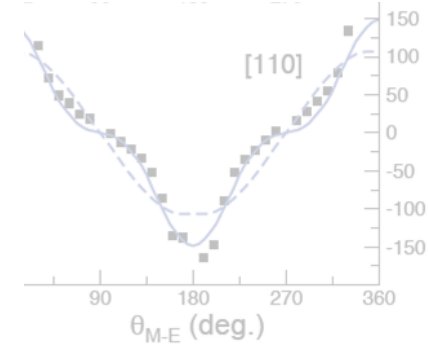
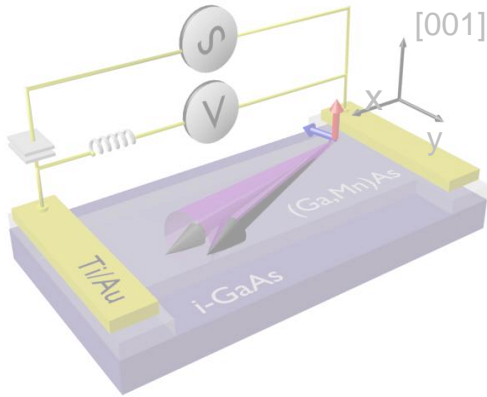


# Anti-damping intrinsic spin-orbit torque arising from Berry phase

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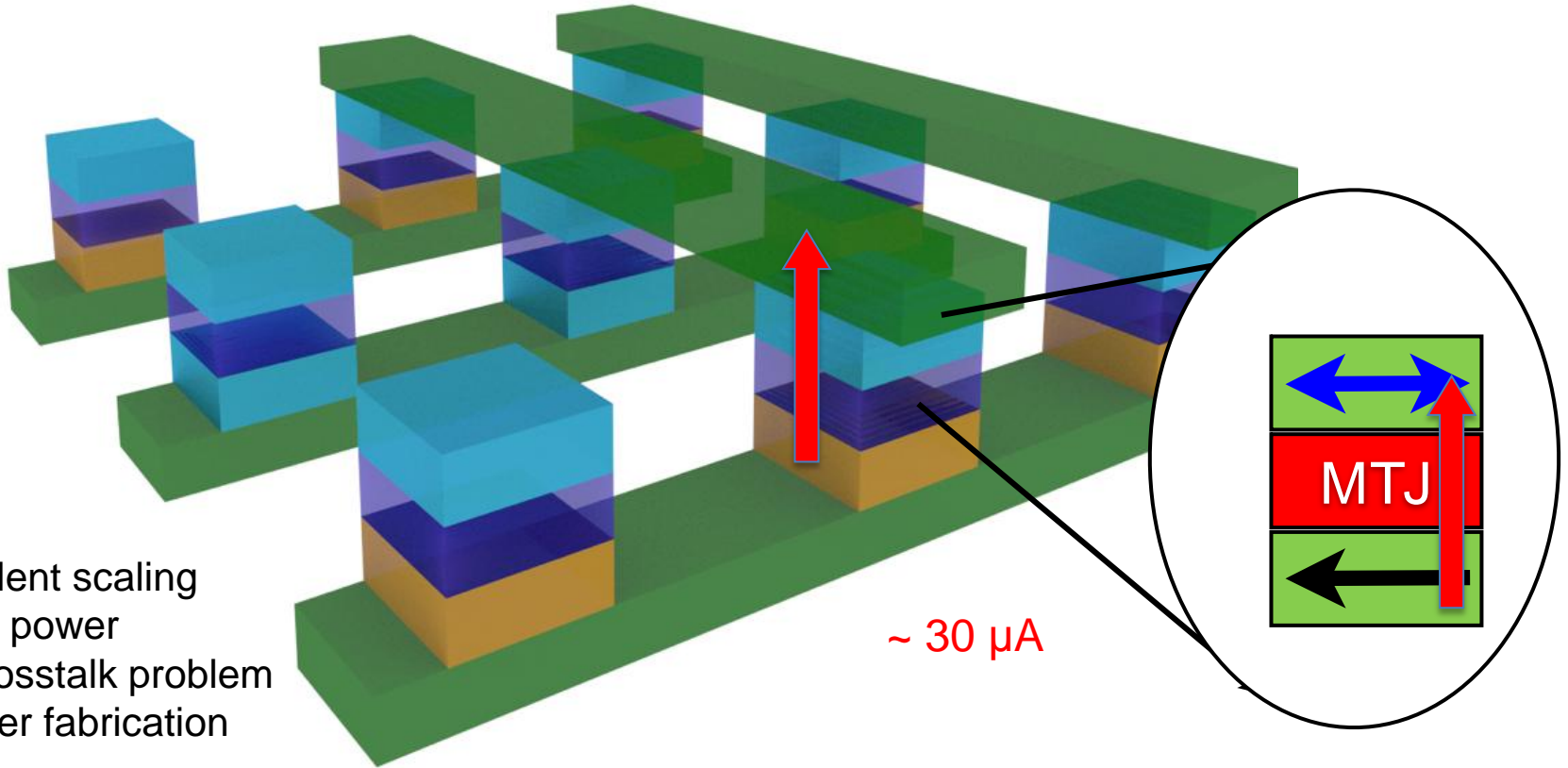
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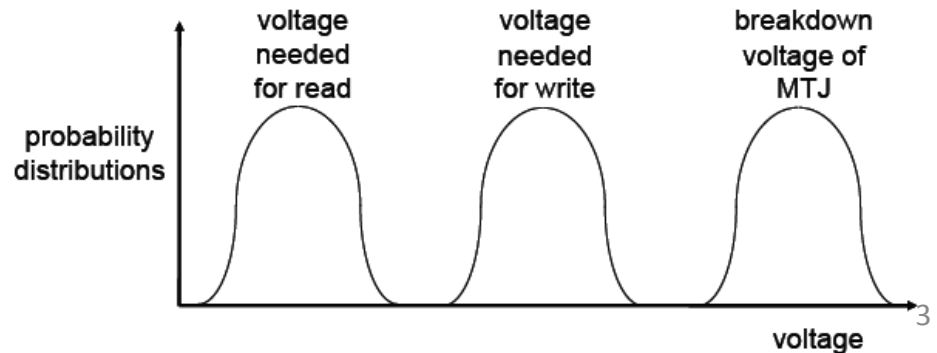
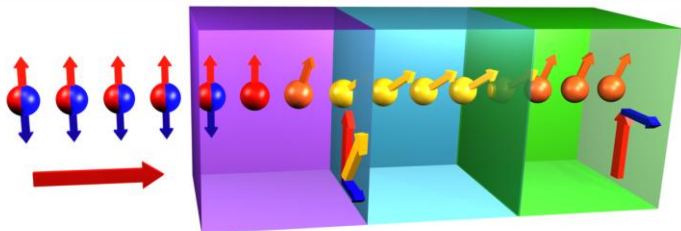
# Spin-Transfer-Torque MRAM



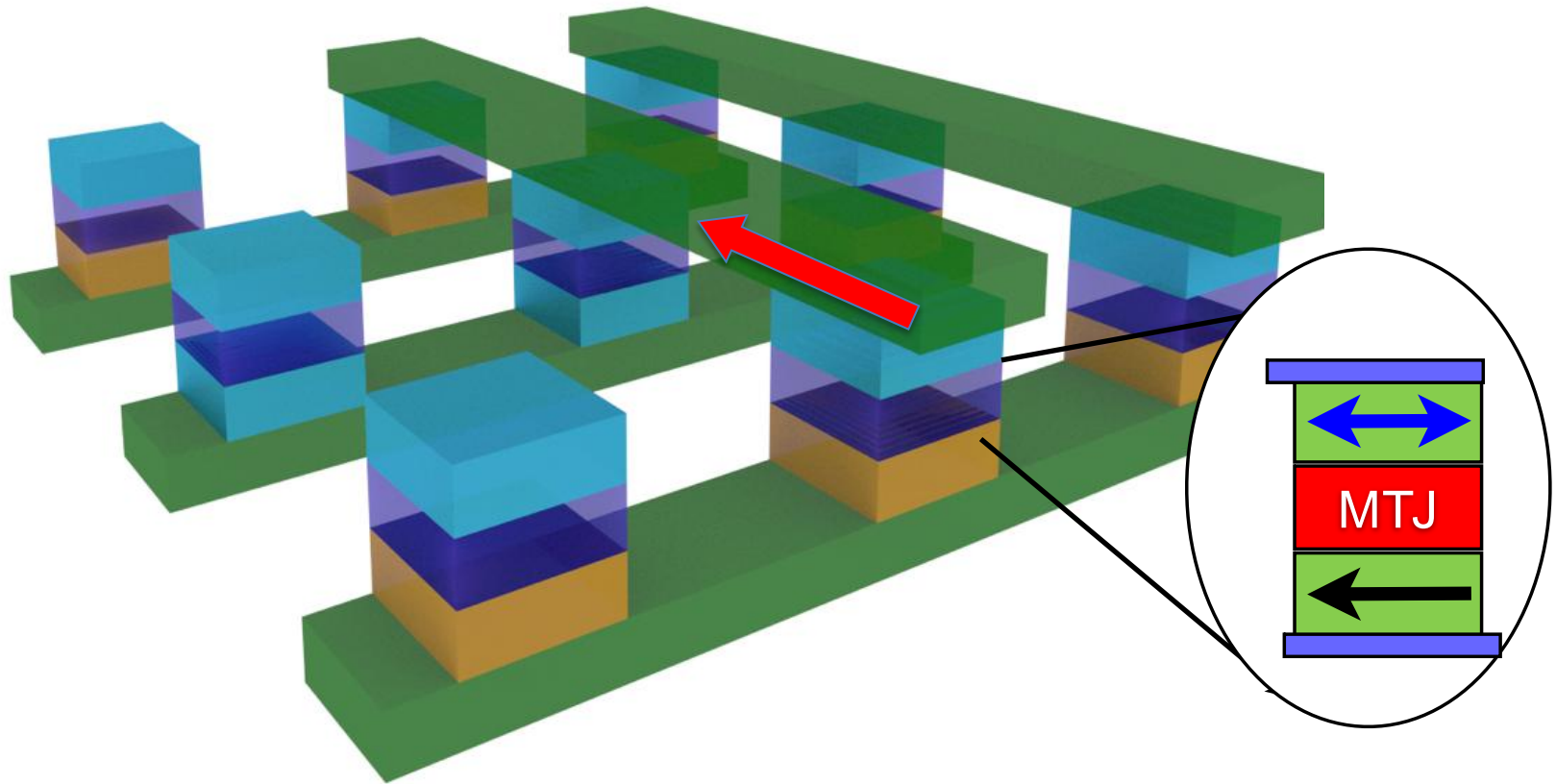
- excellent scaling
- lower power
- no crosstalk problem
- simpler fabrication

