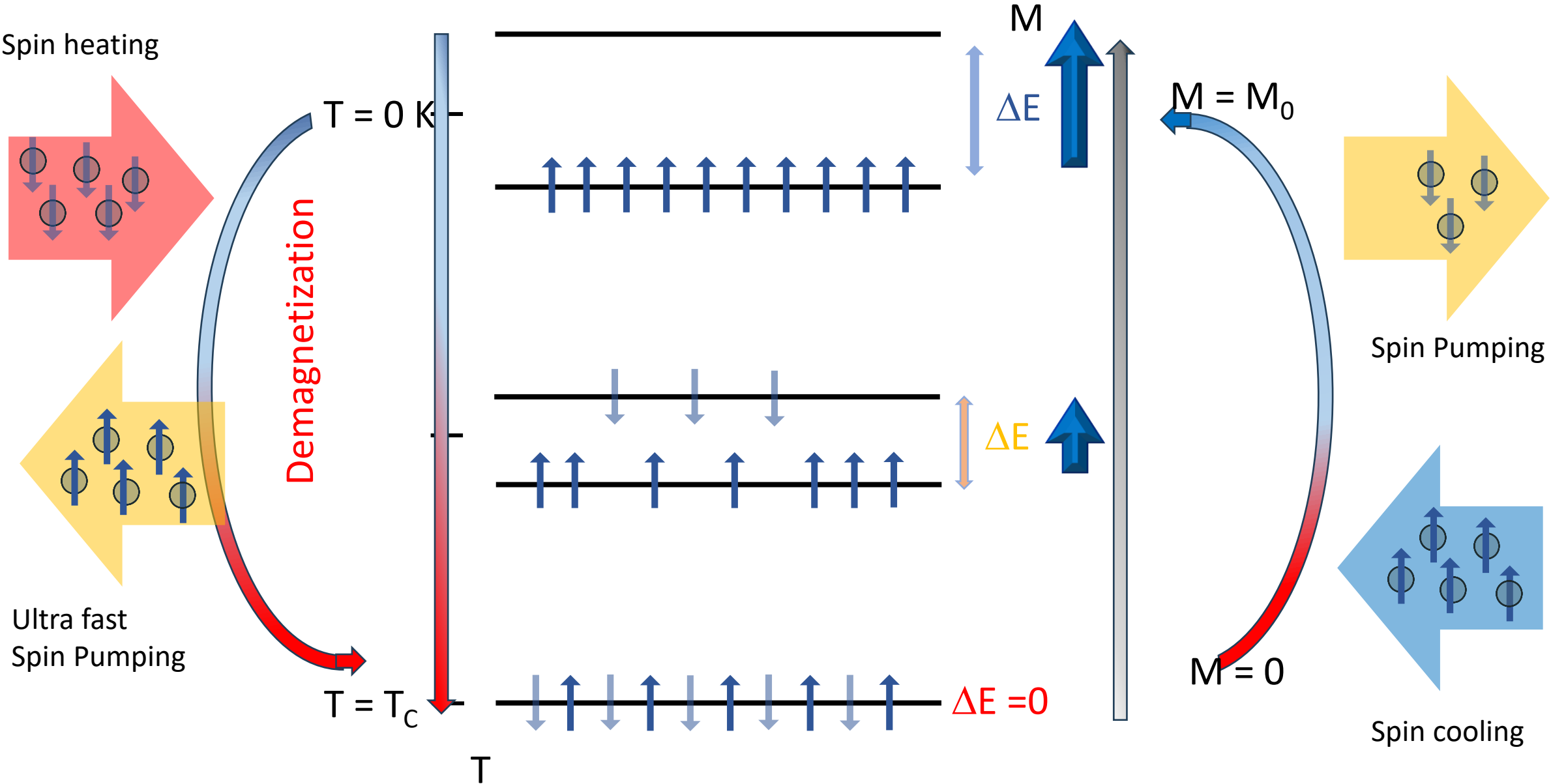
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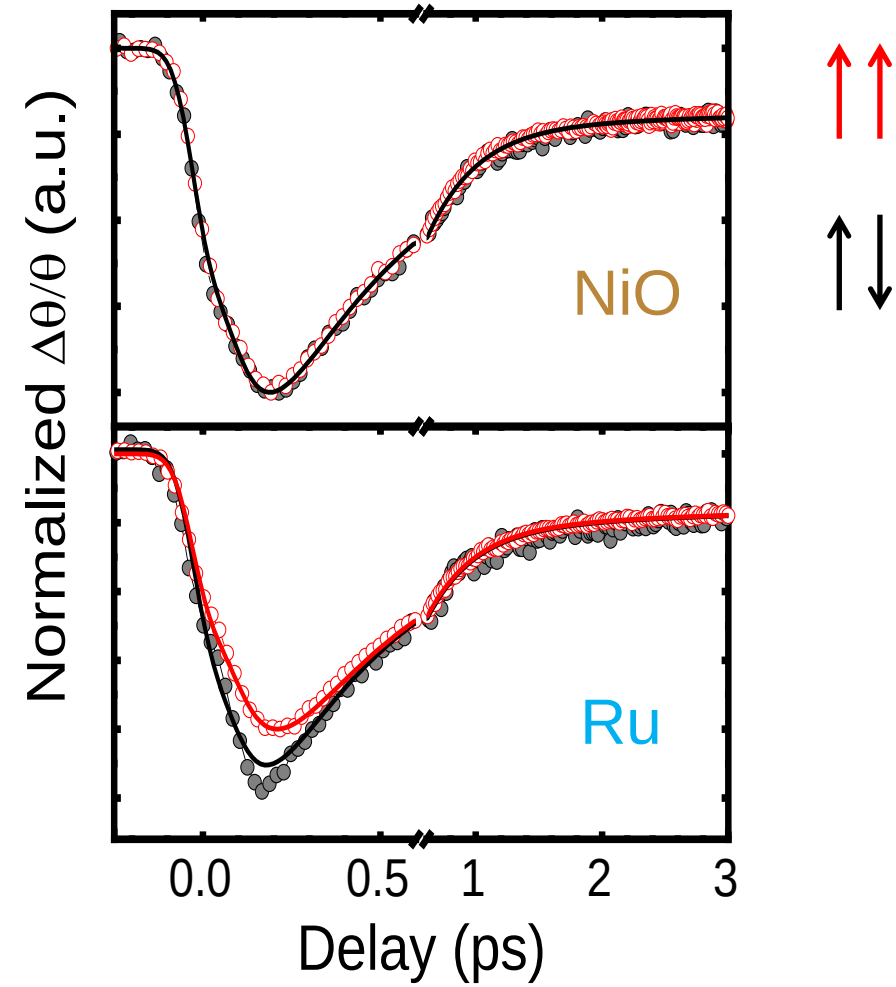
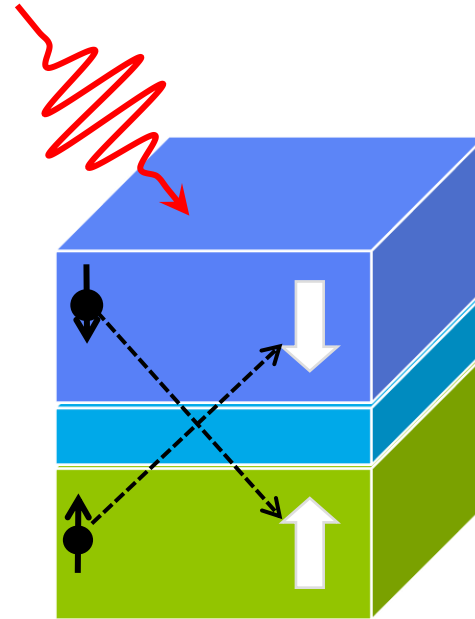
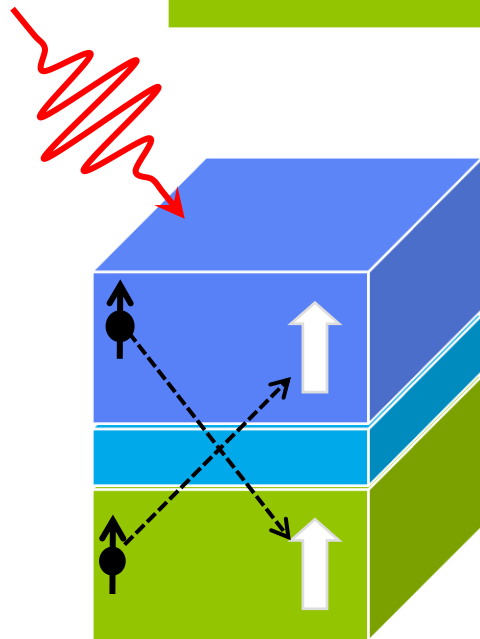
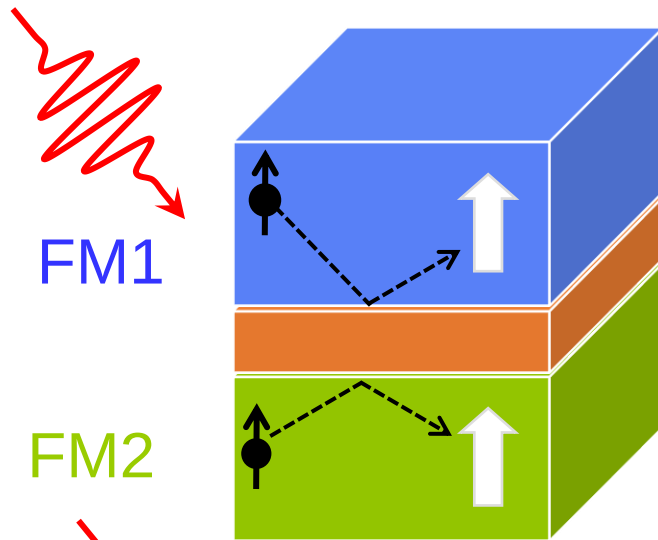
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Ultra-fast spin current affect demagnetization

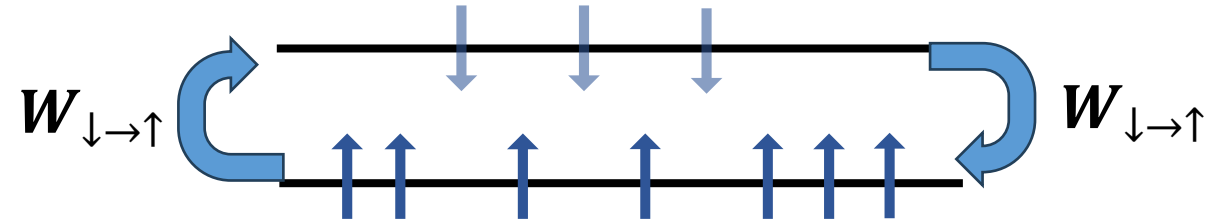


Modeling – Spin pumping

- Spin temperature/magnetization changes:

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = 2(W_{\uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow} n_{\uparrow} - W_{\downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow} n_{\downarrow})$$

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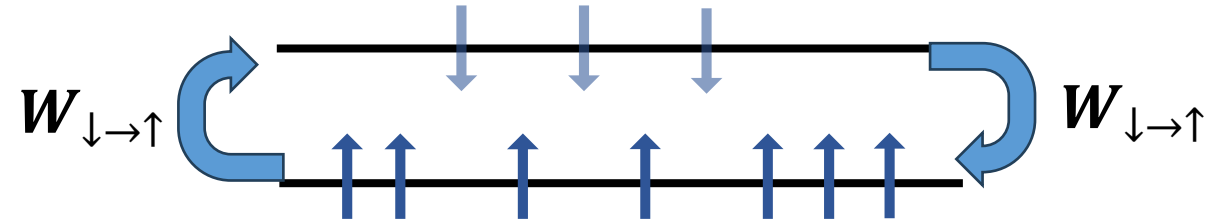
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- m : self consistency/
mean field : $\Delta \mu = m = 0 \Rightarrow dm/dt = 0$
- T_e : cooling/heating
Hard to control.
- $\Delta \mu$: Spin cooling/Spin heating
Controlled by changing external spin polarization.

↑
CSD!



$$\left. \frac{dm}{dt} \right|_{m=0} = \frac{-\Delta \mu}{2\tau k_B T_C}$$

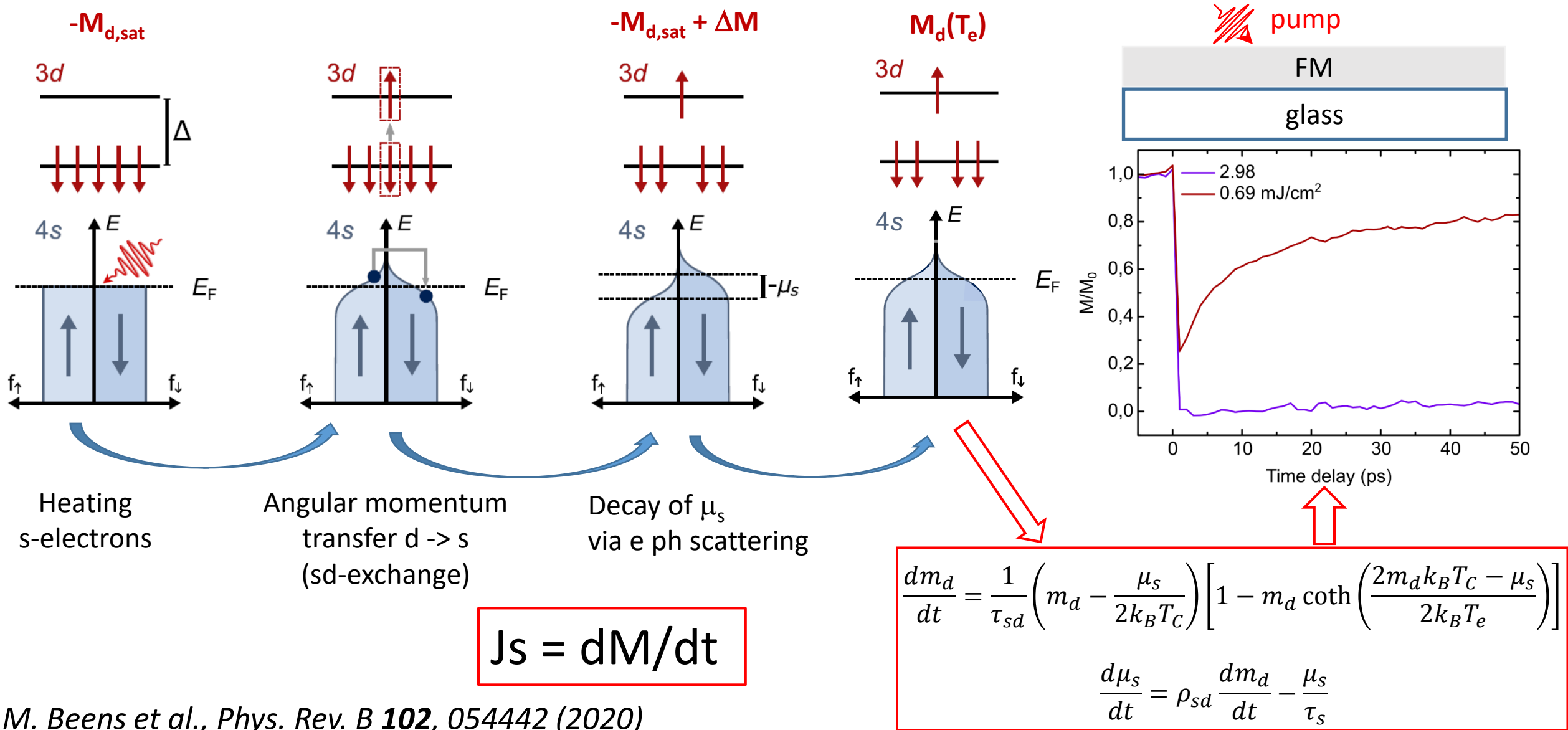
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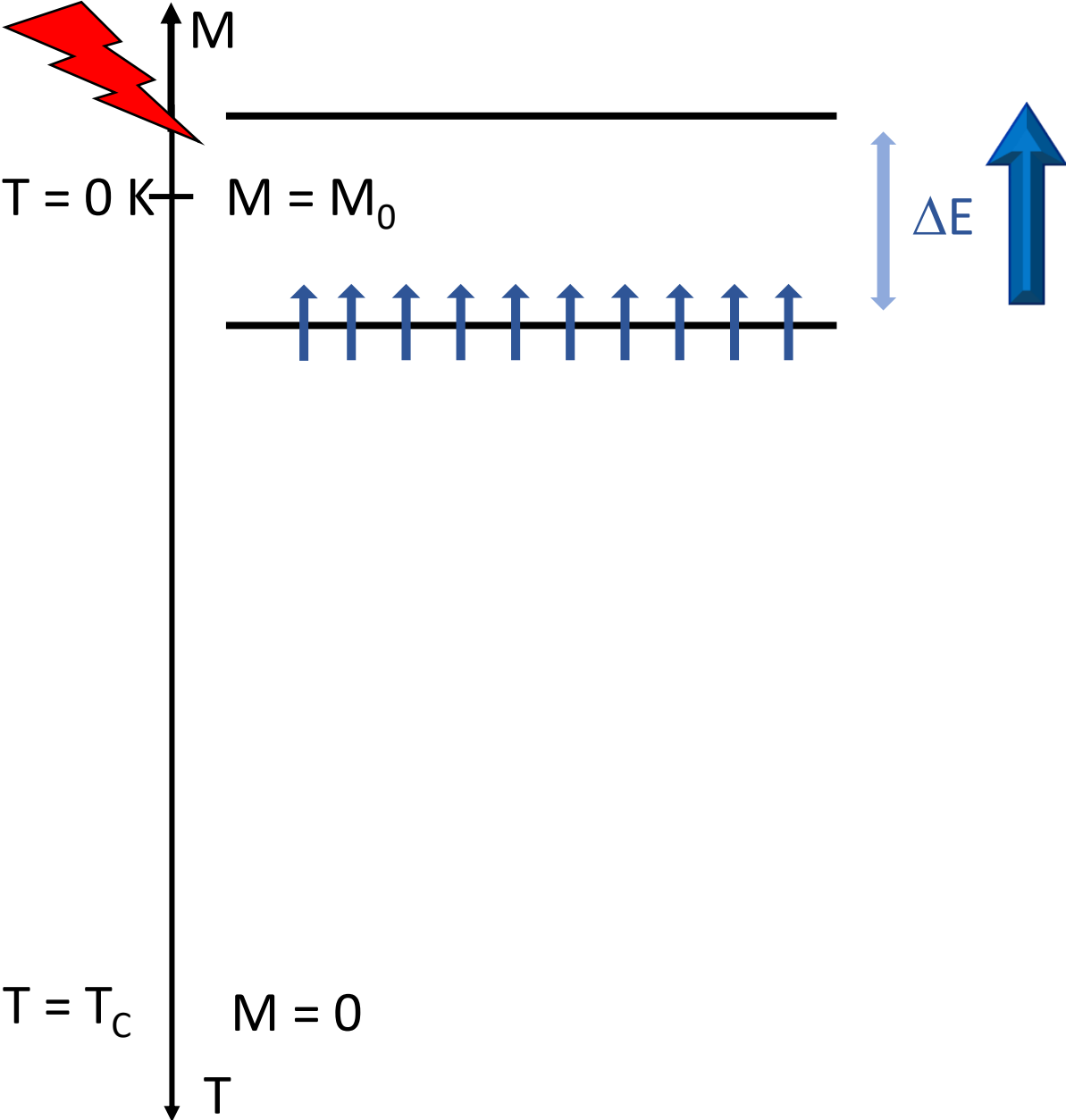
Modeling – Spin pumping (3d-4s) model