$\sim 30 \mu\text{A}$

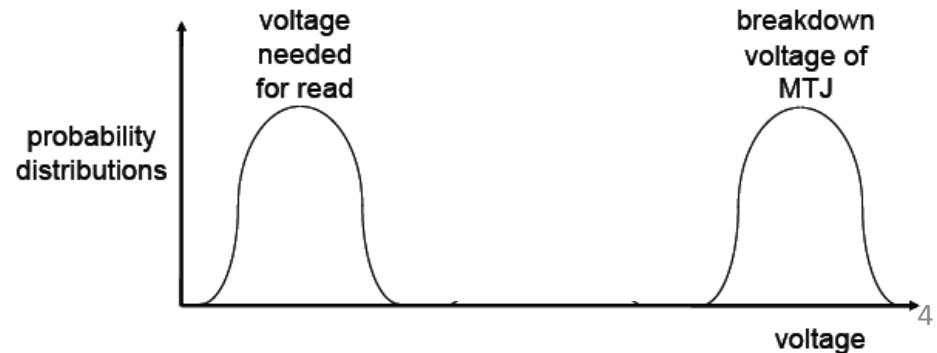
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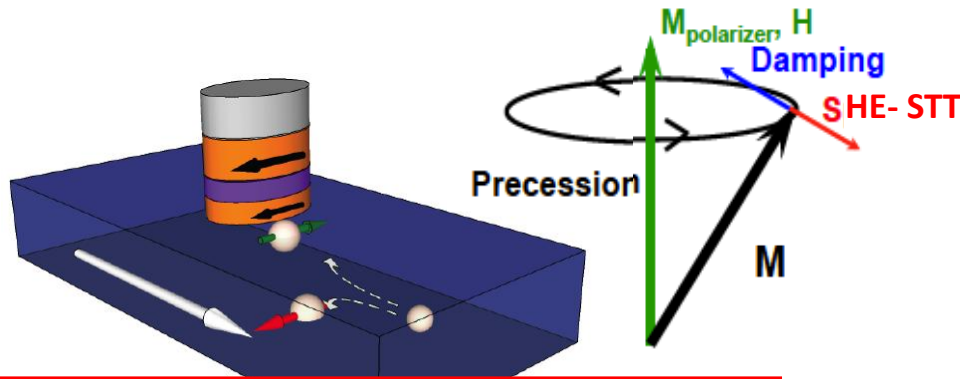
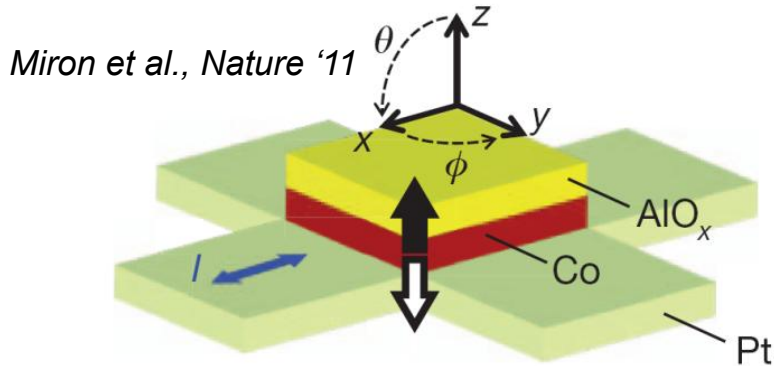
# In-plane-current-switching MRAM



If switching can be done by an in-plane current then a key issue in STT-MRAM is resolved



# Experiments of in-plane current switching



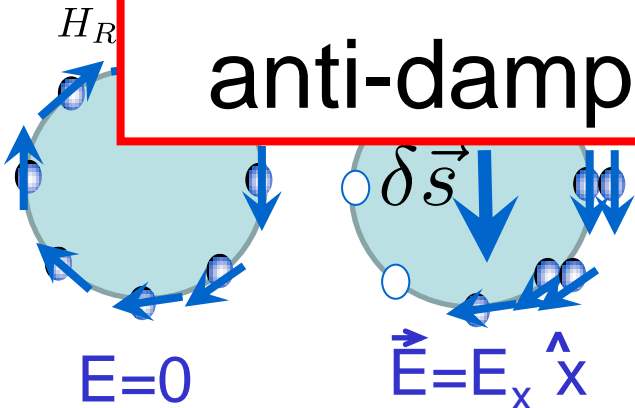
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spin-orb

Science '12

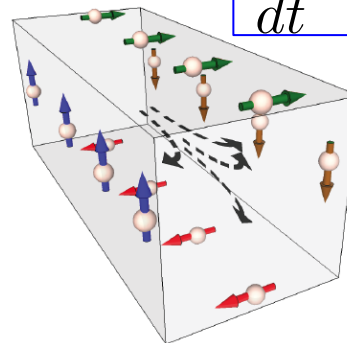
+ STT

(Ta,W)



&  
anti-damping STT in ferromagnet (CoFeB)

$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = P\hat{M} \times (\hat{n} \times \hat{M})$$



**Intrinsic SHE** in paramagnet acts as the external polarizer

Murakami, et al, Science'03  
Sinova, et al. PRL'04

Scattering related and field-like SOT  
Extrinsic anti-damping SOT is weak

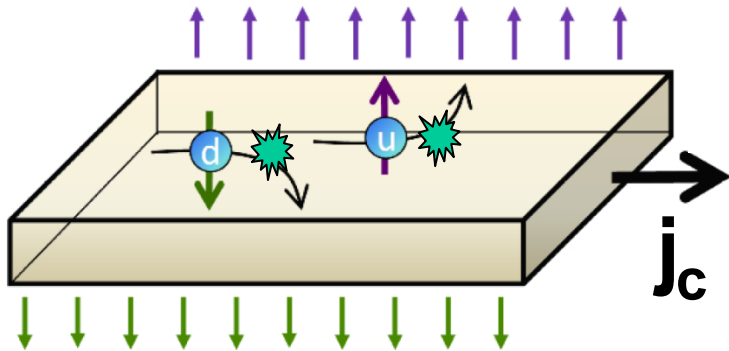
Bernevig & Vafeek PRB '05,  
Manchon & Zhang, PRB '08, '09

# Linear response I. (condensed matter class)

Boltzmann theory: non-equilibrium distribution function and equilibrium states

Extrinsic (skew-scattering) SHE

$$J_i^s = e S \int_n \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^d} j_{0n, \vec{k}}^{s,i} g_{n, \vec{k}}(E_j)$$



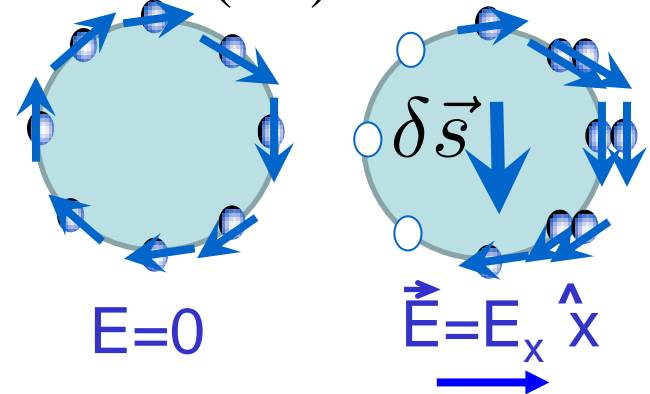
Dyakonov and Perel 1971

Hirsch PRL '99

Kato et al., Science '04

Field-like SOT

$$\delta s_i = \sum_n \int \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \sigma_{0n, \vec{k}}^i g_{n, \vec{k}}(E_j)$$



$$H_{ex} = J_{ex} \vec{M} \cdot \delta \vec{s}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = \frac{J_{ex}}{\hbar} \vec{M} \times \delta \vec{s}$$

Bernevig & Vafeek PRB, 05

Manchon & Zhang, PRB '08

Chernyshev et al. Nature Phys. '09,

Miron et al. Nature Mat. '09,

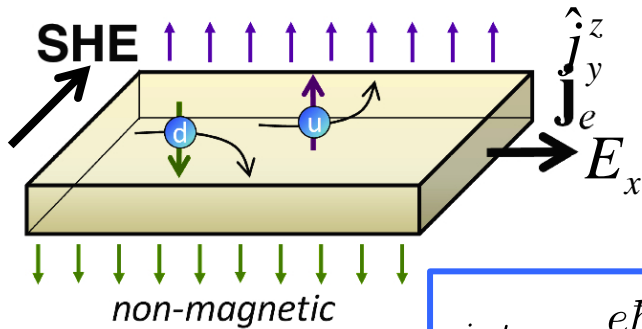
$$g_{n, \vec{k}} = f_{n, \vec{k}} - f_0(E_{n, \vec{k}})$$

$$e \vec{E} \times \vec{v}_{0n, \vec{k}} \frac{\nabla_{\vec{k}} f_0(E_{n, \vec{k}})}{\nabla_{\vec{k}} E_{n, \vec{k}}} = - \int_n \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^d} W_{n, \vec{k}, n', \vec{k}'} (f_{n, \vec{k}} - f_{n', \vec{k}'})$$

# Linear response II. (condensed matter class)

Perturbation theory: equilibrium distribution function and non-equilibrium states

## Intrinsic SHE from linear response II



$$J_y^z = S \langle y_{\vec{k}n}(t) | \hat{j}_y^z | y_{\vec{k}n}(t) \rangle f_0(E_{\vec{k}n})$$

$$|y_{\vec{k}n}(t)\rangle = |\vec{k}n\rangle e^{-i\omega t} + \frac{e}{iW_{\vec{k}n' \neq n}} S |\vec{k}n'\rangle \frac{\langle \vec{k}n' | \vec{E} \cdot \hat{v} | \vec{k}n \rangle e^{-i\omega t}}{E_{\vec{k}n} - E_{\vec{k}n'} + \hbar W} e^{-iE_{\vec{k}n'} t} + \dots$$

$$J_{\vec{E} \times \hat{z}}^{int} = \frac{e\hbar}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}, n \neq n'} (f_{\vec{k}, n'}^0 - f_{\vec{k}, n}^0) \frac{\text{Im}[\langle \vec{k}, n' | j_{\vec{E} \times \hat{z}}^z | \langle \vec{k}, n \rangle \langle \vec{k}, n' | \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E} | \vec{k}, n' \rangle]}{(E_{\vec{k}, n'} - E_{\vec{k}, n})^2}$$

Murakami, et al. Science '03  
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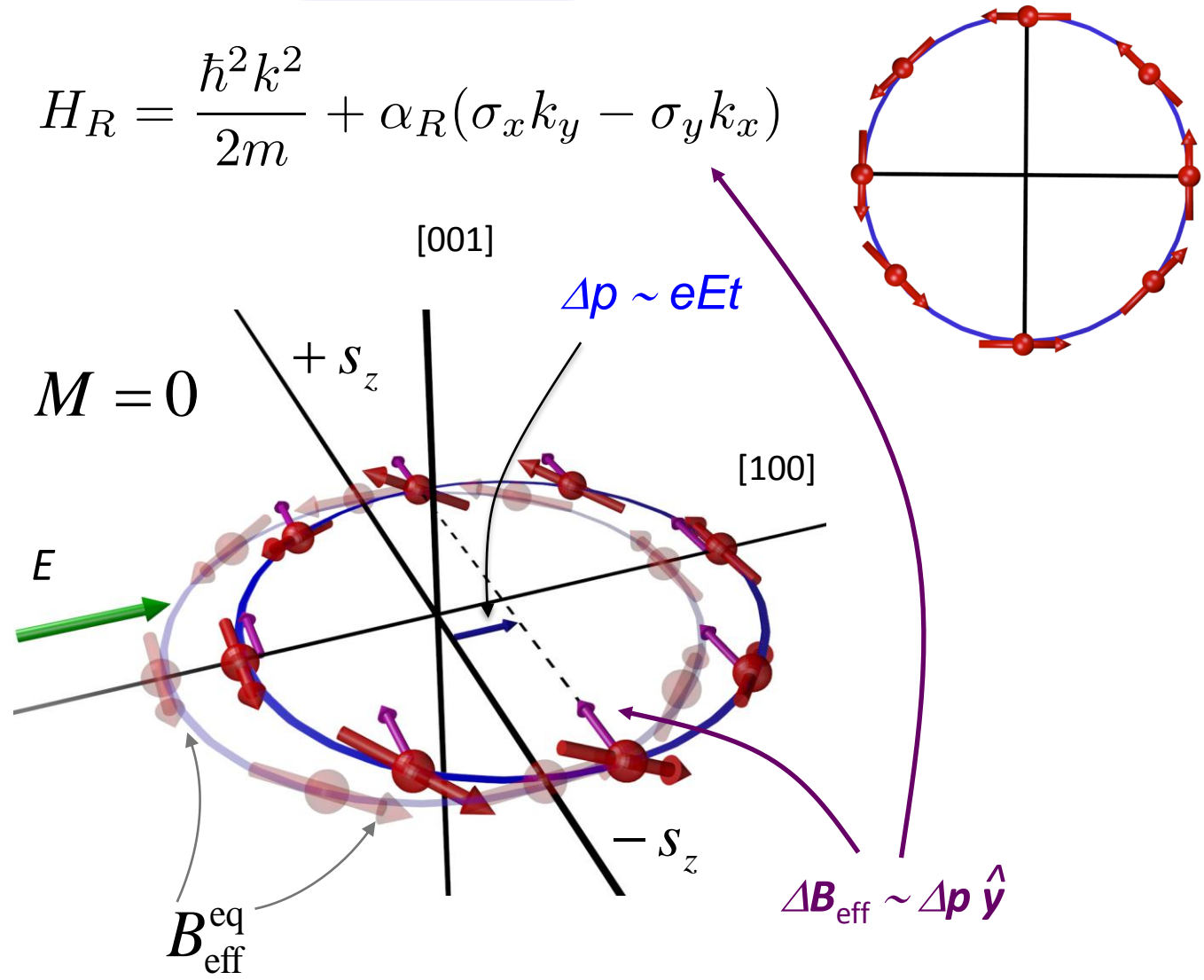
Wunderlich et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. '05  
Werake et al., PRL '11

## Scattering-independent anti-damping SOT from linear response II.

$$S_z^{int} = \frac{e\hbar}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}, n \neq n'} (f_{\vec{k}, n'}^0 - f_{\vec{k}, n}^0) \frac{\text{Im}[\langle \vec{k}, n' | s_z | \langle \vec{k}, n \rangle \langle \vec{k}, n' | \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E} | \vec{k}, n' \rangle]}{(E_{\vec{k}, n'} - E_{\vec{k}, n})^2}$$

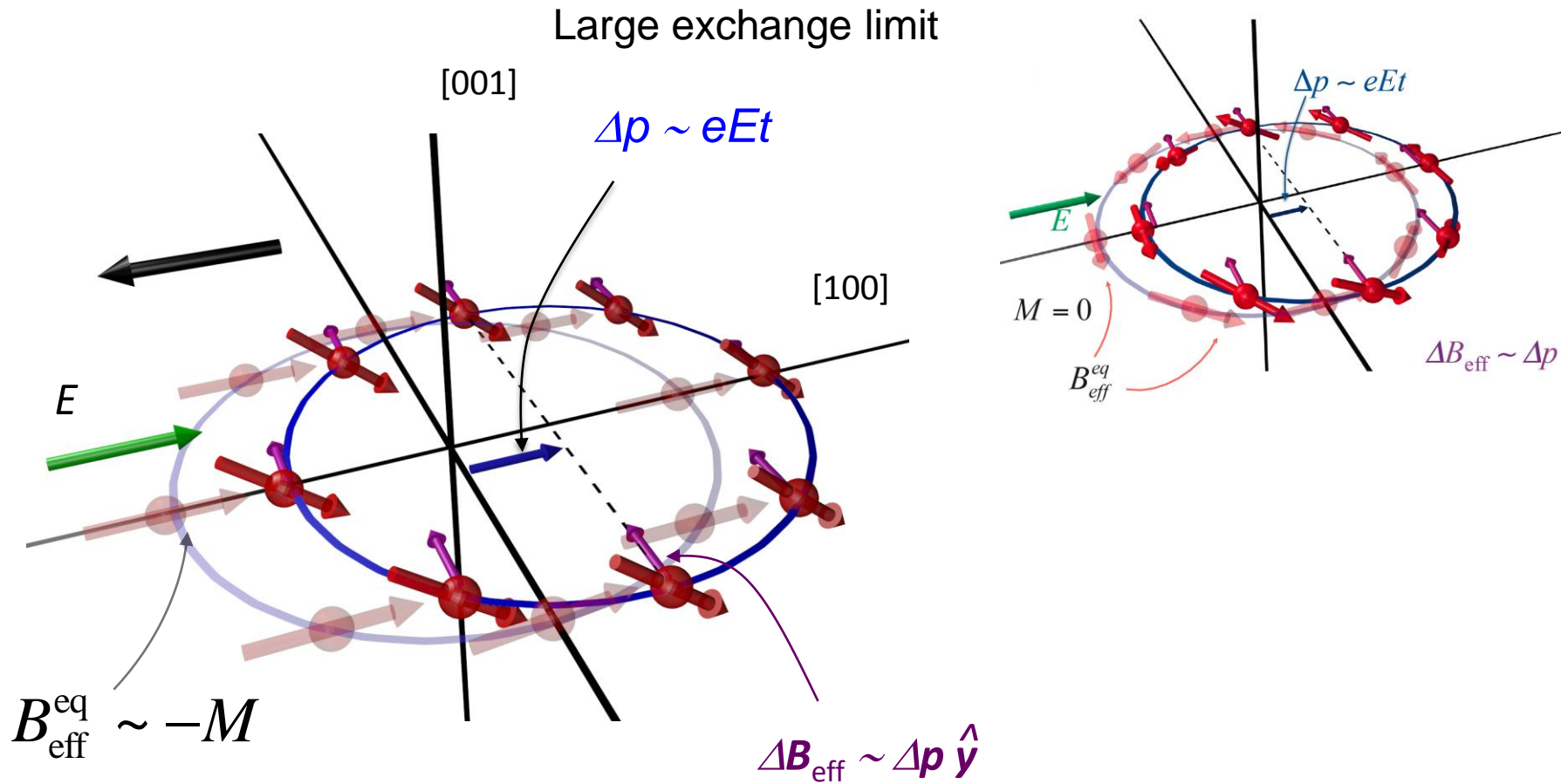
# Intrinsic (Berry phase) spin-Hall effect from Bloch eq.