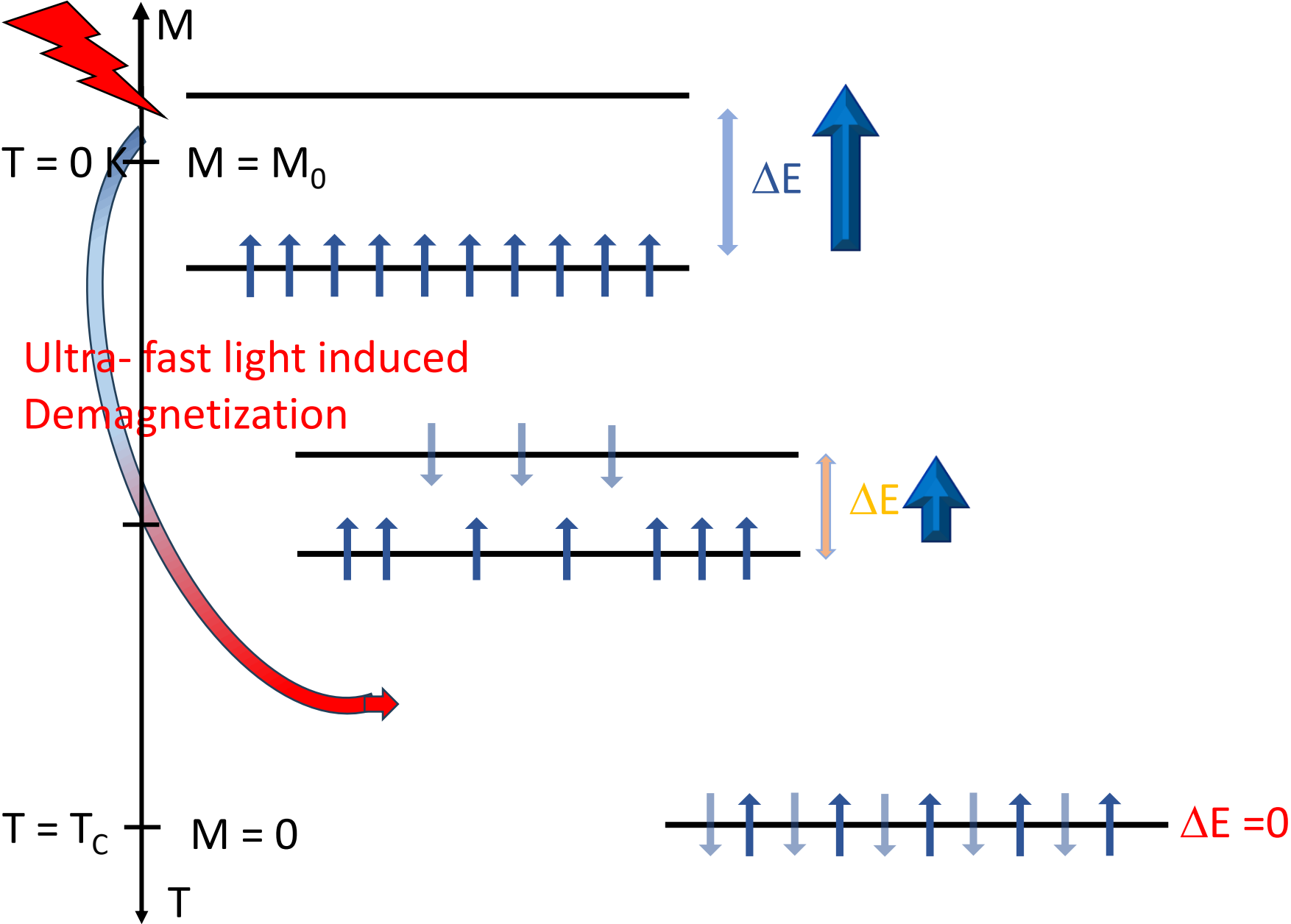
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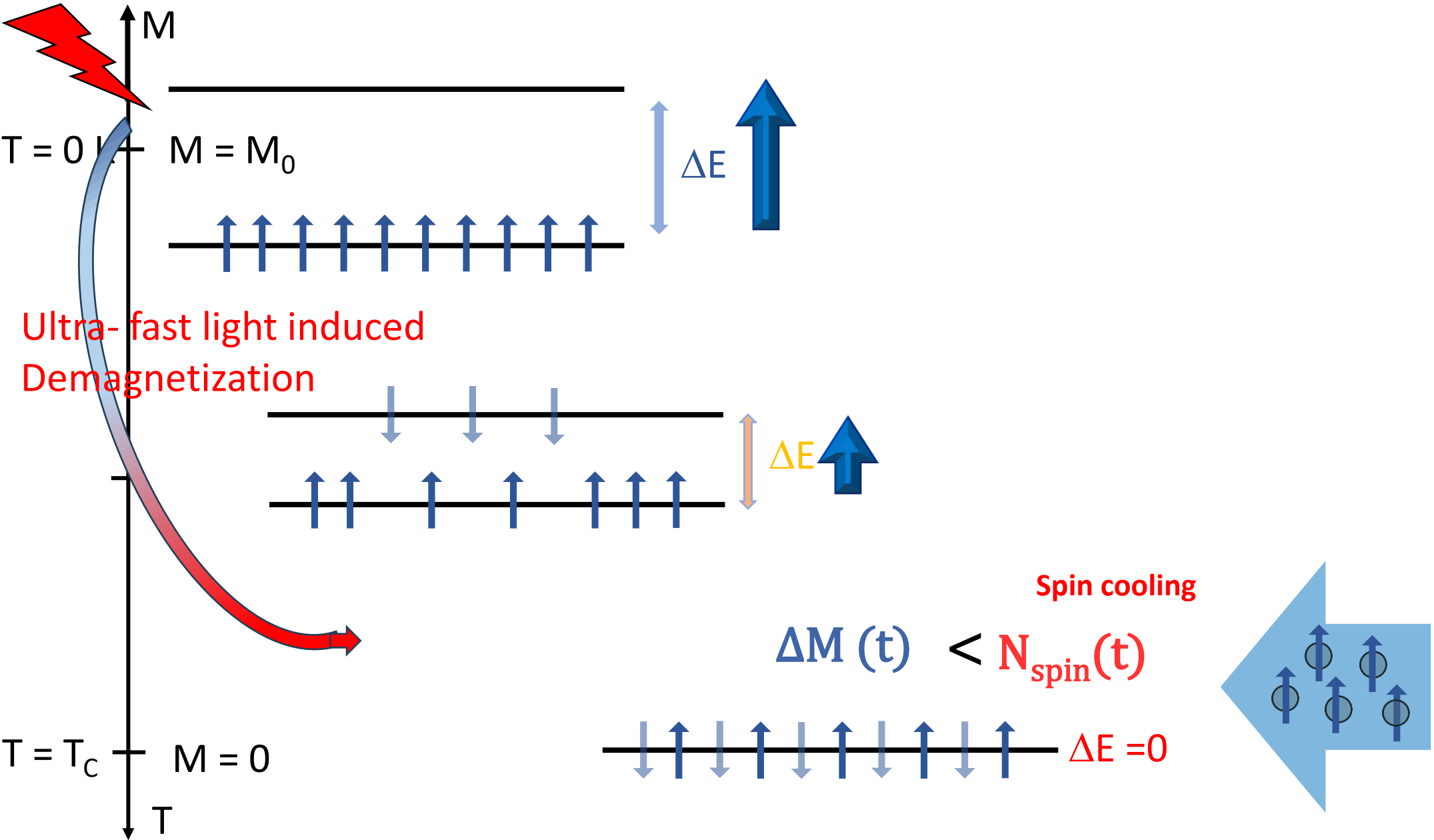
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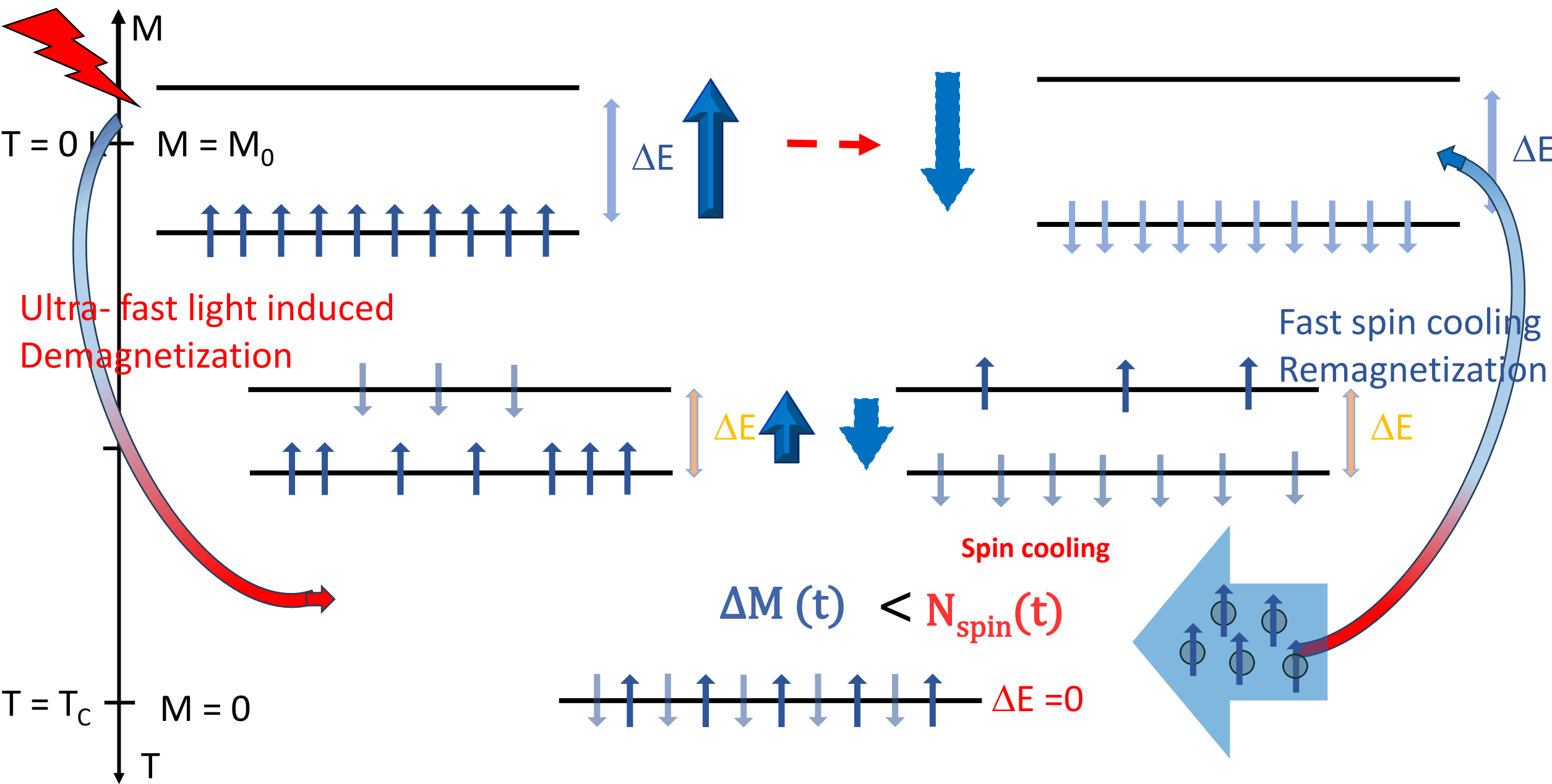
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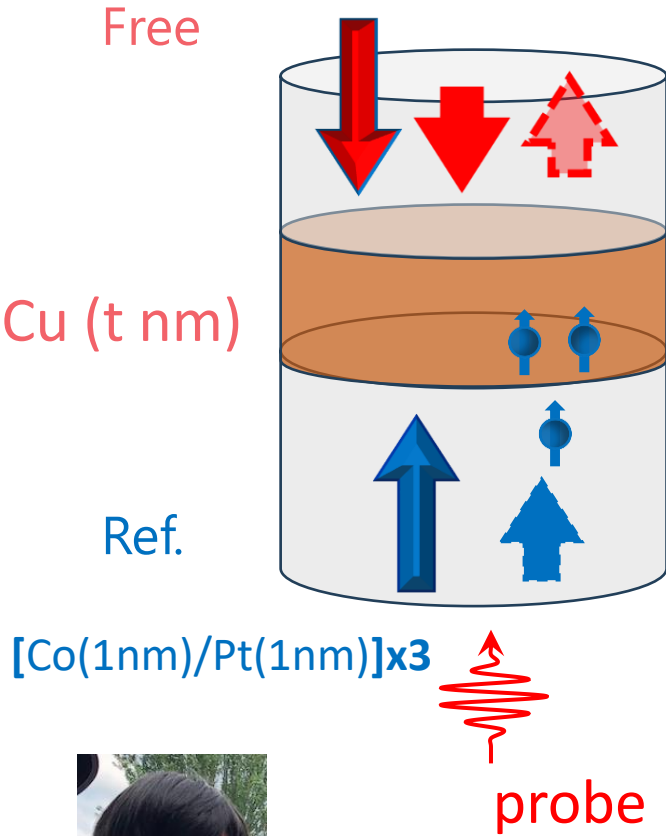
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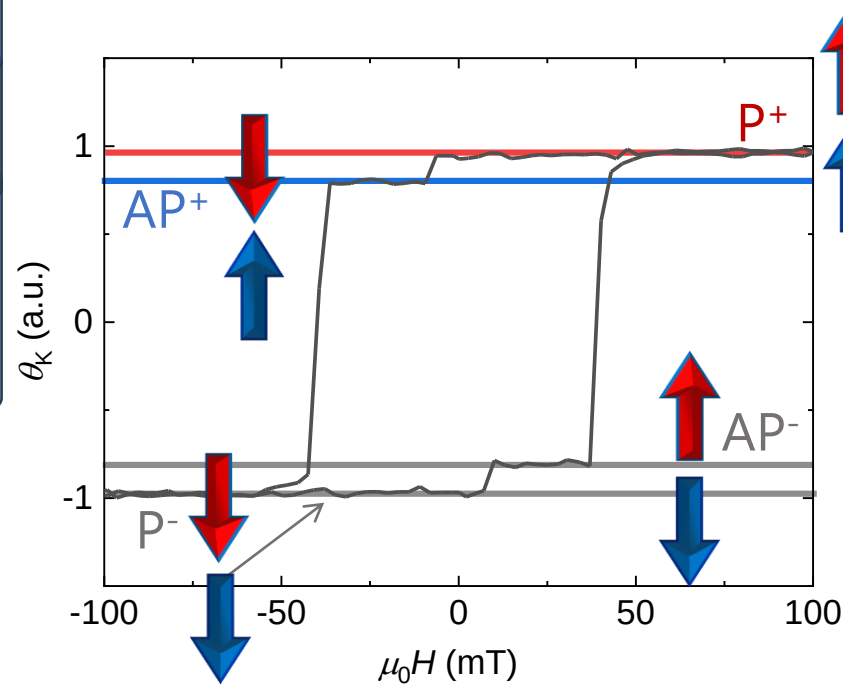
- Current Vs Light Induced switching
- Light Induced switching : demagnetization driven switching
- Experimental results showing:
single pulse – ultra-fast – deterministic –low energy switching
- Conclusions

[Co/Pt] / Cu(t nm) / [Co/Pt]

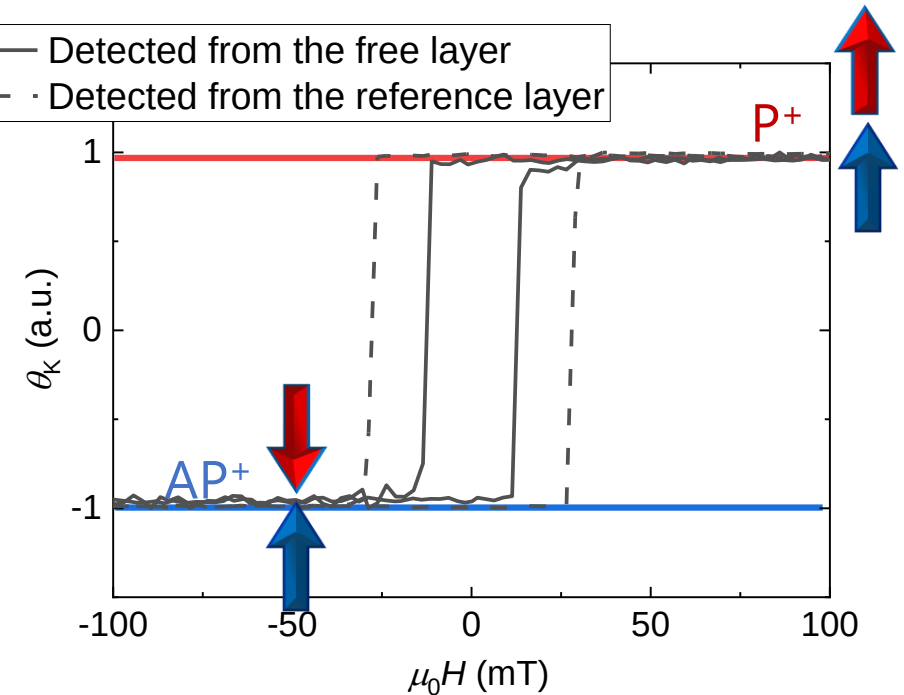
[Co(0,6nm)/Pt(1nm)]x2



$t_{\text{Cu}} = 10 \text{ nm}$
(Detected from the ref)