$$H_R = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \alpha_R (\sigma_x k_y - \sigma_y k_x)$$



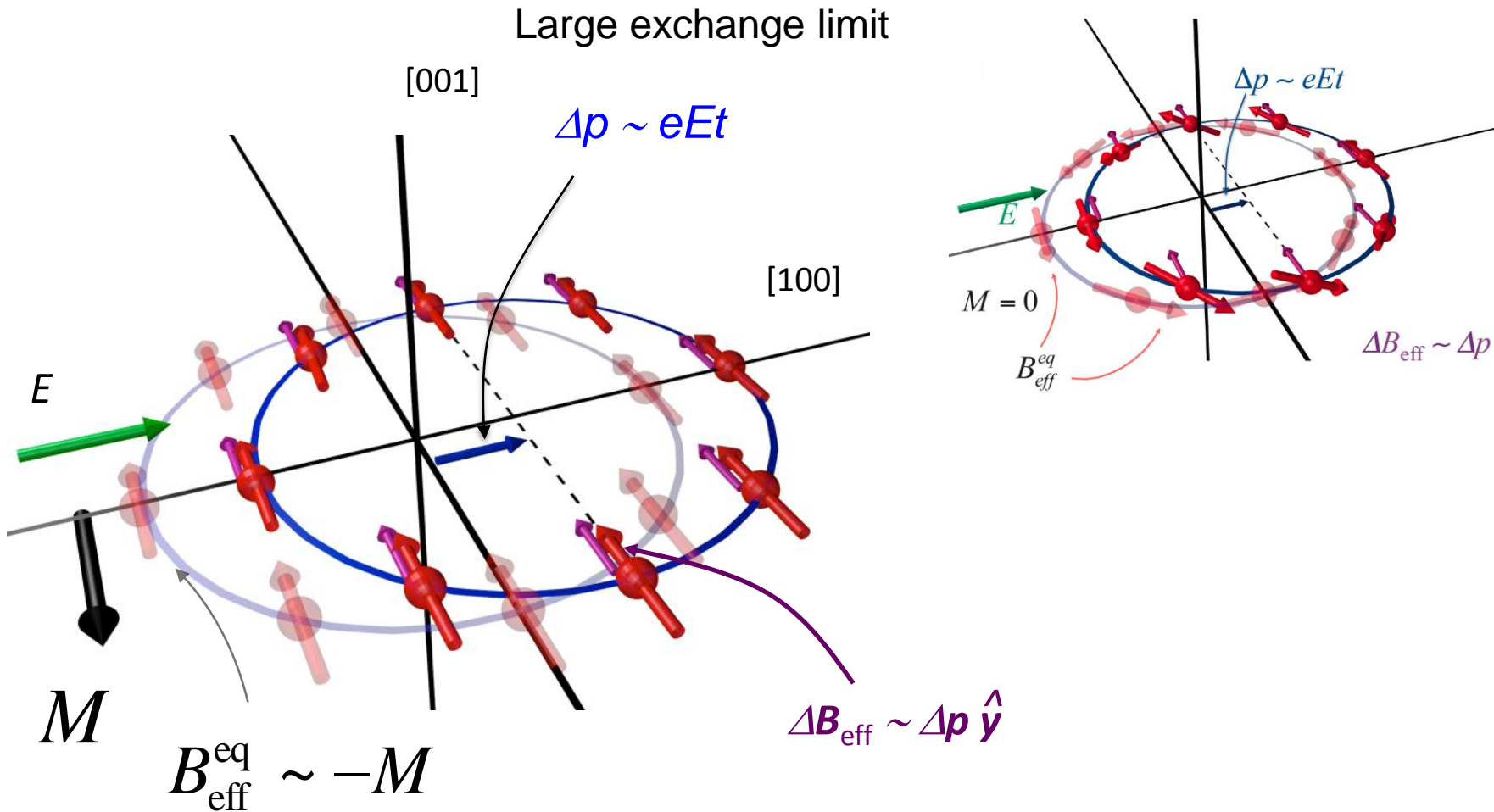


# Intrinsic (Berry phase) spin-orbit torque from Bloch eq.



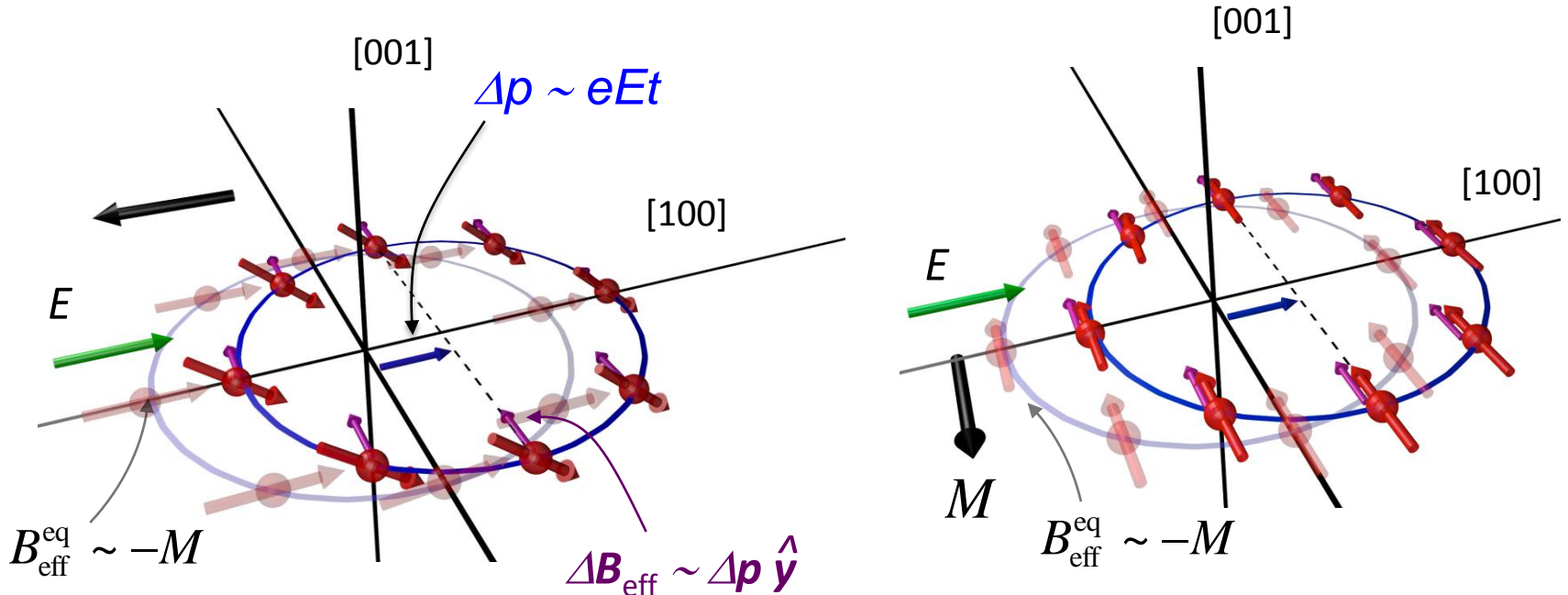
$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} \sim \vec{M} \times h\hat{z} \quad \text{maximum } h\hat{z} \text{ for } \vec{M} \parallel \vec{E}$$

# Intrinsic (Berry phase) spin-orbit torque from Bloch eq.



$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} \sim \vec{M} \times h\hat{z} \quad \text{zero } h\hat{z} \text{ for } \vec{M} \perp \vec{E}$$

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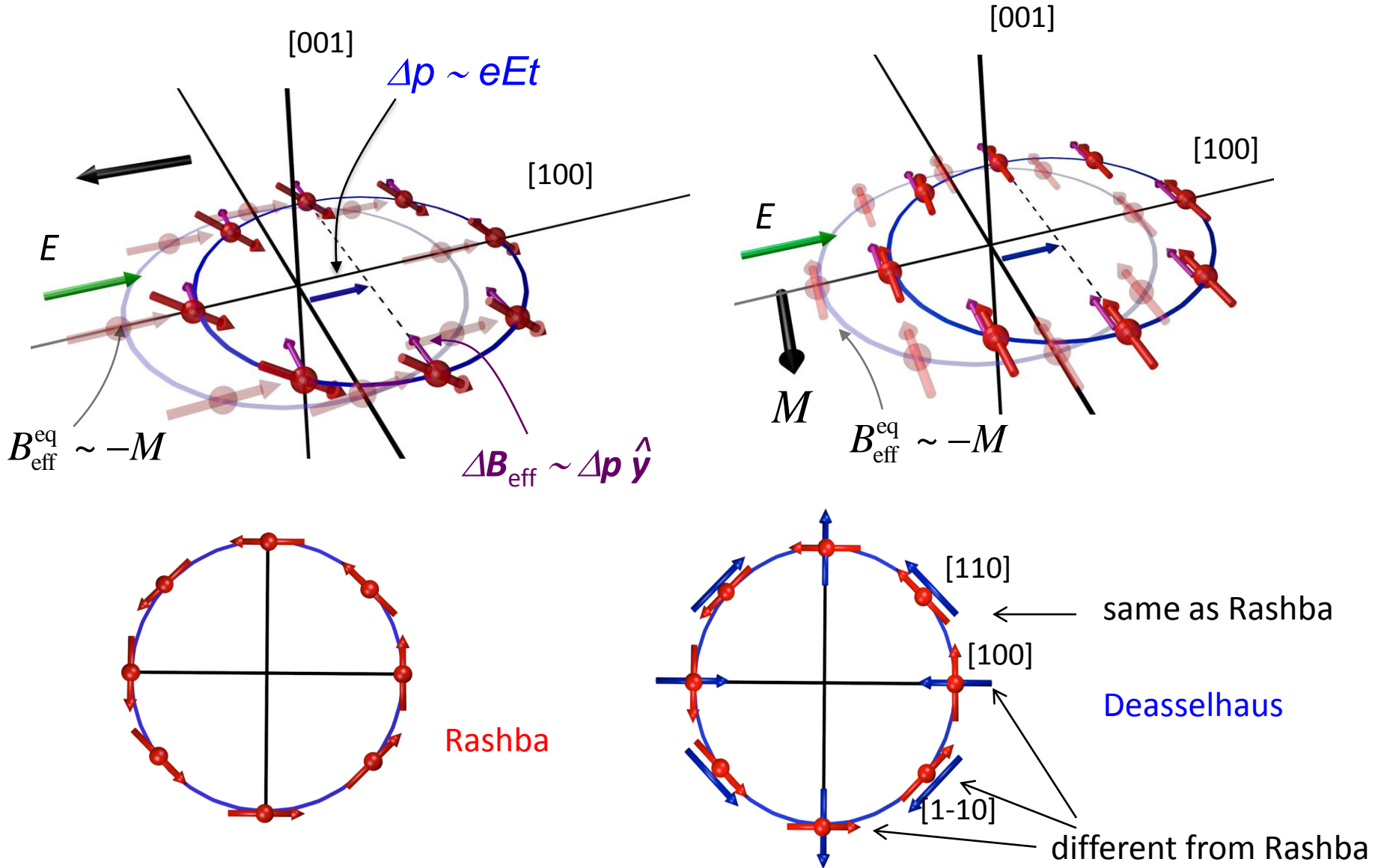