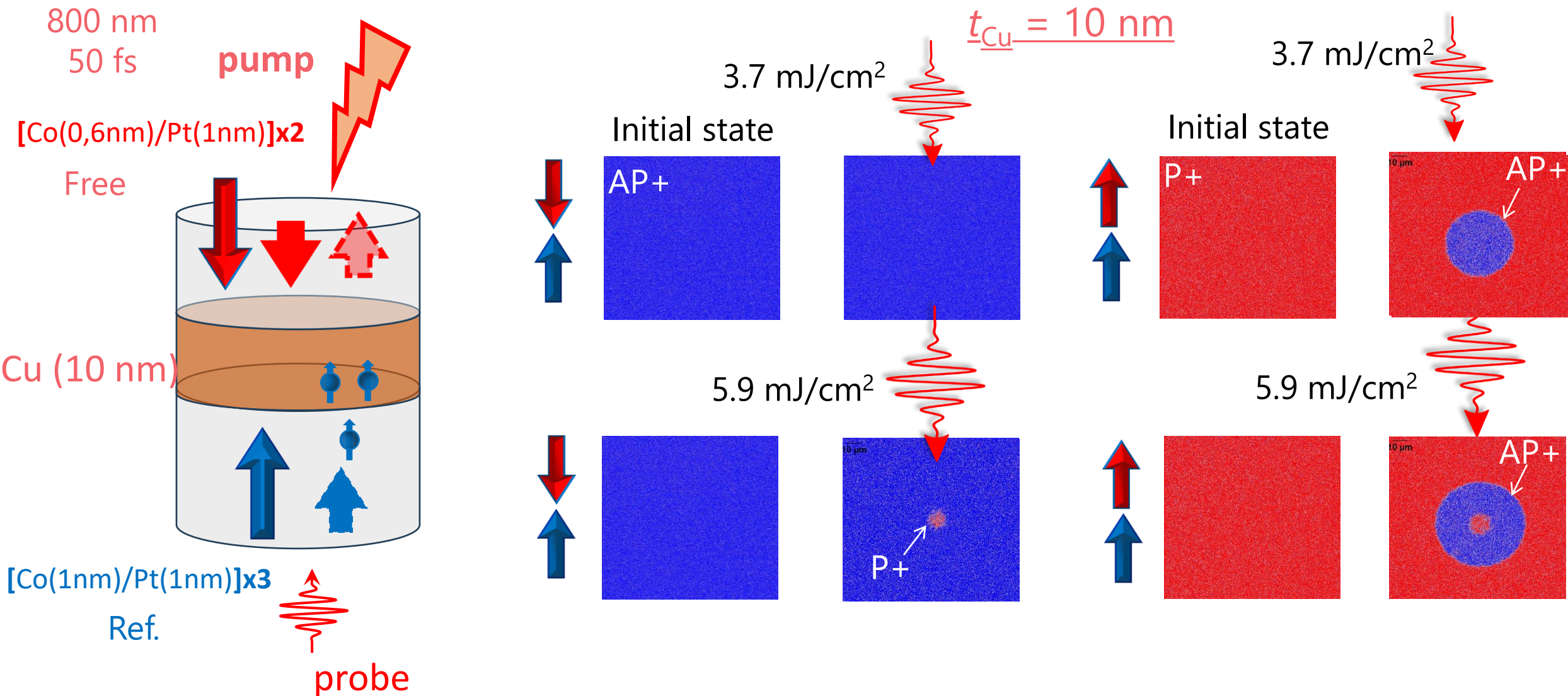


$t_{\text{Cu}} = 80 \text{ nm}$

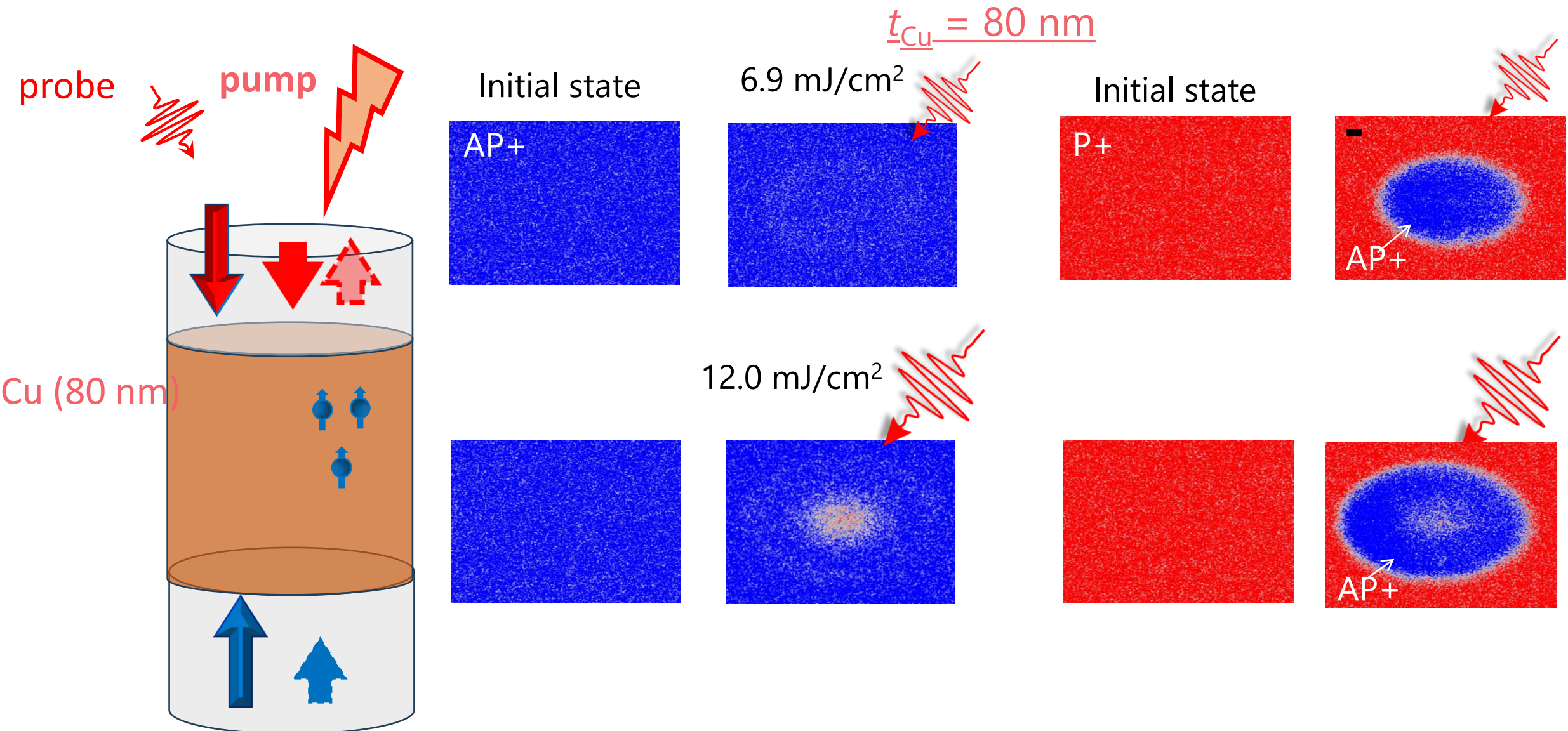


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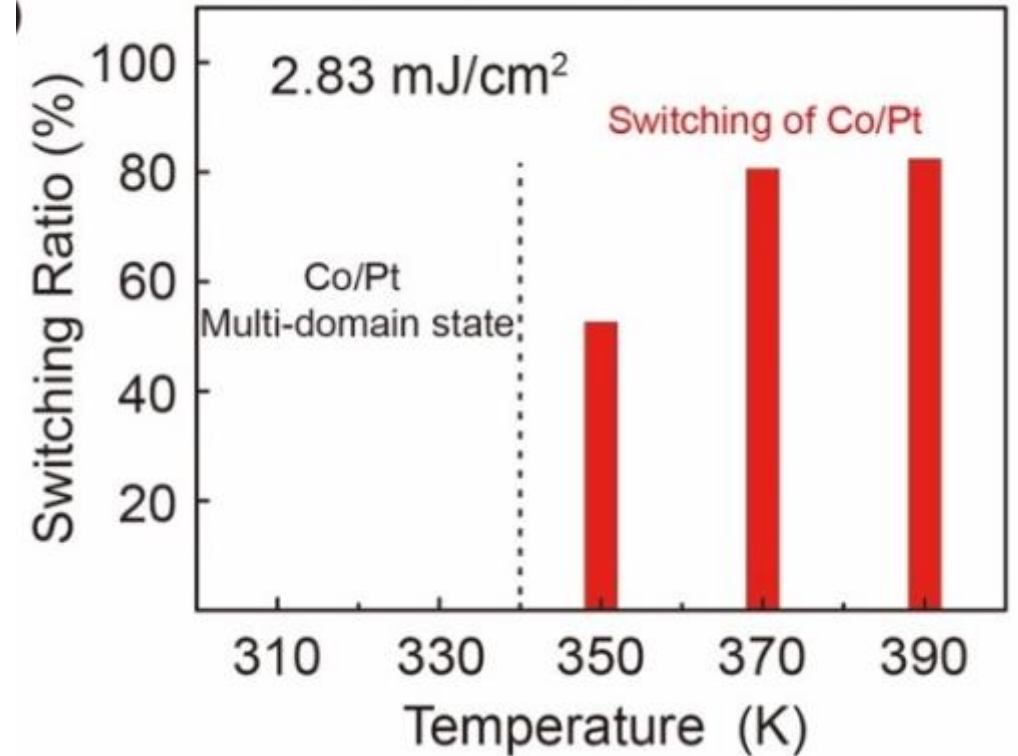
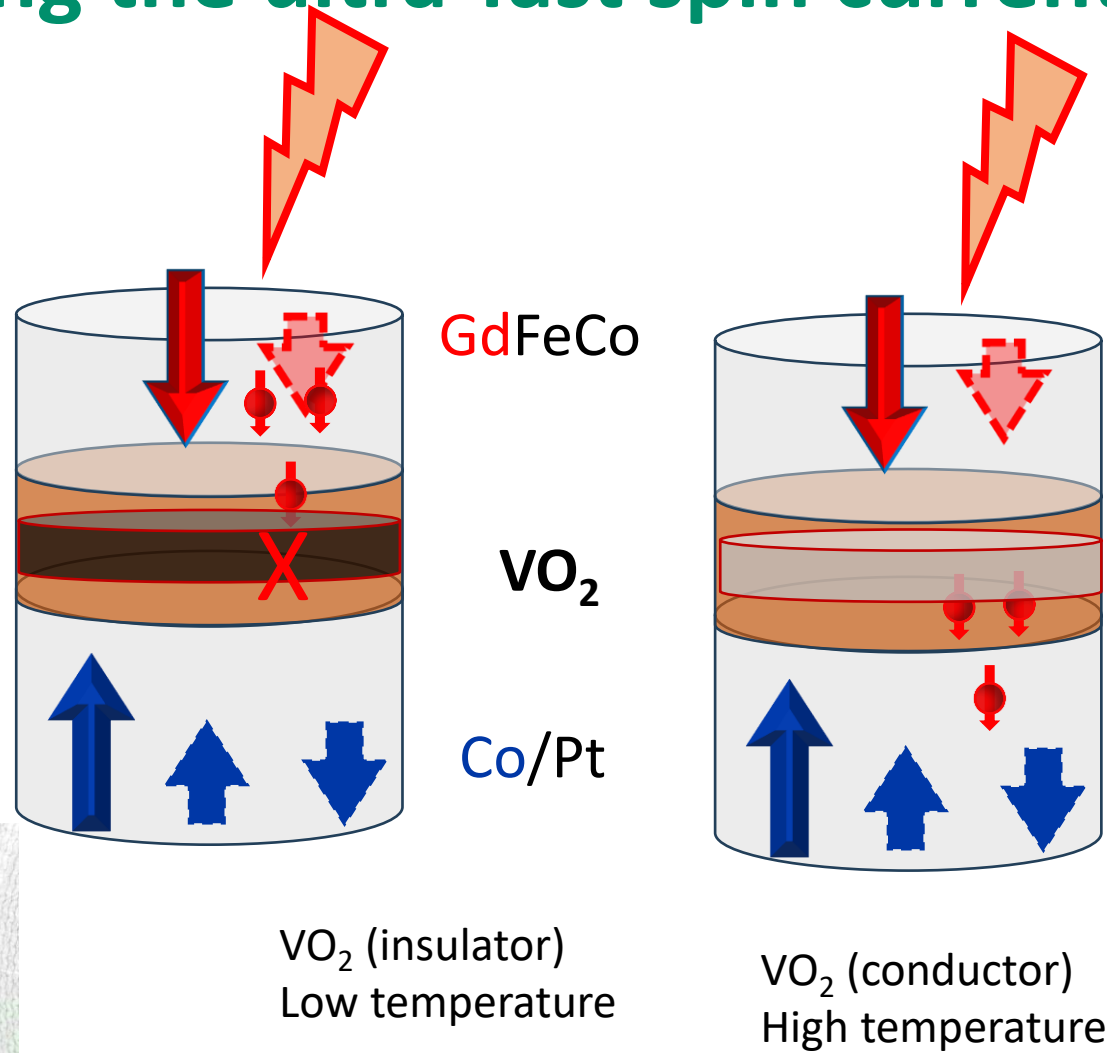
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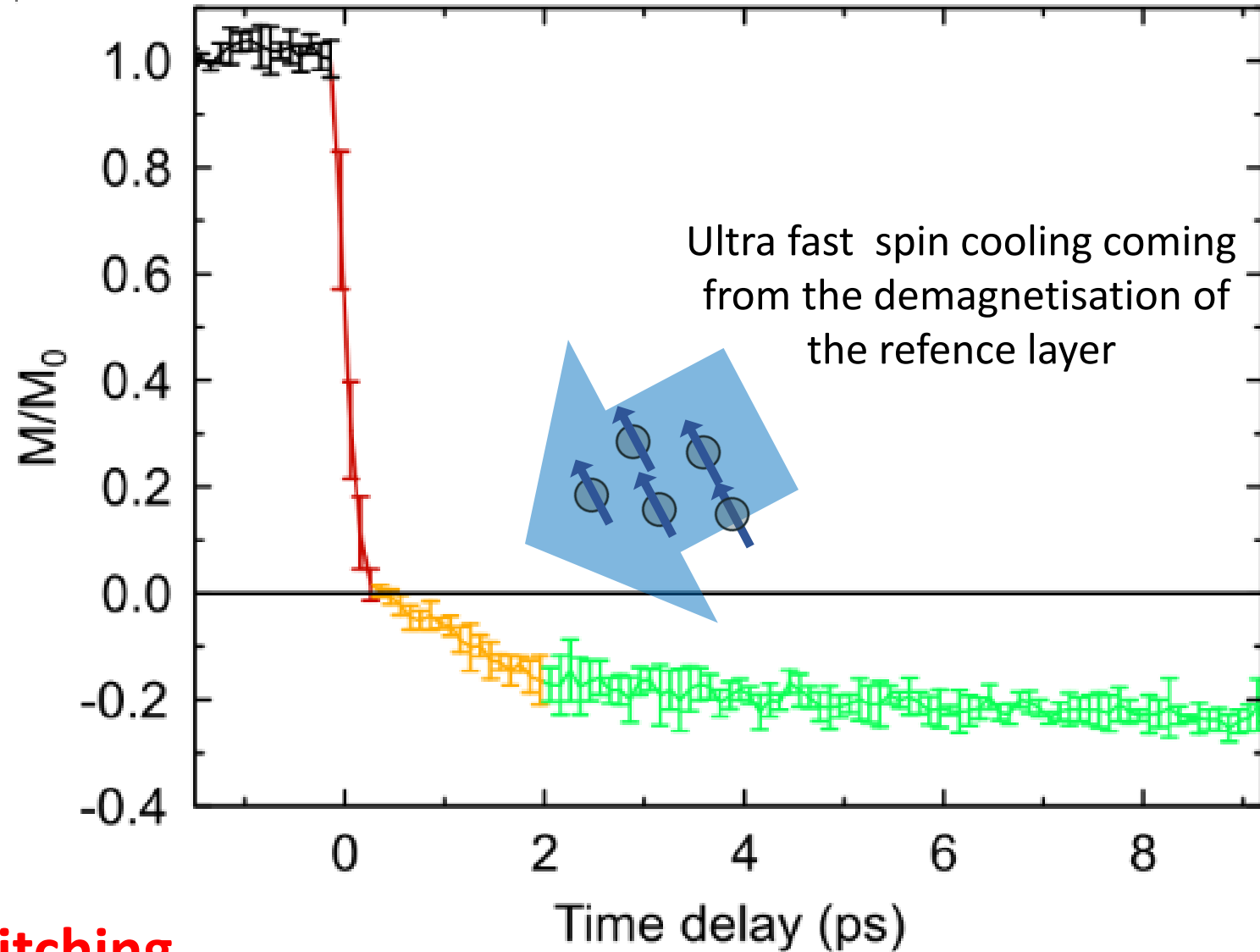
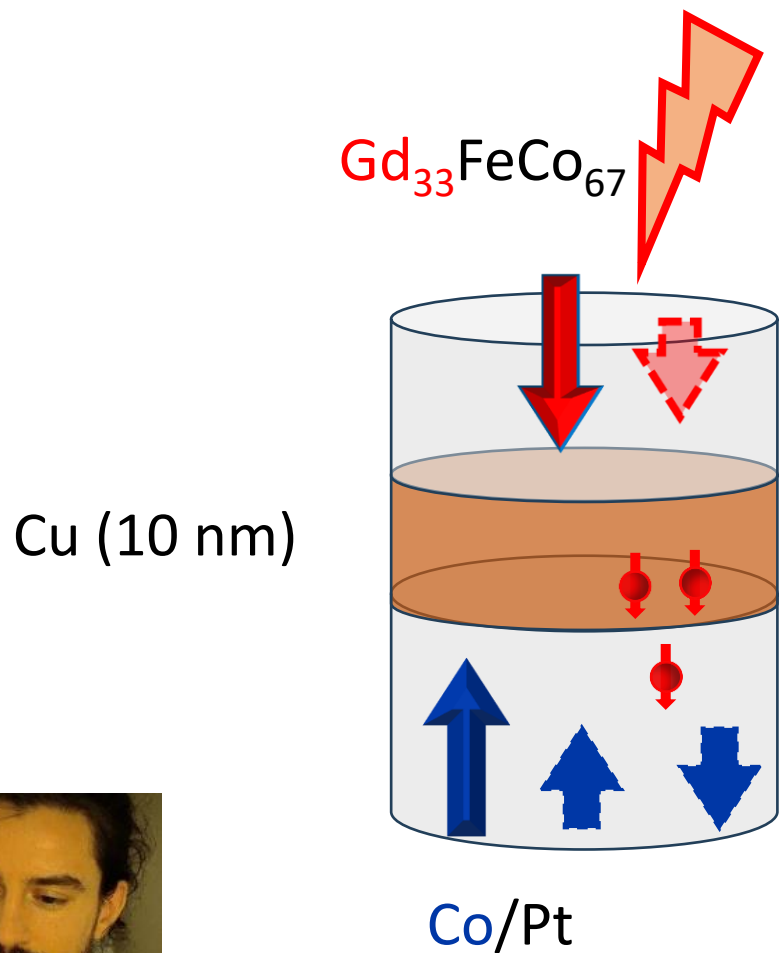
Stopping the ultra-fast spin current



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Ultra-fast magnetisation switching AP to P

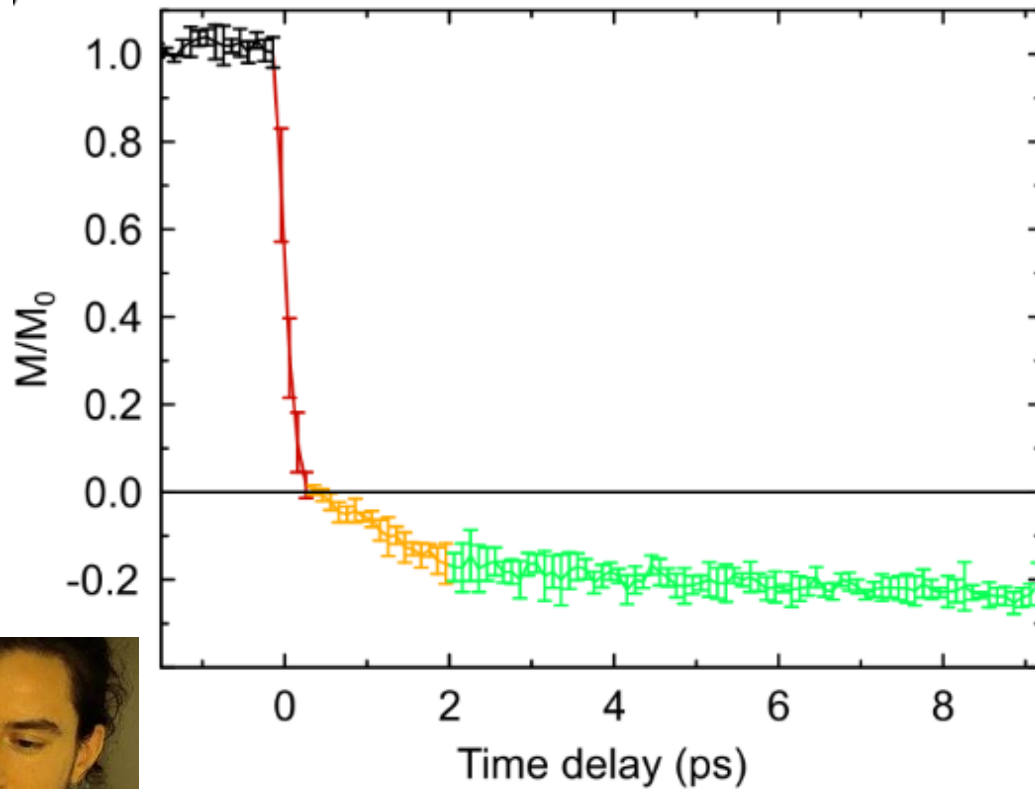


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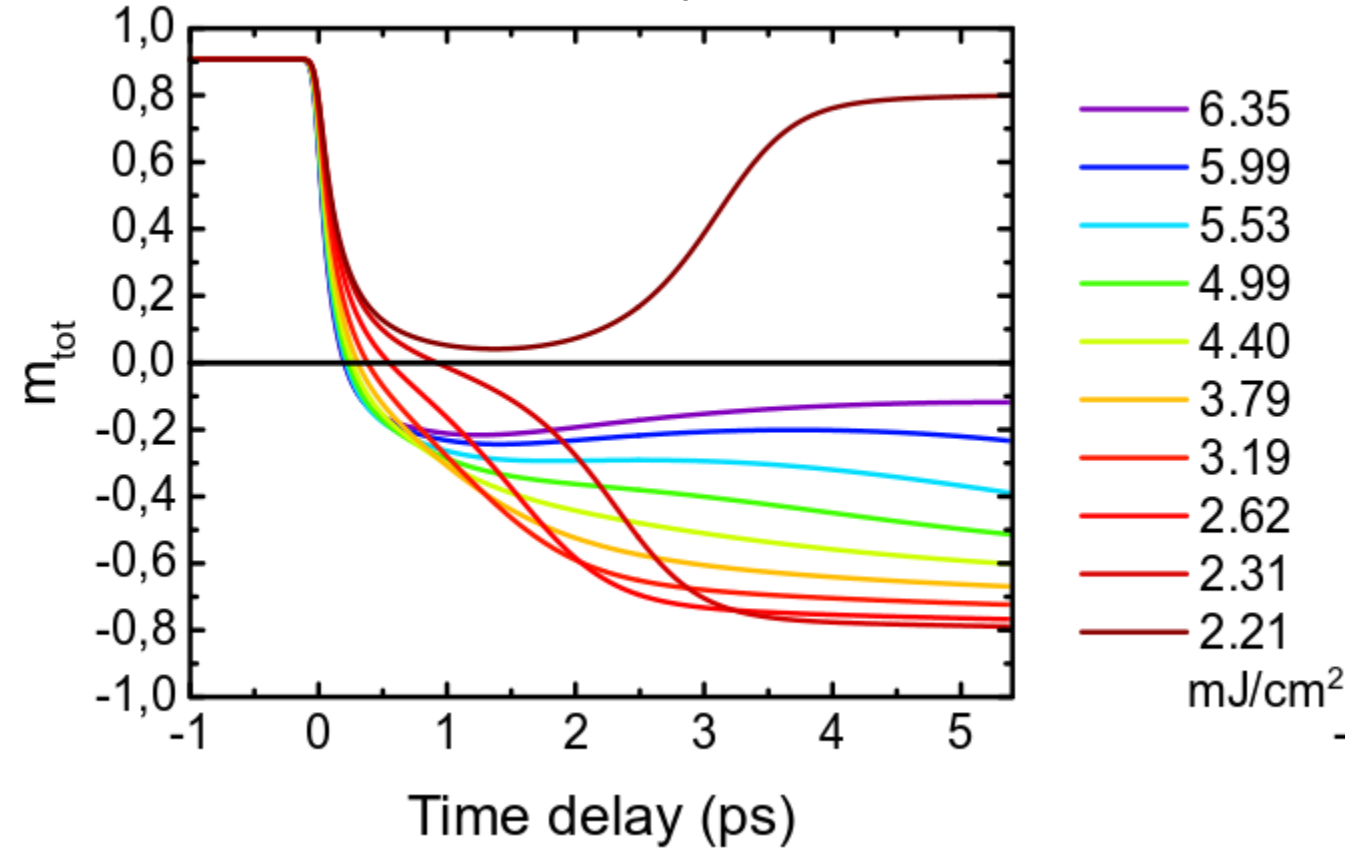
Ultra-fast switching

Ultra-fast magnetisation switching

Experiment



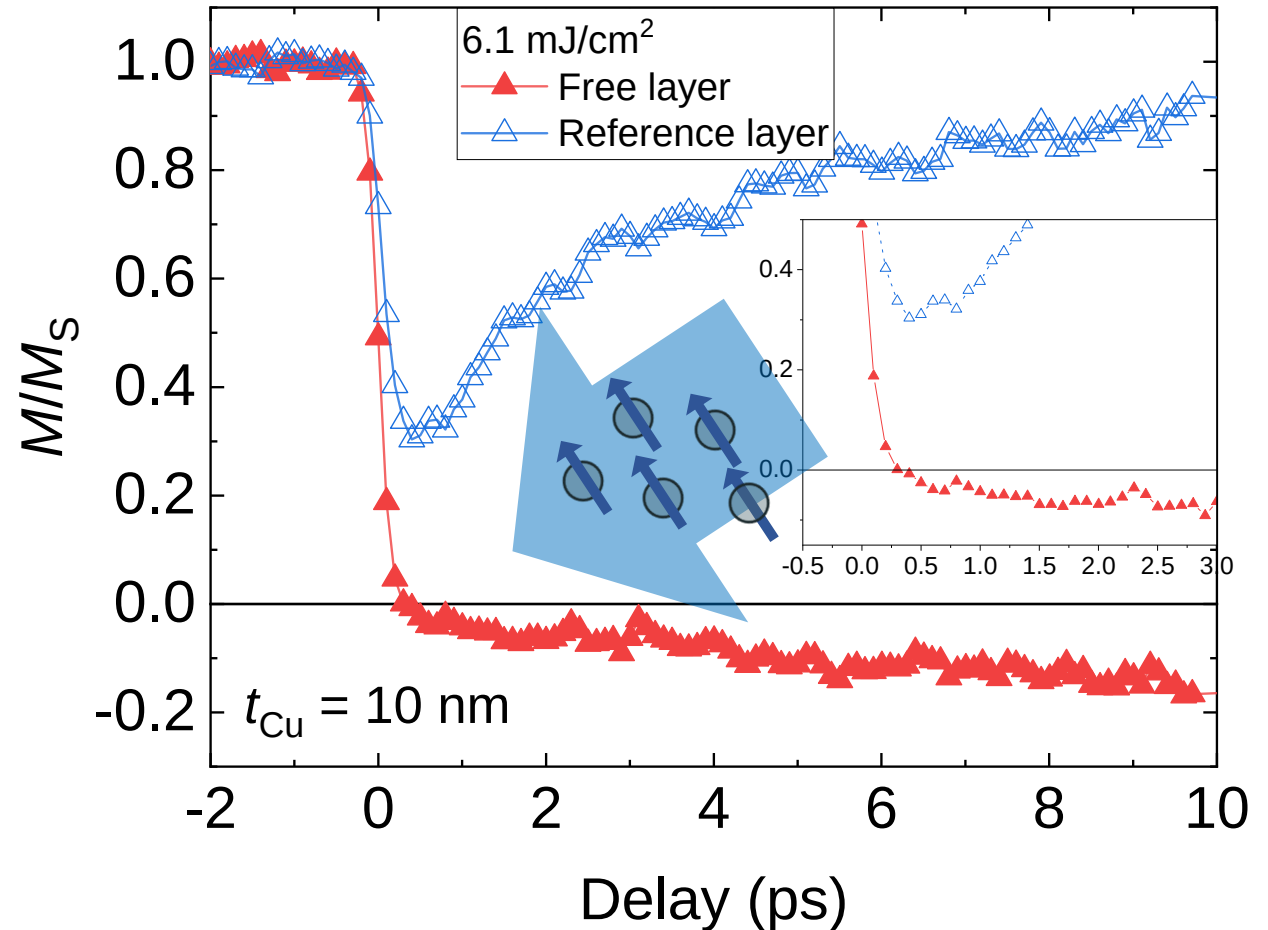
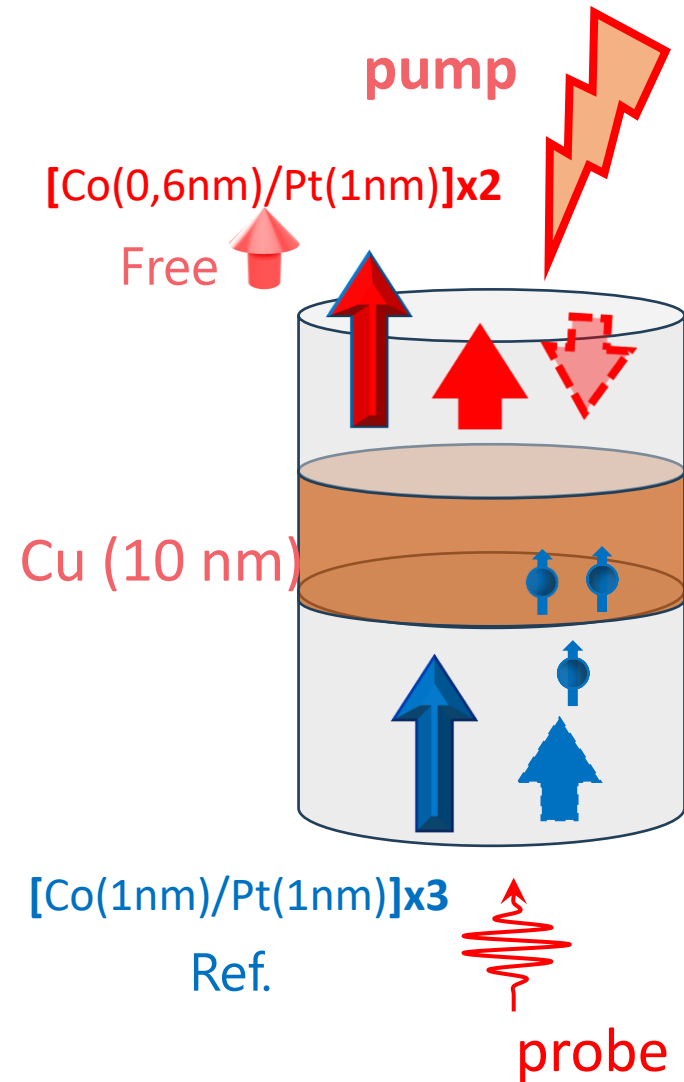
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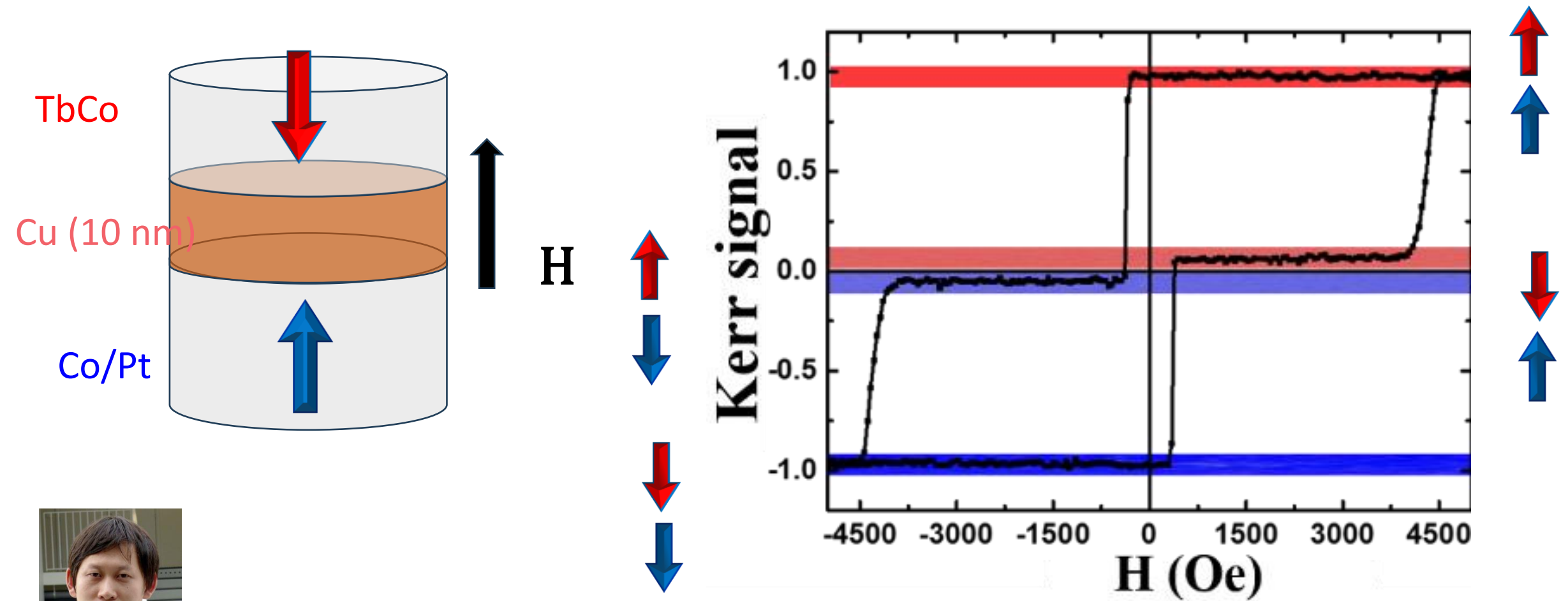
Ultra fast spin cooling coming from the remagnetisation of the refence layer



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Deterministic Switching in TbCo/Cu/[Co/Pt]

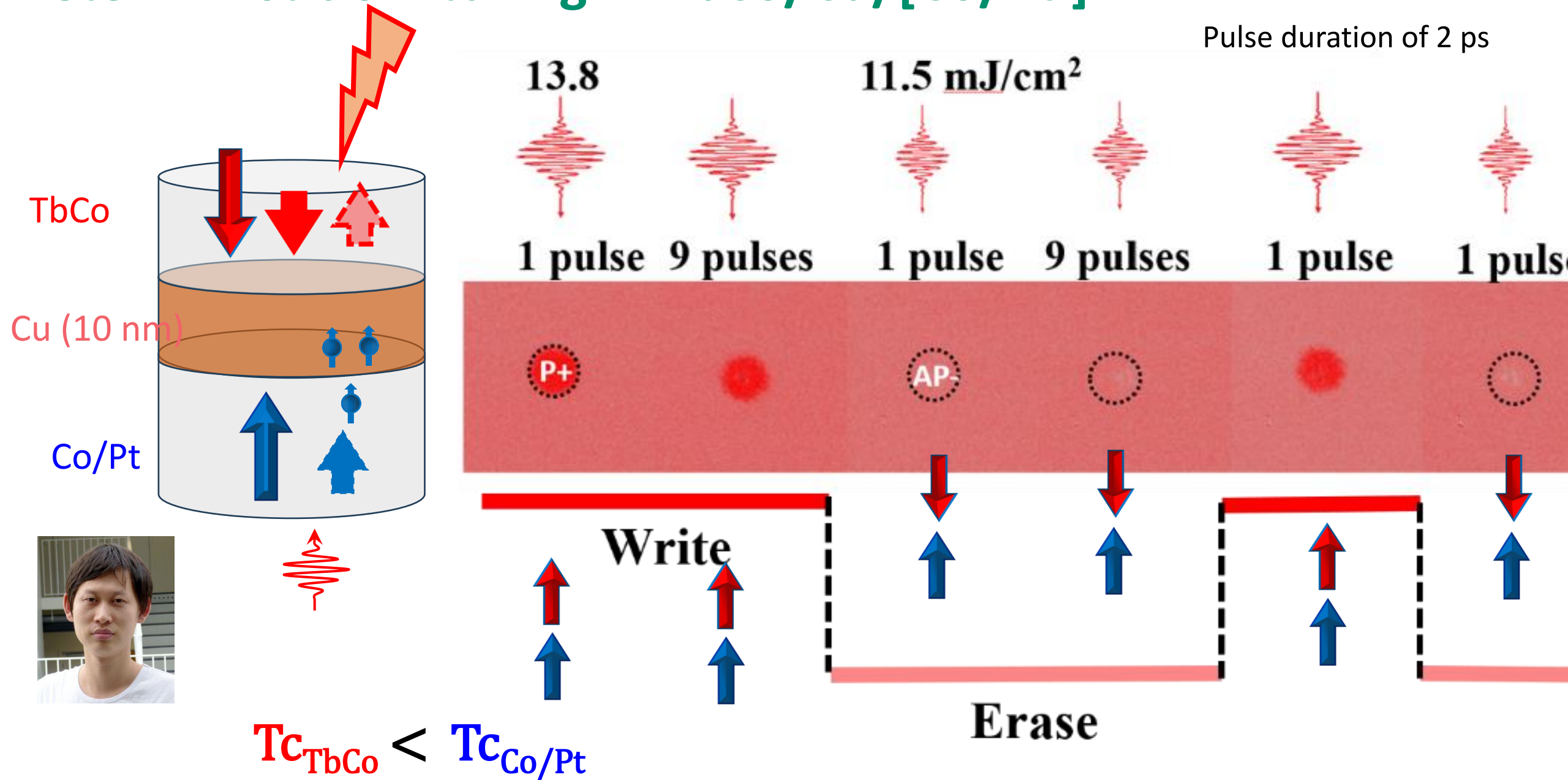


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$$H_{\text{TbCo}} \gg H_{\text{Co/Pt}}$$

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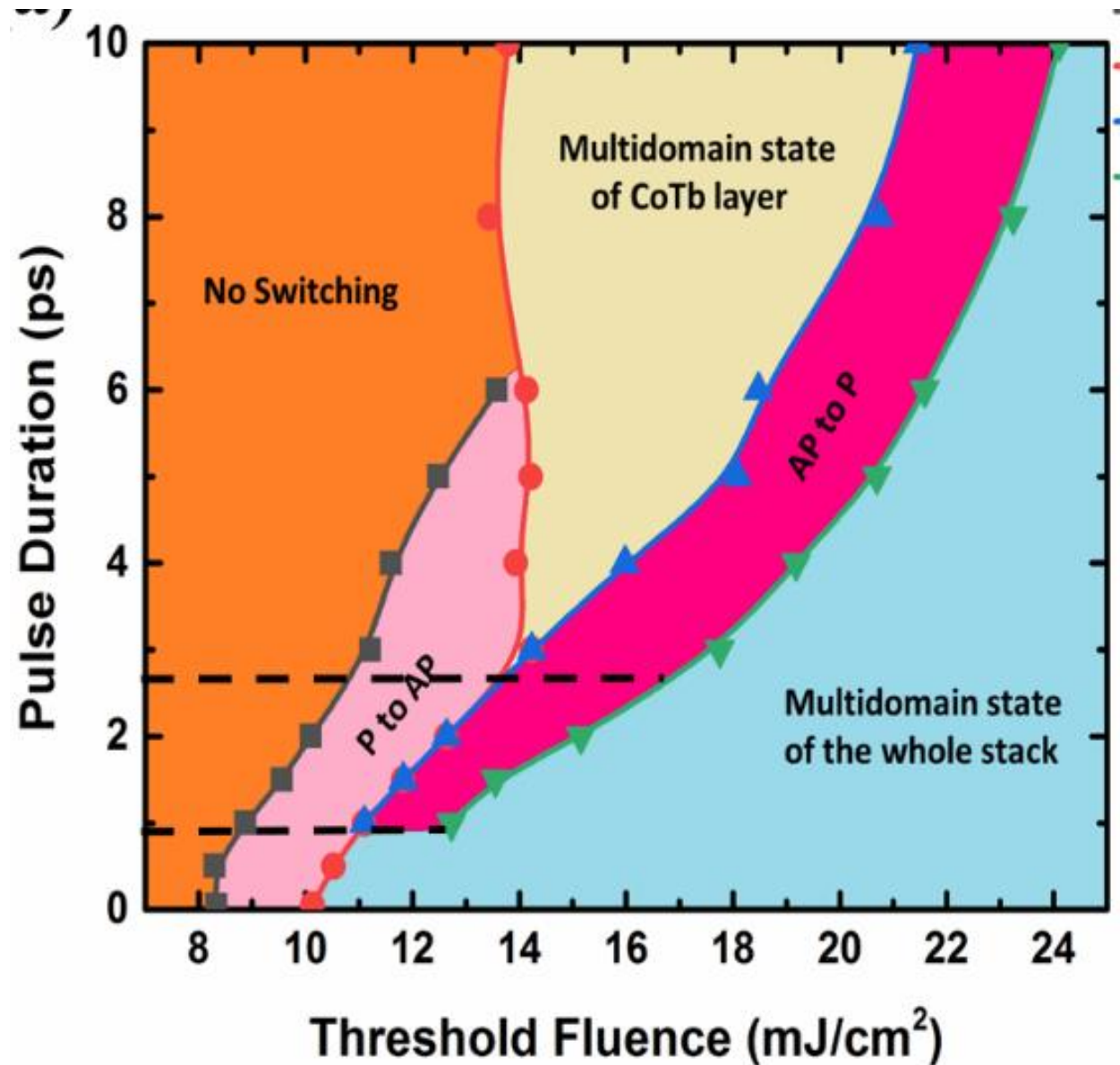
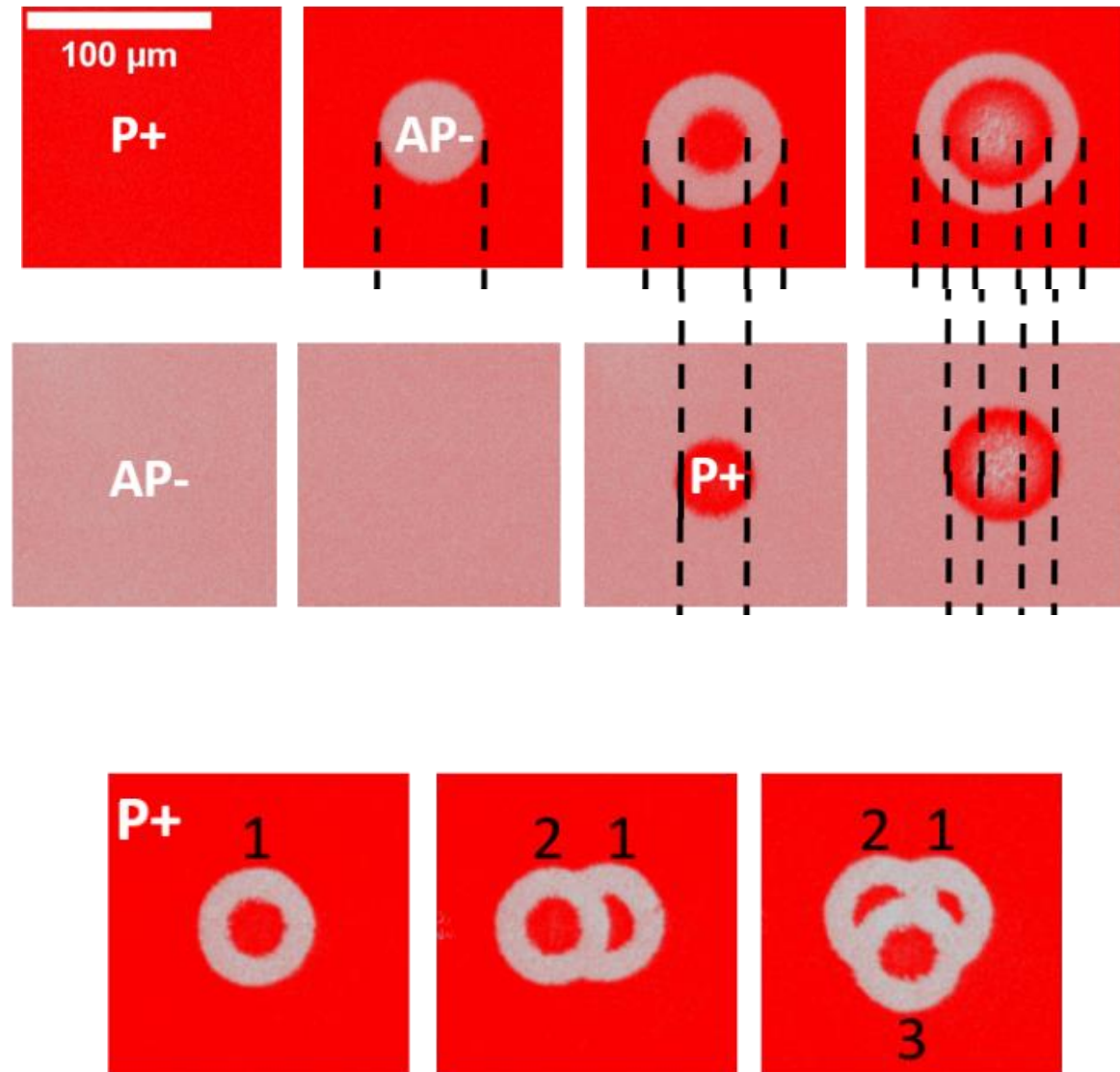
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Pulse duration of 2 ps