anti-damping

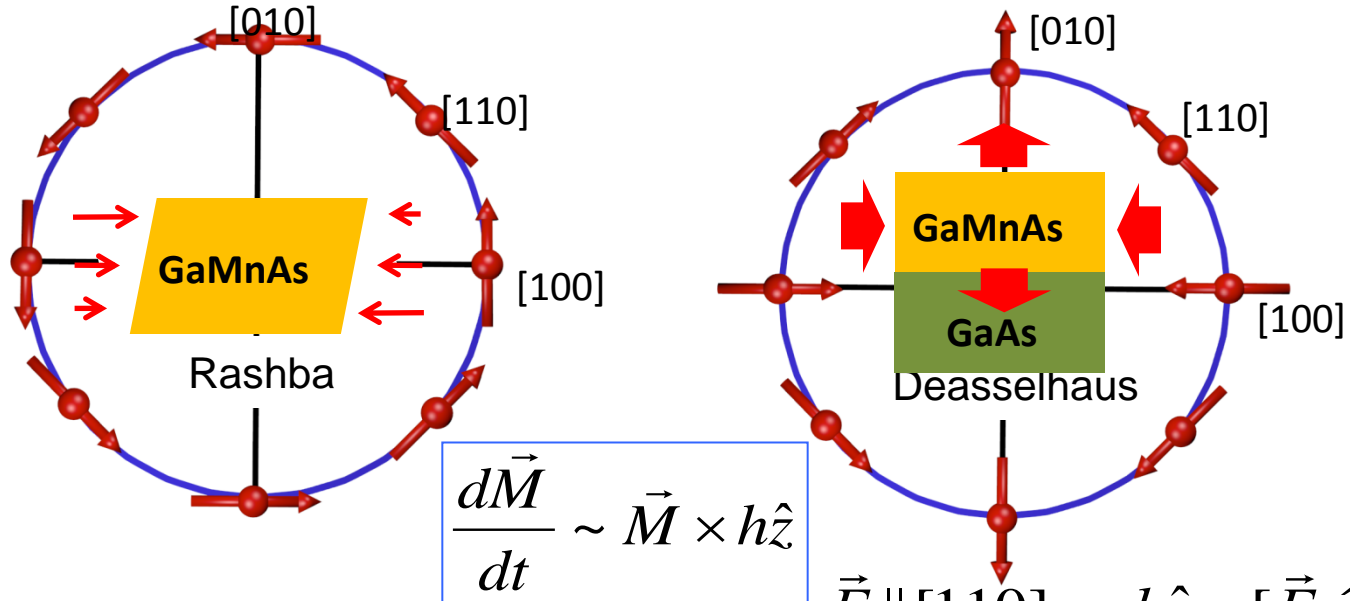
$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} \sim \vec{M} \times h_z \hat{z}$$

$$h_z \hat{z} \sim [\vec{E} \times \hat{z}] \times \vec{M}$$

# Intrinsic (Berry phase) spin-orbit torque from Bloch eq.



# Intrinsic (Berry phase) spin-orbit torque in GaMnAs



all  $\vec{E}$ :  $h\hat{z} \sim [\vec{E} \cdot \hat{z}] \cdot \vec{M}$

$\vec{E} \parallel [110]$ :  $h\hat{z} \sim [\vec{E} \cdot \hat{z}] \cdot \vec{M}$

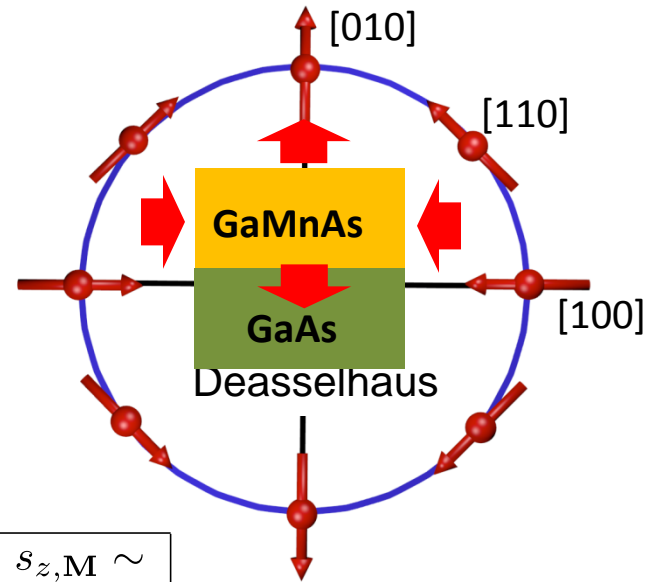
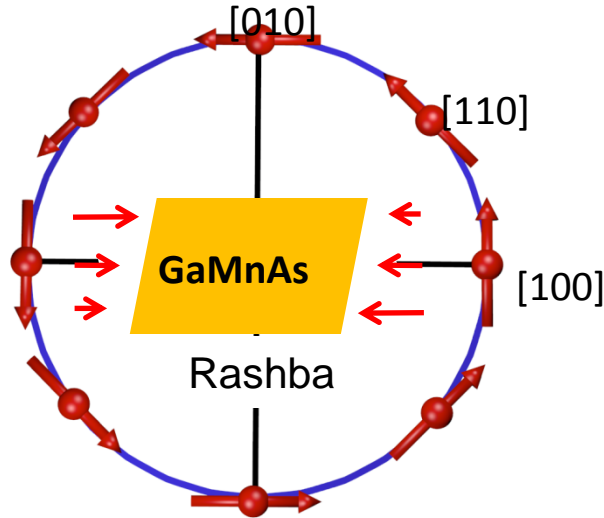
$\vec{E} \parallel [1-10]$ :  $h\hat{z} \sim -[\vec{E} \cdot \hat{z}] \cdot \vec{M}$

$\vec{E} \parallel [100]$ :  $h\hat{z} \sim \vec{E} \cdot \vec{M}$

$\vec{E} \parallel [010]$ :  $h\hat{z} \sim -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{M}$

	Rashba: $s_{z,M} \sim$	Dresselhaus: $s_{z,M} \sim$
$\mathbf{E} \parallel [100]$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$	$\sin \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$
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$$H_{\text{GaAs}} = H_{\text{KL}} + H_{\text{strain}}$$

$$H_{\text{KL}} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_0} \left( \gamma_1 + \frac{5}{2} \gamma_2 \right) \mathbf{I}_4 - \frac{\hbar^2}{m_0} \gamma_3 (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{J})^2 \quad H_{\text{strain}} = b \left[ \left( J_x^2 - \frac{\mathbf{J}^2}{3} \right) \epsilon_{xx} + \text{c.p.} \right]$$