$F = 11.5$

13.8

15.8 mJ/cm²



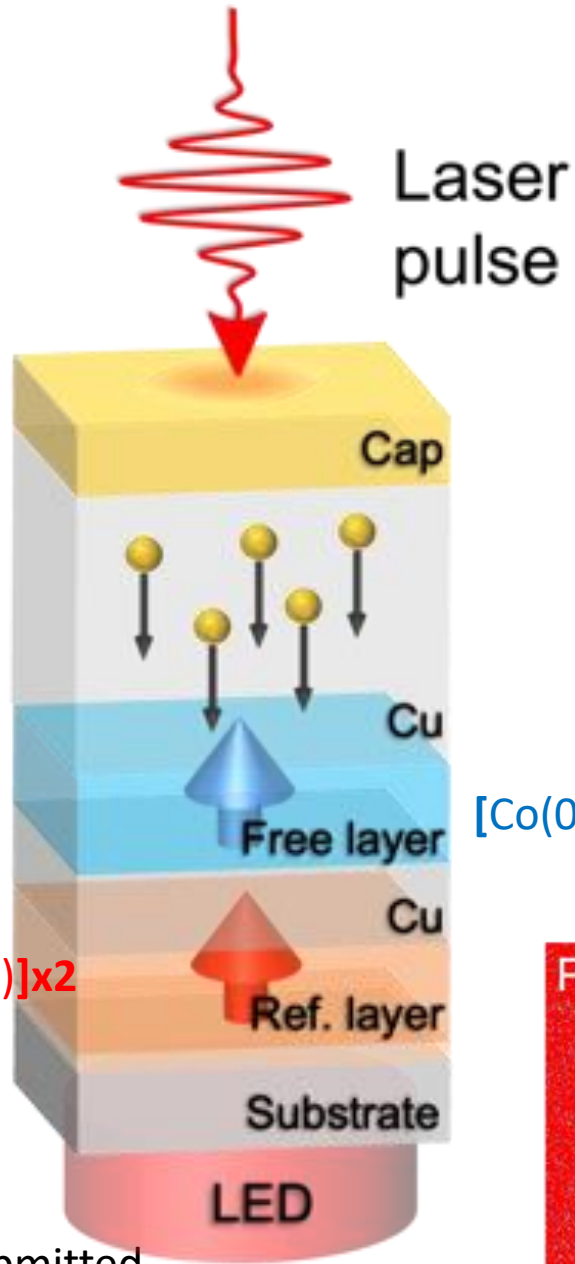
Light induced switching ?



Kazuaki Ishibashi

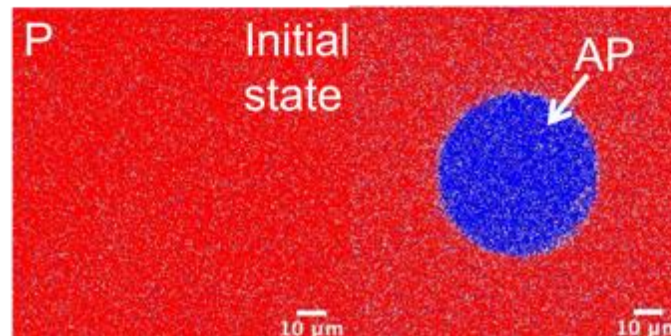
[Co(0.6nm)/Pt(1nm)]x2

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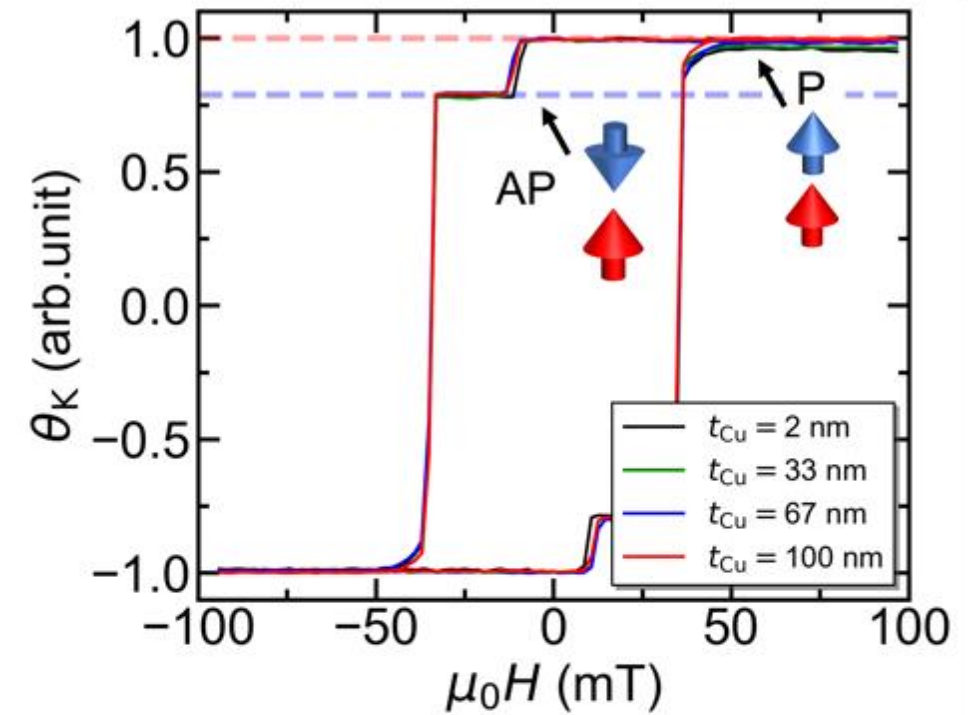
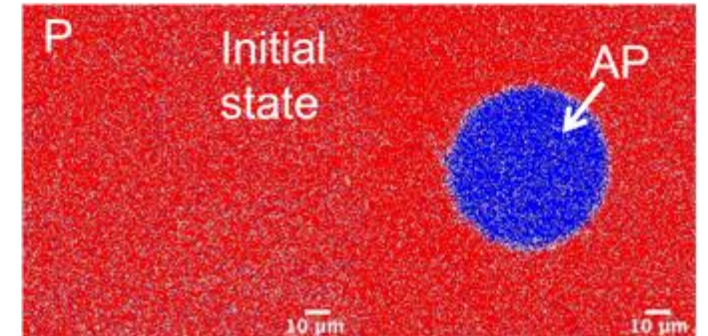


[Co(0.6nm)/Pt(1nm)]x2

$t_{Cu} = 2 \text{ nm}$



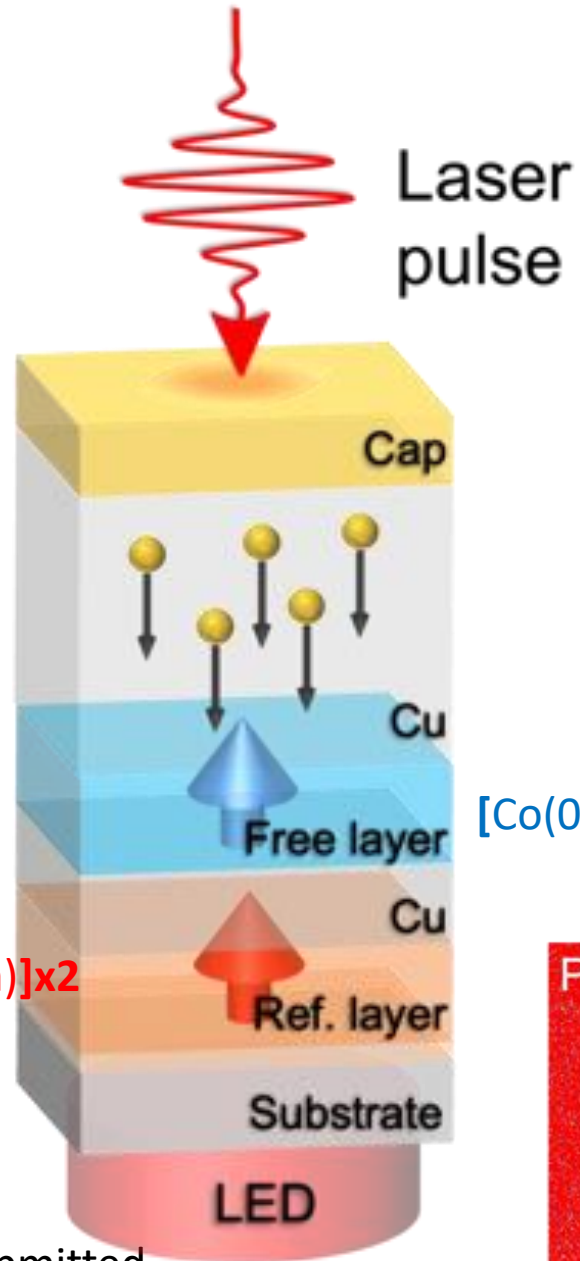
(d) $t_{Cu} = 100 \text{ nm}$



Light induced switching : heat induced switching

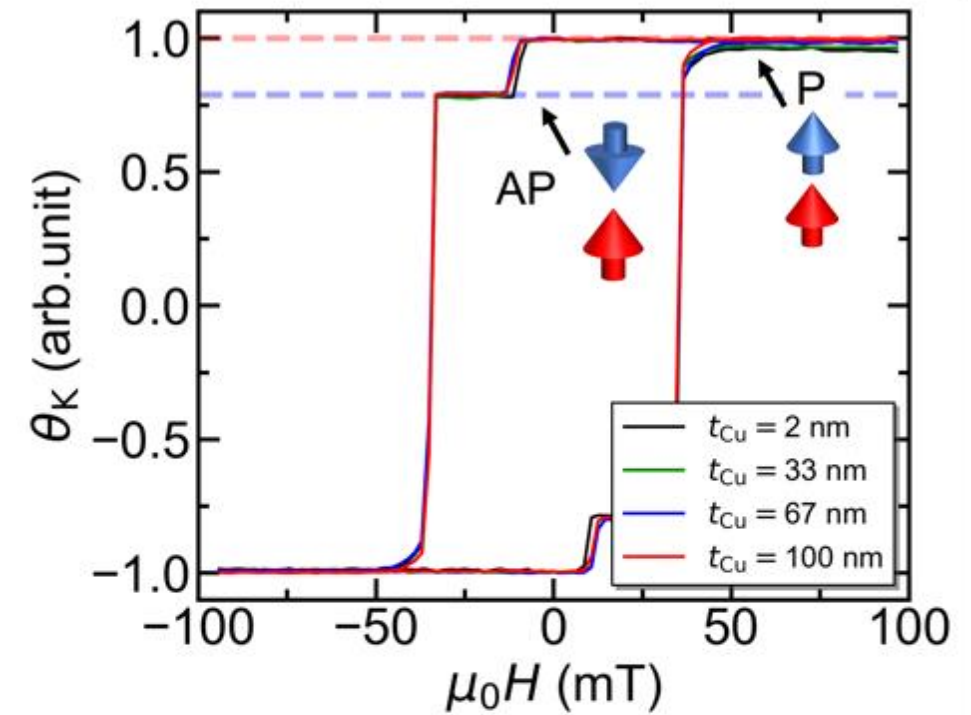


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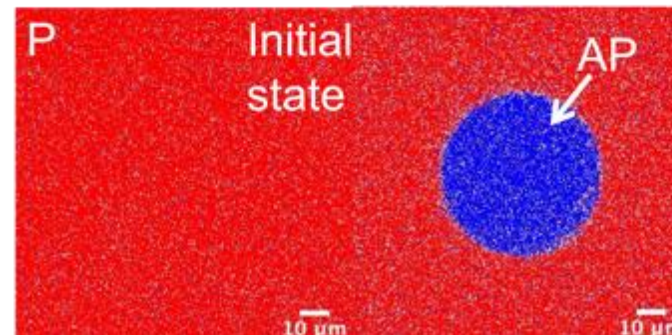


[Co(0.6nm)/Pt(1nm)]x2

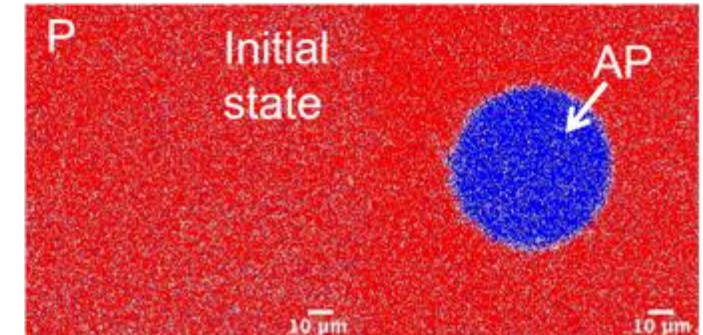
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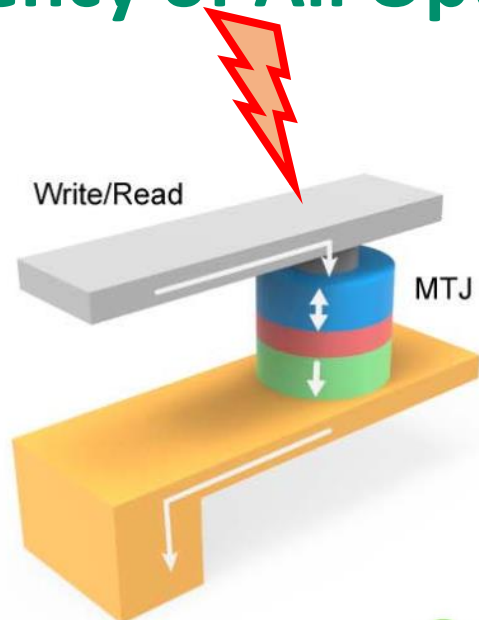
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(d) $t_{Cu} = 100 \text{ nm}$