$$-C_4 [J_x (\epsilon_{yy} - \epsilon_{zz}) k_x + \text{c.p.}]$$

$$-C_5 [\epsilon_{xy} (k_y J_x - k_x J_y) + \text{c.p.}]$$

Deasselhau → Rashba →  $\mathbf{s}$

Competition between these terms give rise to higher harmonics

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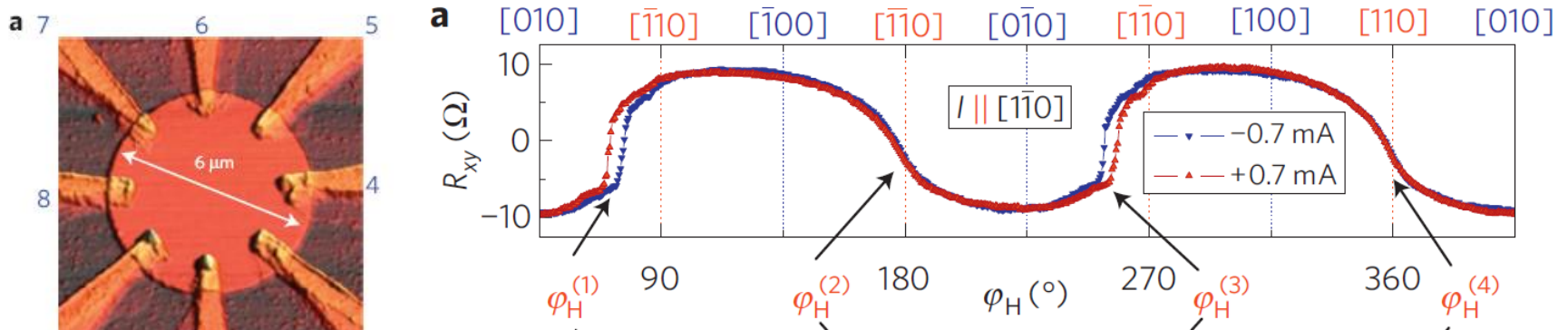
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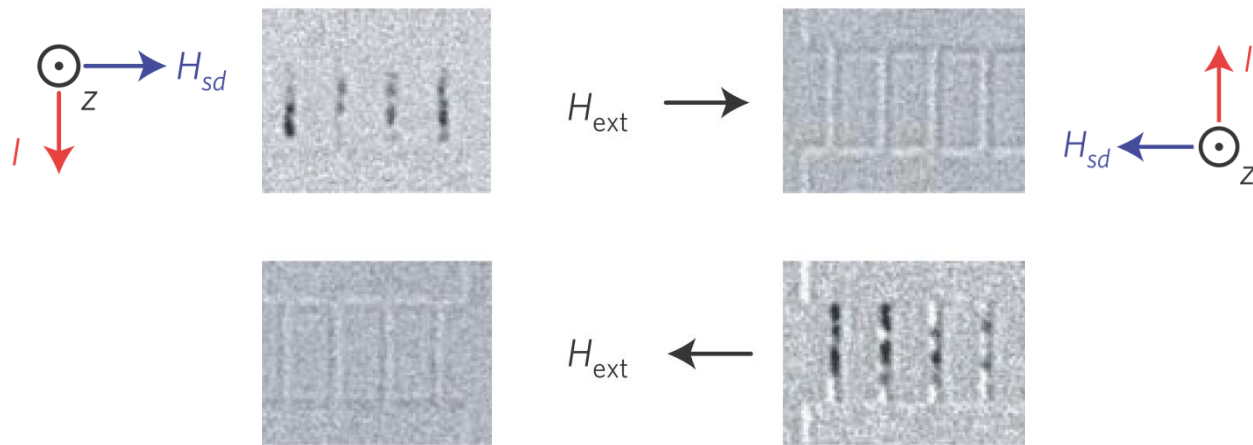
## Effective spin-orbit (SO) field by dc current

GaMnAs: bulk broken symmetry, Chernyshov, Rokhinson, et al, Nature Phys., 5, 656 (2009)



✓ Hysteresis observed in the planar Hall effect

AlOx/Co/Pt: interface broken symmetry, Miron, Nature Mater. 9 230 (2010)



✓ DW nucleation difference in the perpendicularly magnetised<sup>16</sup> system

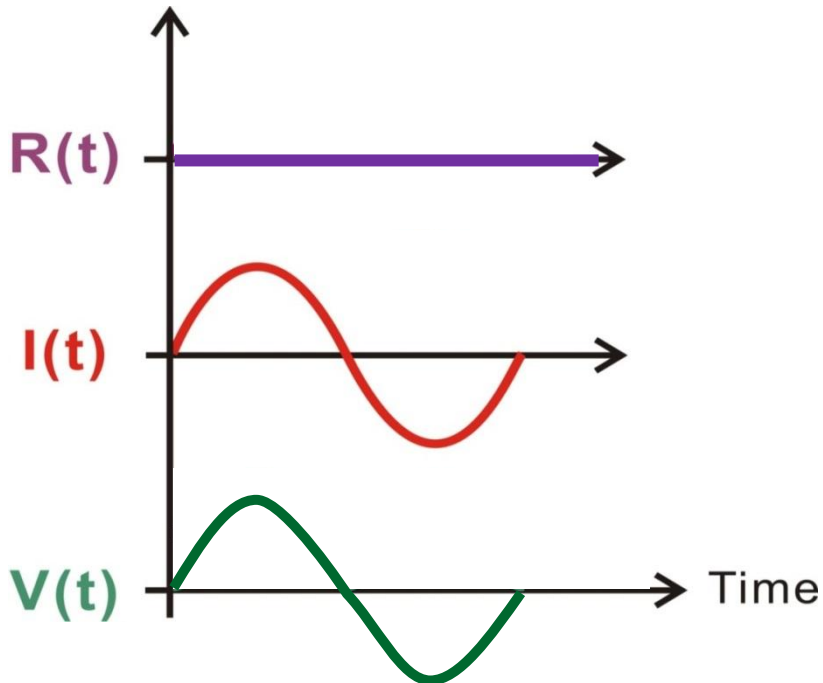


# Measuring SOT by ac-currents

Current-induced SO fields by ac current

It's all about the Ohm's law.

$$\begin{aligned} V &= I_{ac} \sin \omega t \times (R_c) \\ &= \underline{I_{ac} R_0 \sin \omega t} \end{aligned}$$



# Other works and measurement techniques

## Current-induced SO fields by ac current

It's all about the Ohm's law.  $\Delta R_{ac}$  can be any magneto-resistances

$$V = I_{ac} \sin\omega t \times (R_0 + \Delta R_{ac} \sin\omega t)$$

$$\sim I_{ac} R_0 \sin\omega t + 0.5 \times (I_{ac} \Delta R_{ac} + I_{ac} \Delta R_{ac} \sin 2\omega t)$$

Magnetic dynamics (GHz frequency): SO field-FMR

GaMnAs: Fang et al., Nature Nanotech. 6, 413 (2011)

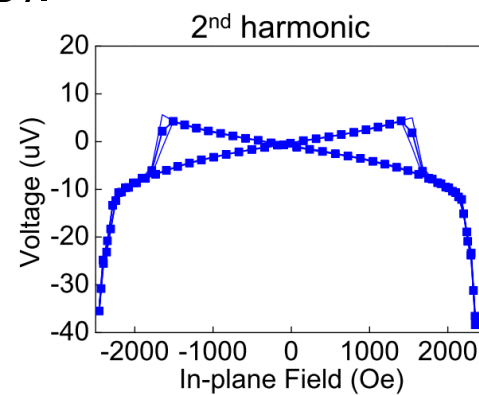
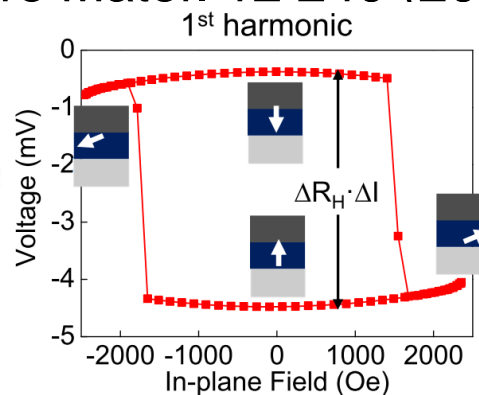
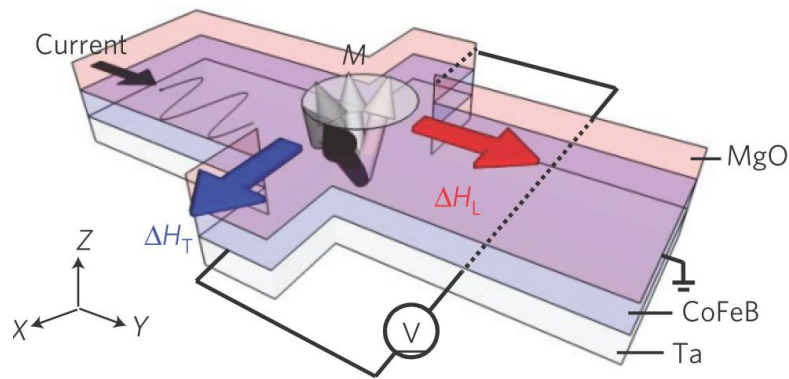
Py/Pt: Fan, et al J. Q. Xiao, Nature Comm. 4, 1799 (2013)

Quasi-static regime (kHz frequency)

AlOx/Co/Pt: Pi et al., APL 97 162507 (2010).

AlOx/Co/Pt: Garello et al., arXiv: 1301.3573.

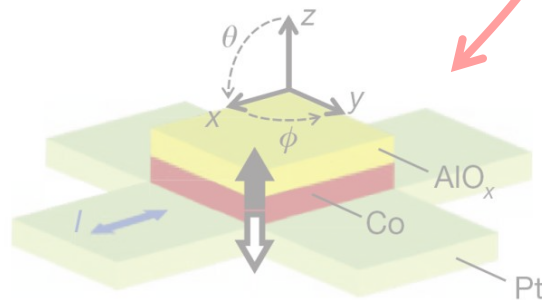
MgO/CoFeB/Ta: Kim et al., Nature Mater. 12 240 (2013).



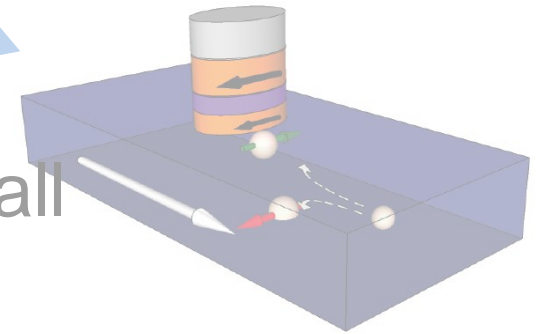
$\Delta H_T \sim 60$  Oe 18

# Problems in metal multi-layers

## In-plane current-induced magnetisation switching in multi-layers




Rashba vs spin-Hall



Miron et al., Nature 476 189 (2011)

Liu et al., Science 336 555 (2012)

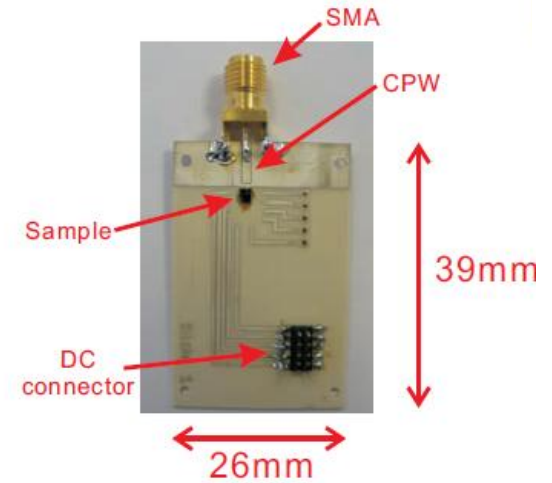
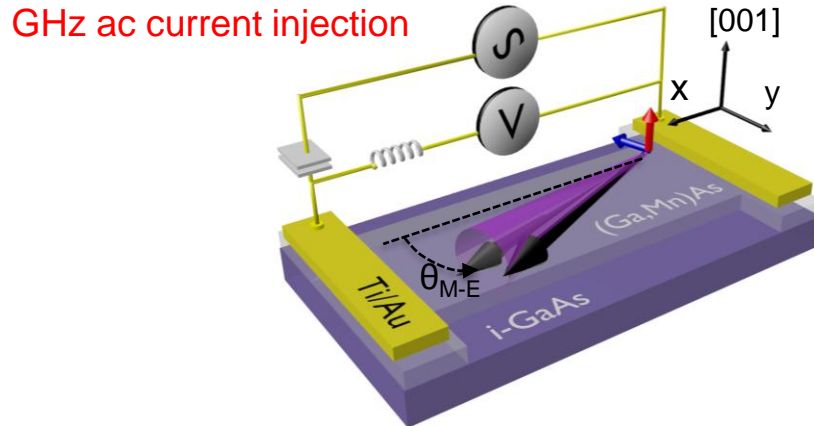
## GaMnAs

- ✓ Bulk spin-orbit effect  current flows only in GaMnAs.
- ✓ Well-known GaAs band structures and calculations.
- ✓ Allows for single thin film geometry: no SHE-STT by design

 **The ideal material for understanding spin-orbit torques**

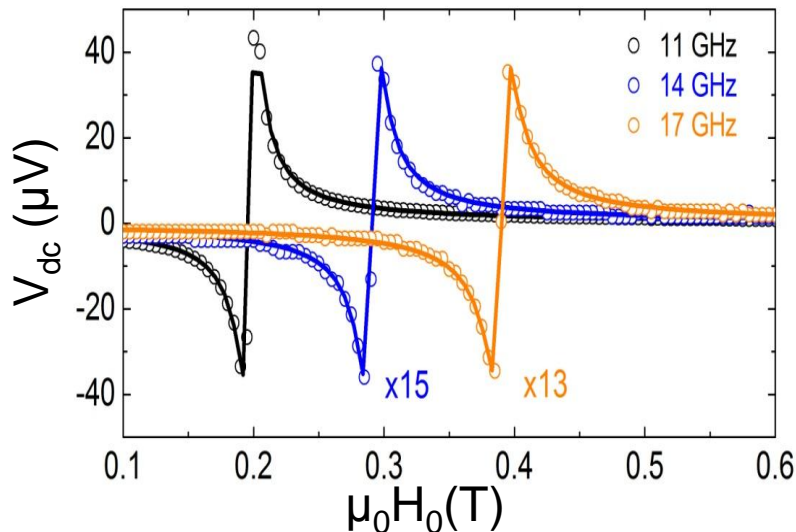
# Electrical induced/detected FMR

Fang, et al., Nature Nanotech. (2011)

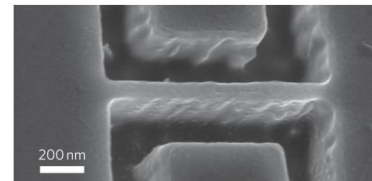


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## SEM image



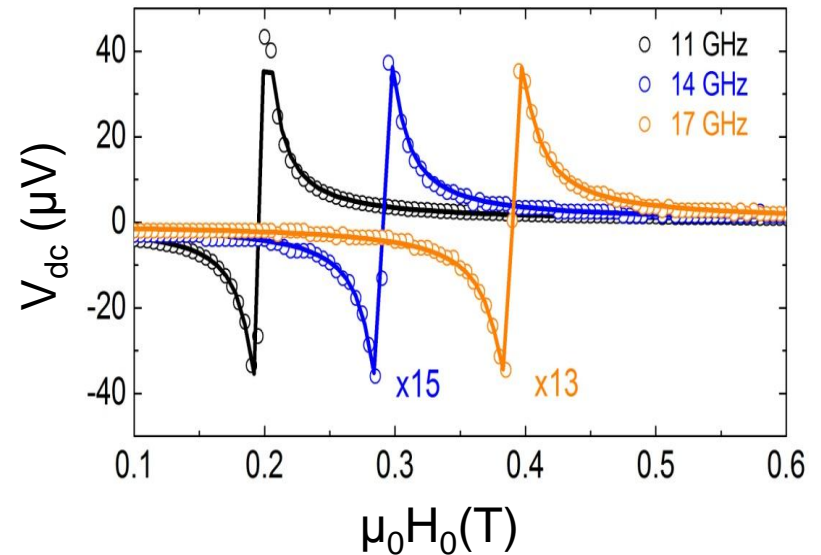
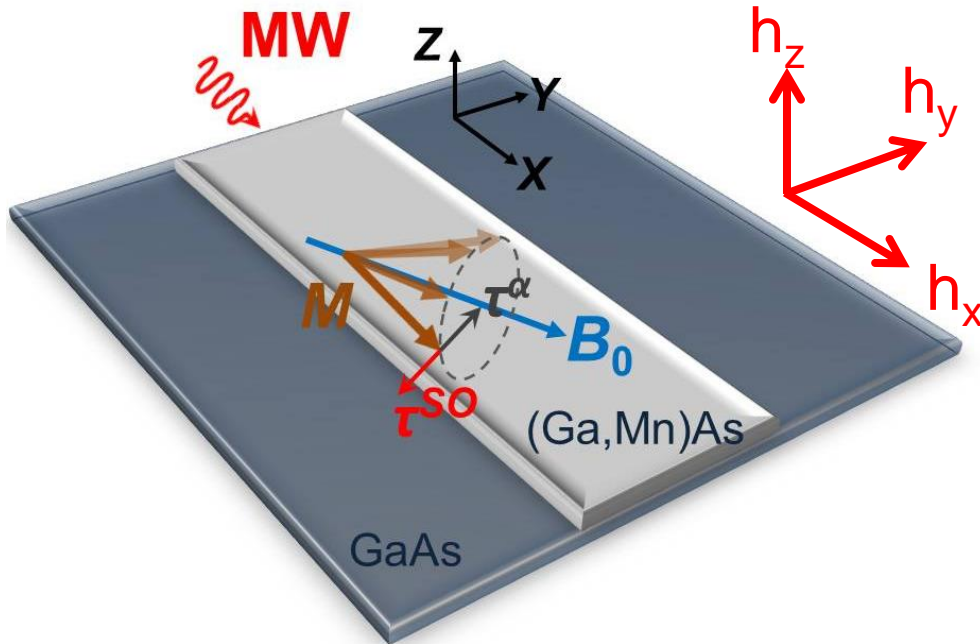
80 nm width!  
(if you push hard...)

✓ Nanoscale on-chip FMR measurements

# Magnetic dynamics phenomenology

## Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation

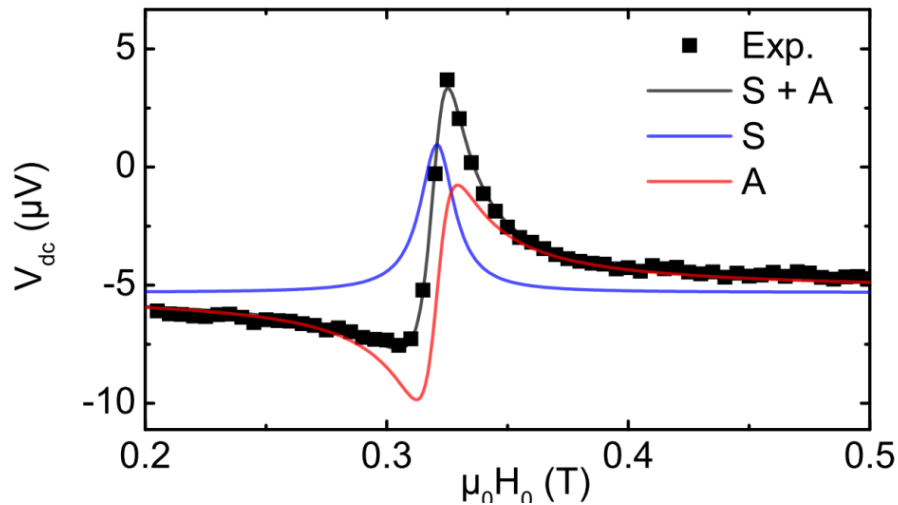
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} = -\gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{tot}} + \frac{\alpha}{M_s} \left( \mathbf{M} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} \right) - \gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{h}_{\text{SO}}$$



Because  $\mathbf{h}_{\text{SO}} = -\mathbf{J}_{\text{pd}} \Delta \mathbf{s}$

the  $V$  amplitudes contain SO information.