Efficiency of All Optical Switching M-RAM



Switching time: 1ps ✓

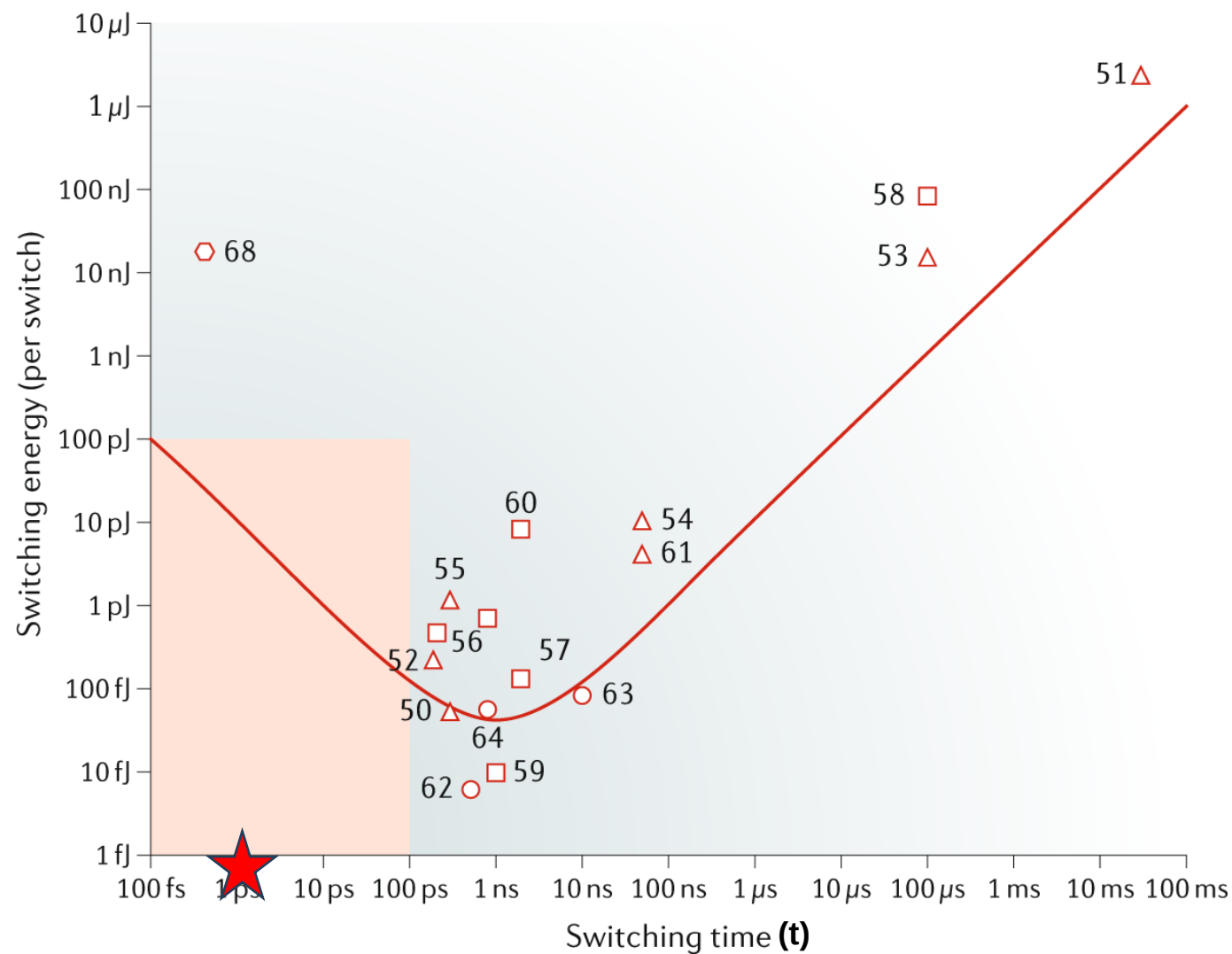
Fluence = 10 mJ/cm²

Device area = 10 nm × 10 nm = 10⁻¹⁰ cm²

Energy = 1fJ/bit ✓

Threshold Fluence : T_c ✓

Thermal Stability : ΔU ✓

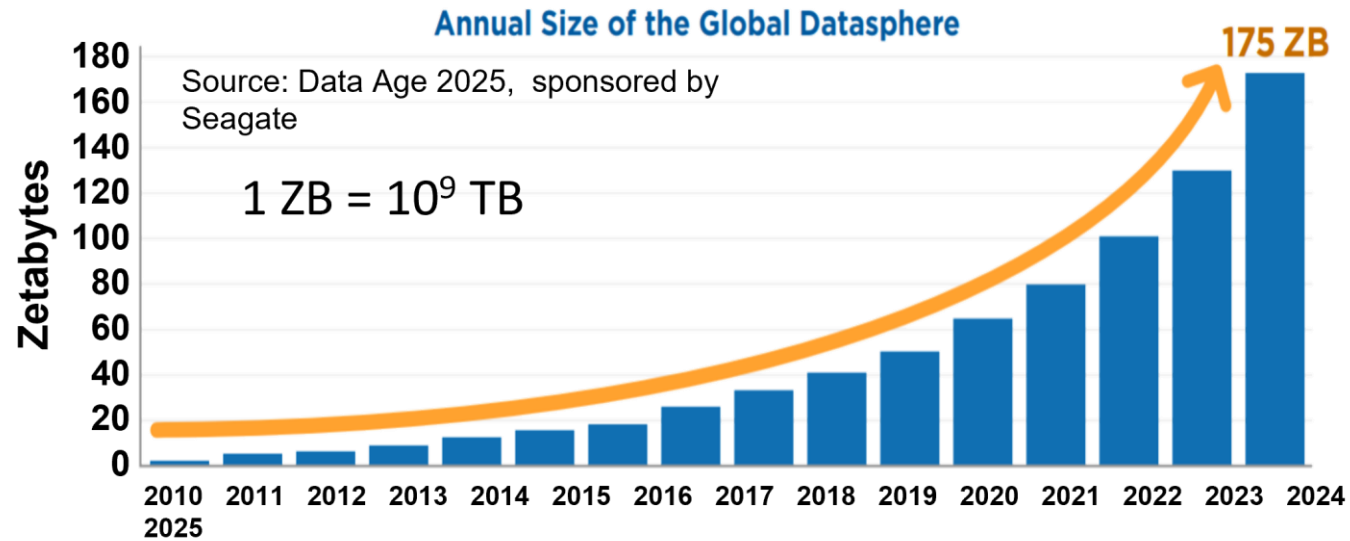


Will it work for small devices ?

Conclusions

- single pulse – Ultra-fast – deterministic –low energy switching
- Switching driven by fast demagnetization or remagnetization
- Synchronization $N_{\text{spin}}(t) > \Delta M(t)$
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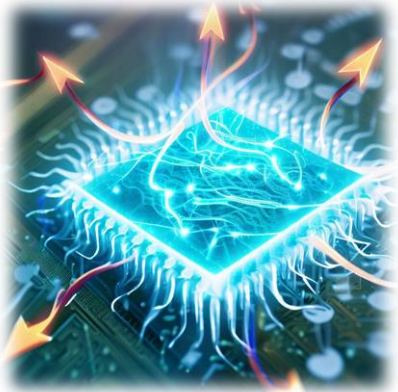
Digital world : A growing energy cost



Artificial Intelligence

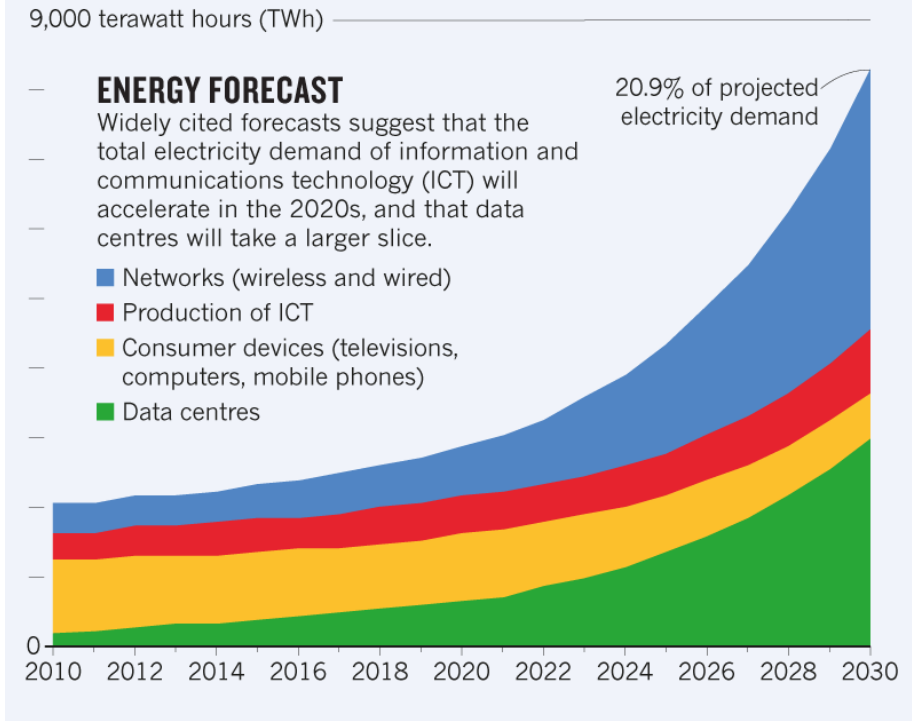
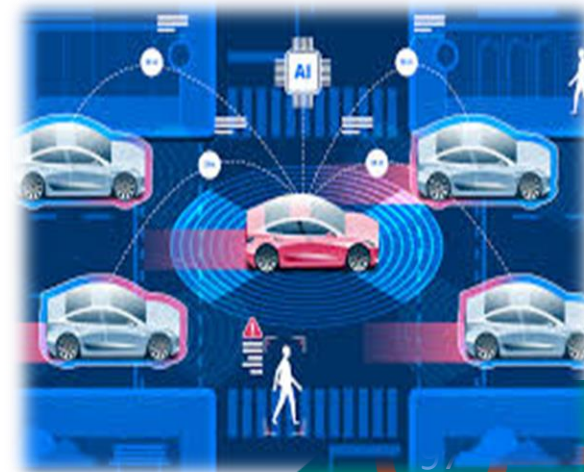
Creating an image with AI: a few Wh vs 40 Wh (laptop battery).

Training Google PALM: 3.5 GWh $\approx$ 20,000 years of human brain activity.



Autonomous vehicle

If 95% of the car fleet will be autonomous by 2050, the efficiency of digital components will need to double every 18 months to maintain carbon emissions at the current level.



Non volatile



Non Volatile

MRAM

Needs NO Energy to be maintain



Volatile

DRAM
SRAM

Needs Energy to be maintain

Memory

Logic

Sensors

Computing

Energy

RF devices



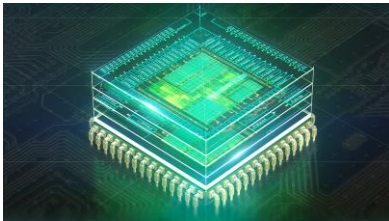
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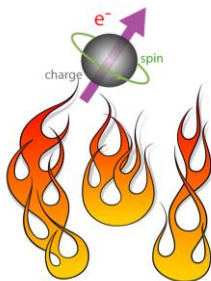
Magnetic logic



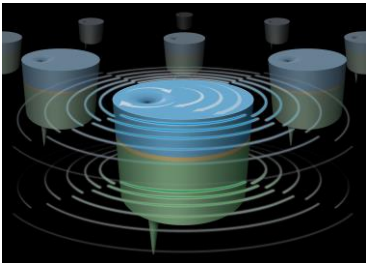
Magnetic sensors



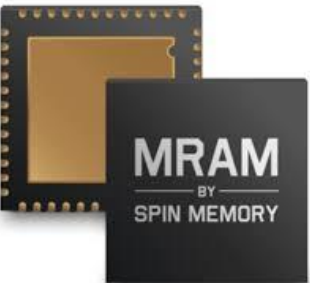
Probabilistic Computing



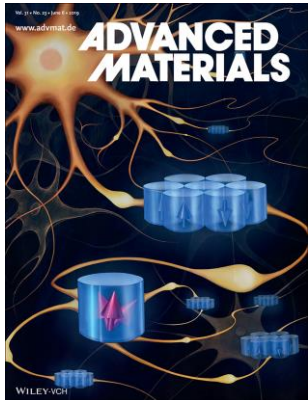
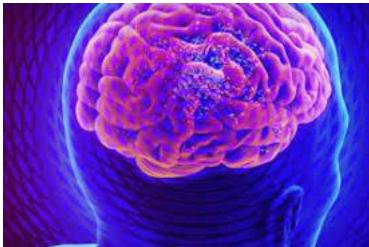
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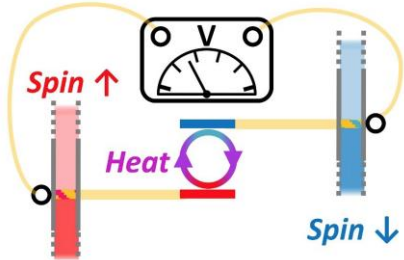
Magnetic nano-oscillators



Magnetic Random Access Memory



Neuromorphic computing



Spin driven electrical power generation

Spintronic

Interaction between : **Electron Spin** $\longleftrightarrow$

magnetization

Influence of magnetization on electron spin

GMR

TMR

Spin precession

Small current density

Influence of electron spin on magnetization

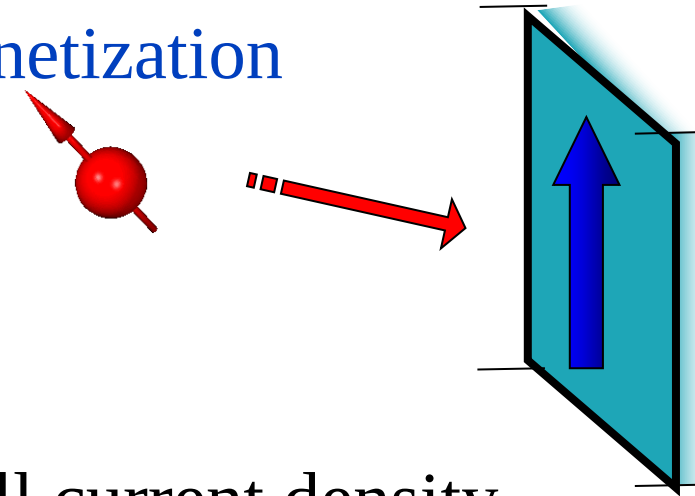
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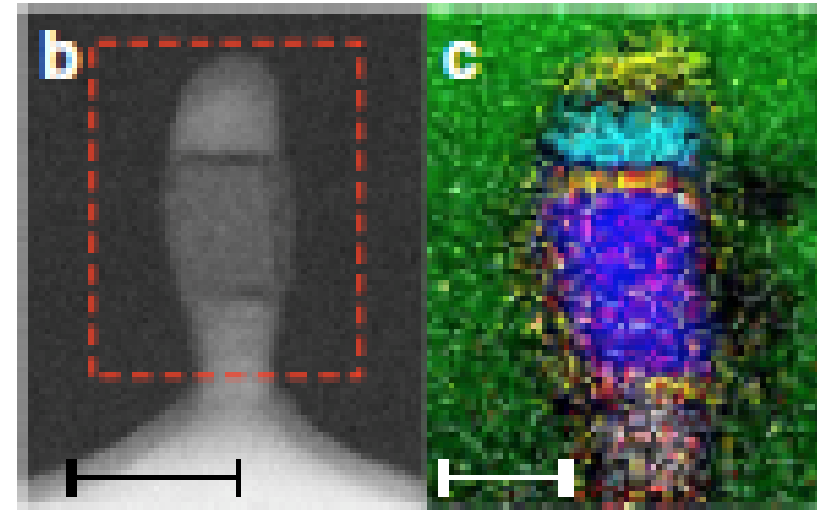
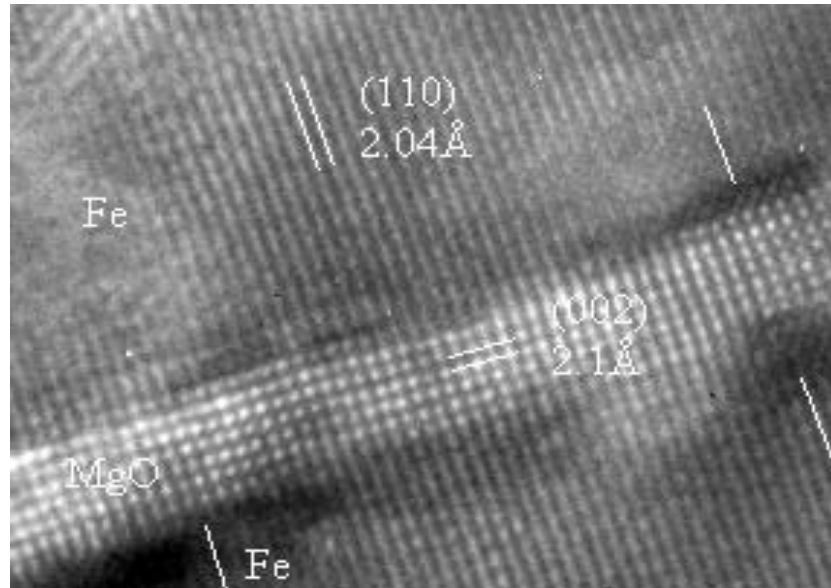
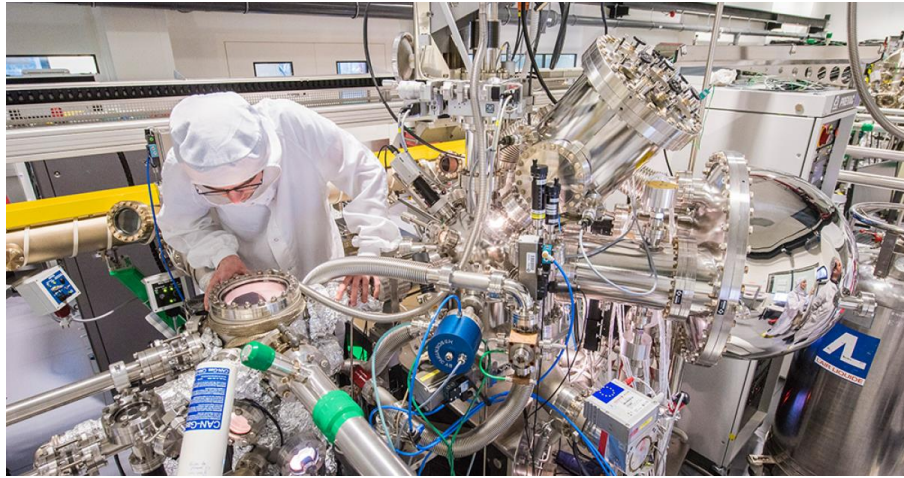
Large current density

Need to understand the transfer of angular momentum

$$\frac{dL_M}{dt} \longleftrightarrow \frac{dL_S}{dt}$$



Requires nano-technologies



Classical approach

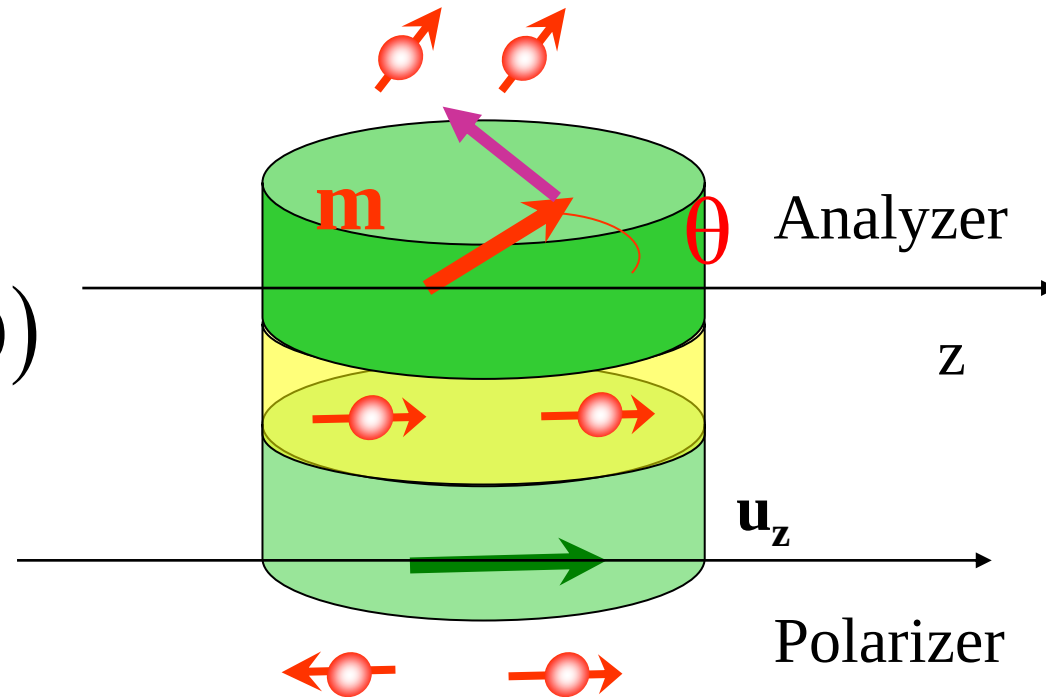
$$N = \frac{Idt}{e}$$

$$\Delta m_e^\perp = P_i g \mu_B (\sin \theta)$$

$$-\Delta L_e = \frac{1}{\gamma_0} \frac{Idt}{e} P_i g \mu_B (\sin \theta)$$

Newton second law

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$



$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}_e}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_0} \frac{IP_i g \mu_B}{e} (\mathbf{m} \wedge (\mathbf{m} \wedge \mathbf{u}_z))$$

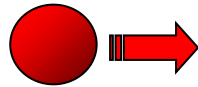
Quantum Mechanic approach

Number

$$n = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma} \psi_{i\sigma}^* \psi_{i\sigma}$$



$$\mathbf{j} = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\hat{\mathbf{v}}] \psi_{i\sigma}$$



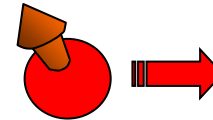
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{j}$$

Spin

$$\mathbf{m} = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\mathbf{s}_{\sigma,\sigma'}] \psi_{i\sigma'}$$



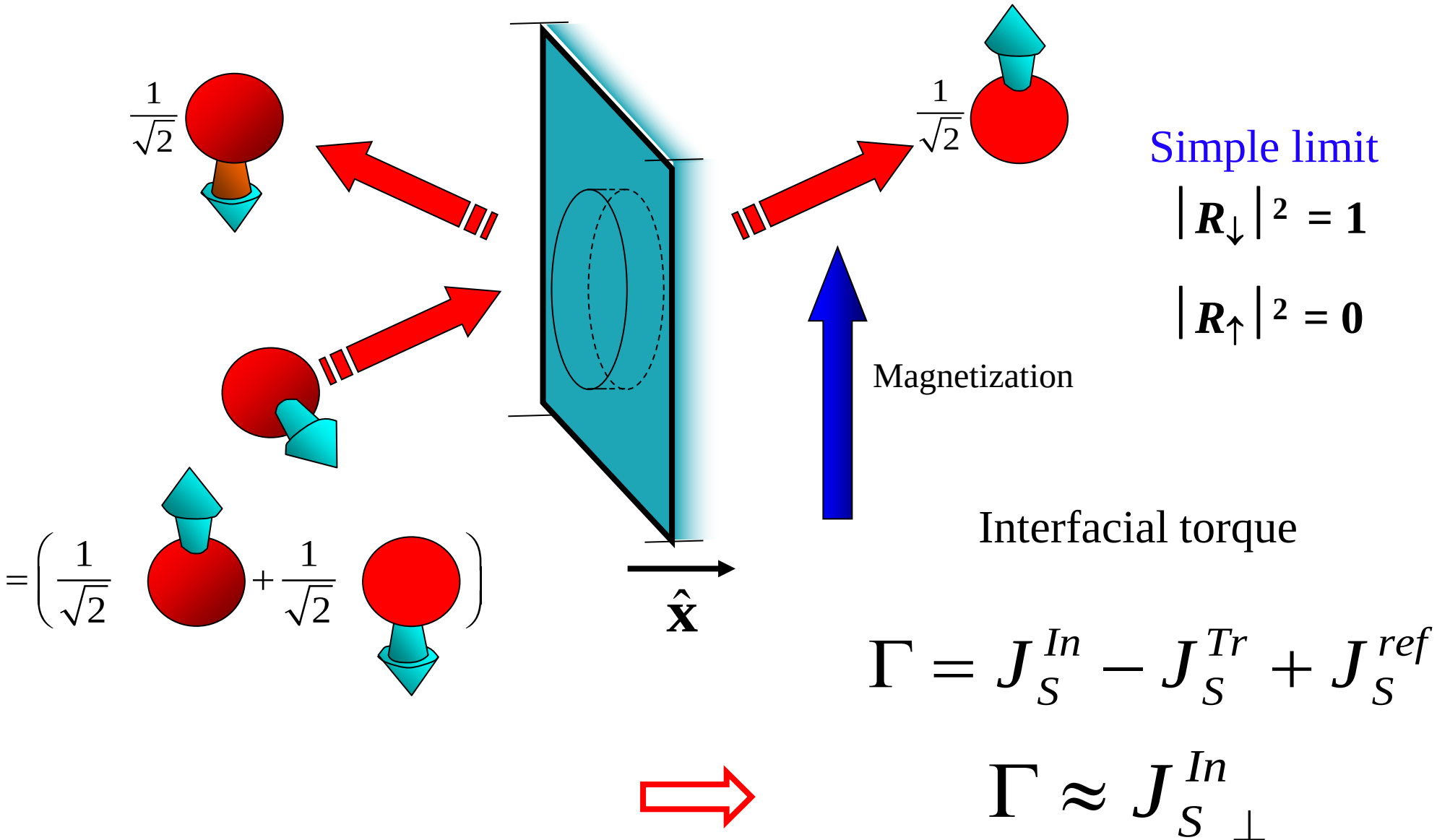
$$\mathbf{J}_S = \text{Re} \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} \psi_{i\sigma}^* [\mathbf{s}_{\sigma,\sigma'} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}}] \psi_{i\sigma'}$$



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{J}_S$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{J}_S + \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} + \text{damping}$$

Absorption of tranverse angular mt



Spin transfer Torque

Approximately:

- Interfacial
- Complete absorption of transverse spin current

For one dimension

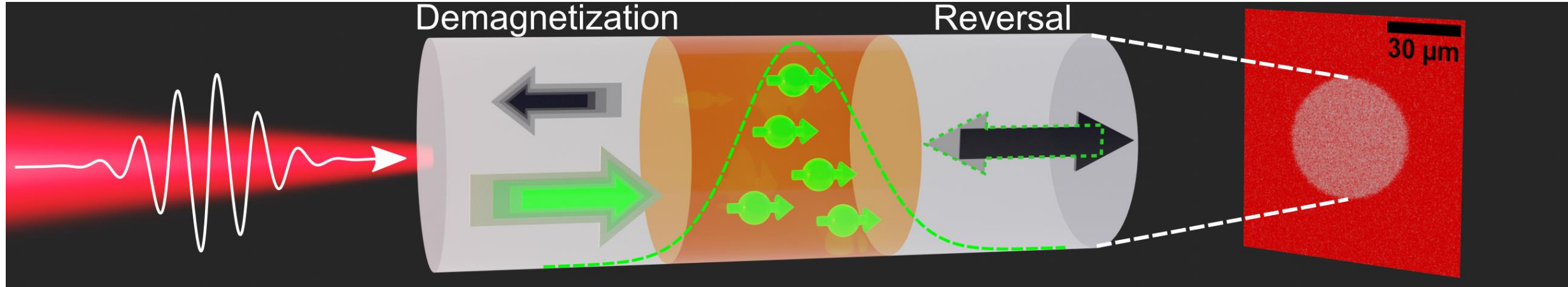
$$J_s = \frac{\hbar}{2} P \hat{\mathbf{s}} \otimes \mathbf{j}$$

$$J_{s\perp} = \frac{\hbar I}{2e} P [\hat{\mathbf{m}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{m}})]$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\hbar I}{2e} P [\hat{\mathbf{m}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{m}})]$$

Review: Stiles and Miltat, *Spin Dyn.in Confined Magn. Struct. III*, Springer 2005

Ultra-fast AOS in spintronic devices

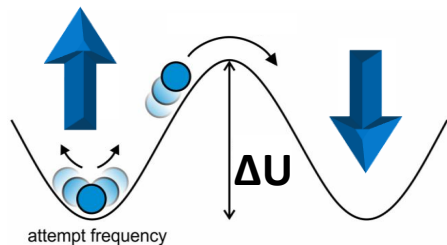
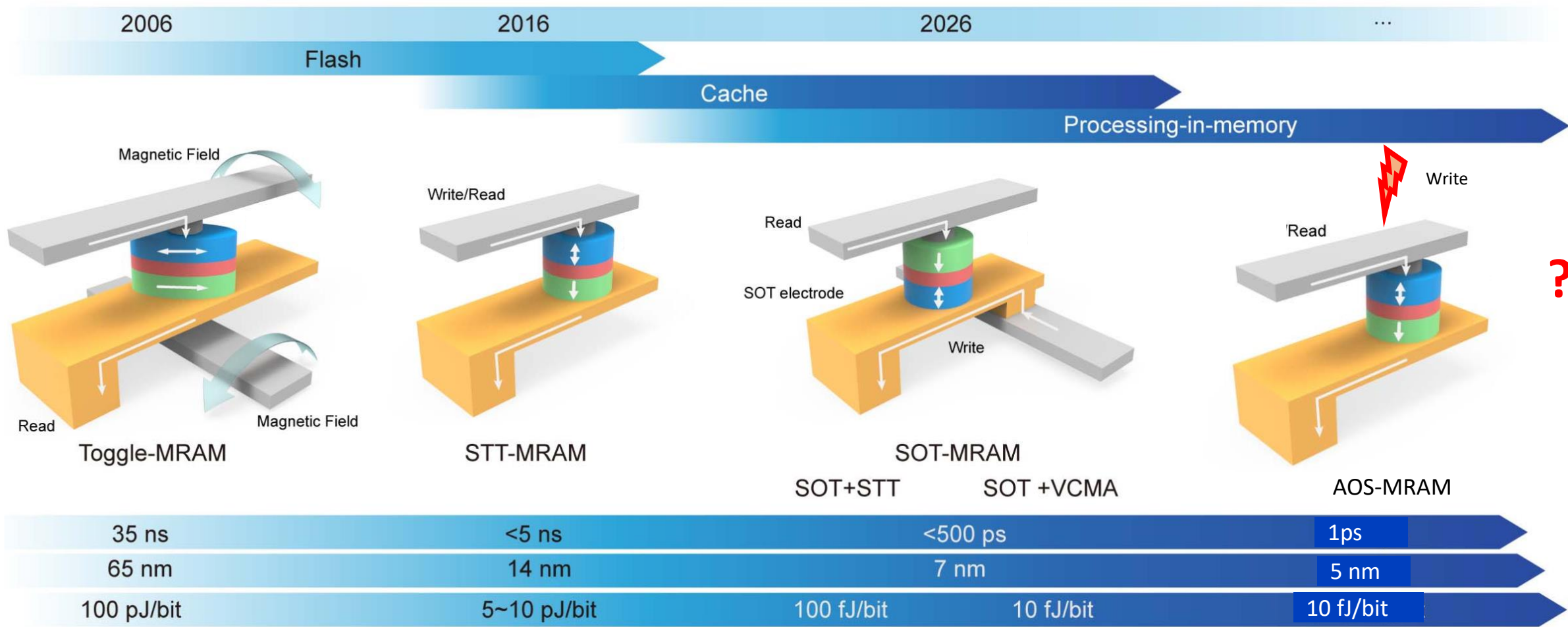


- 1 single ultra-short light pulse (50fs)
- Ultra-fast switching in less than 0.5 ps
- Deterministic and Controlled switching
- Energy efficient
- AP to P and P to AP switching
- Works for a large range of Materials

S. Iihama et al. Adv. Mater. **30**, 1804004 (2018)

Q. Remy et al Nature Com 14 (1), 445 (2023)

Toward AOS- MRAM ?



from Z. Guo et al, Proc. IEEE 2021

Thermal Stability given by $\Delta U = KV$

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