# Torque types and line-shapes



**$T_{\text{in-plane}}$  (or  $h_z$ )**

$$V_{\text{sym}} \frac{\Delta H^2}{(H_0 - H_{\text{res}})^2 + \Delta H^2}$$

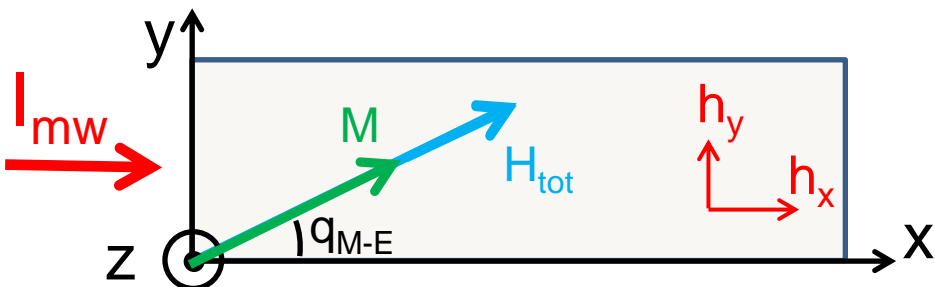
$$V_{\text{sym}} = C_1 \times h_z(\theta) \sin(2\theta)$$

**$T_{\text{out-of-plane}}$  ( $h_x$  &  $h_y$ )**

$$V_{\text{asy}} \frac{\Delta H(H_0 - H_{\text{res}})}{(H_0 - H_{\text{res}})^2 + \Delta H^2}$$

$$V_{\text{asy}} = C_2 \times \sin(2\theta) \times (-h_x(\theta)\sin(\theta) + h_y(\theta)\cos(\theta))$$

+



Sample:

18 or 25 nm-thick GaMnAs

4 mm-wide

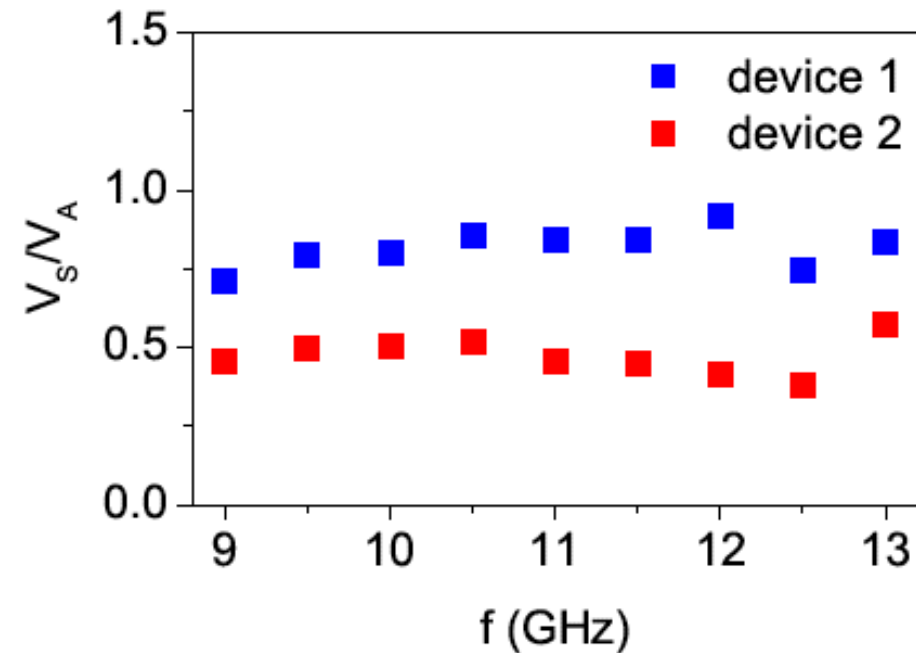
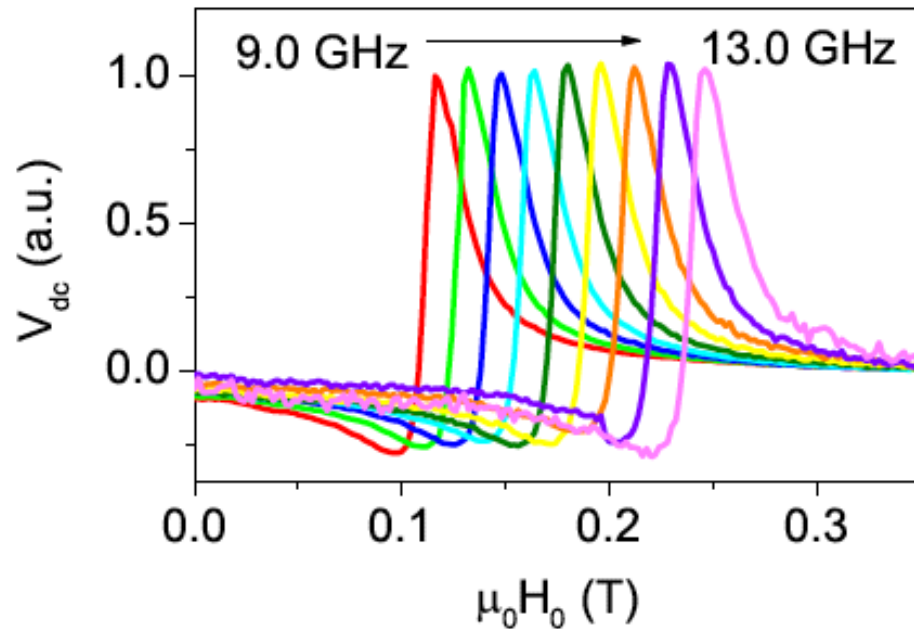
Kurebayashi, Sinova et al., arXiv:1306.1893  
 Fang et al., Nature Nanotech. (2011)

# Relative phase of current and induced field

Expected to be in phase since at microwave frequencies real part of conductivity dominates ( $\omega\tau < 10^{-4}$  at GHz frequencies)

Harder, M., Cao, Z. X., Gui, Y. S., Fan, X. L. & Hu, C.-M. Analysis of the line shape of electrically detected ferromagnetic resonance. Phys. Rev. B 84, 054423 (2013):

In bi-layer systems inductive or capacitive coupling can induce a relative phase that can change the ratio of symmetric to antisymmetric signal by many orders of magnitude



RATIO INDEPENDENT OF FREQUENCY  $\longrightarrow$  ZERO RELATIVE PHASE SHIFT

# The out-of-plane SO field

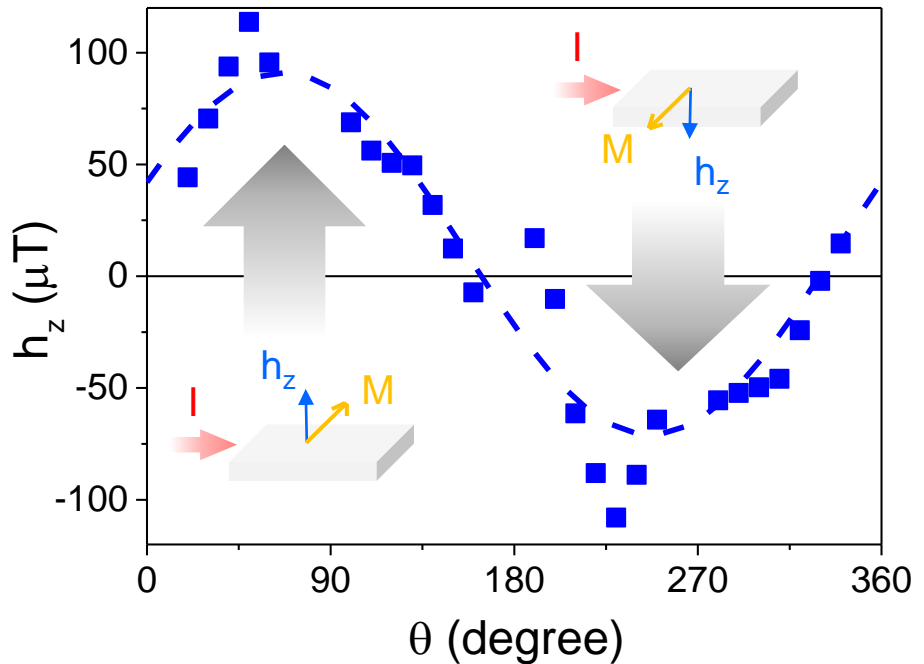
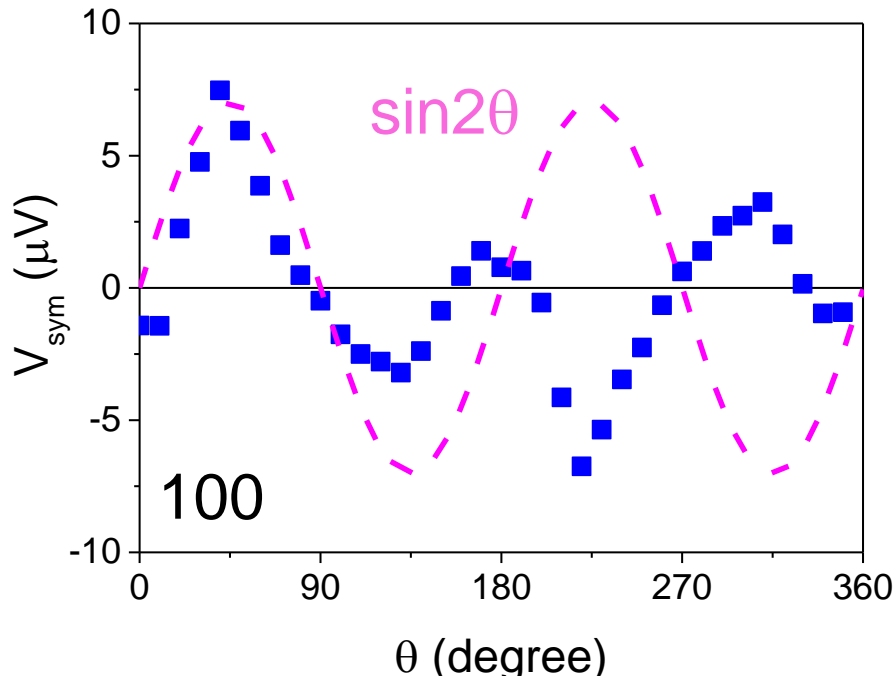
the out-of-plane field



the symmetric line-shape

$$V_{\text{sym}}(\theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}) = \frac{I\Delta R\omega}{2\gamma\Delta H(2H_{\text{res}} + H_1 + H_2)} \sin(2\theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}})h_z$$

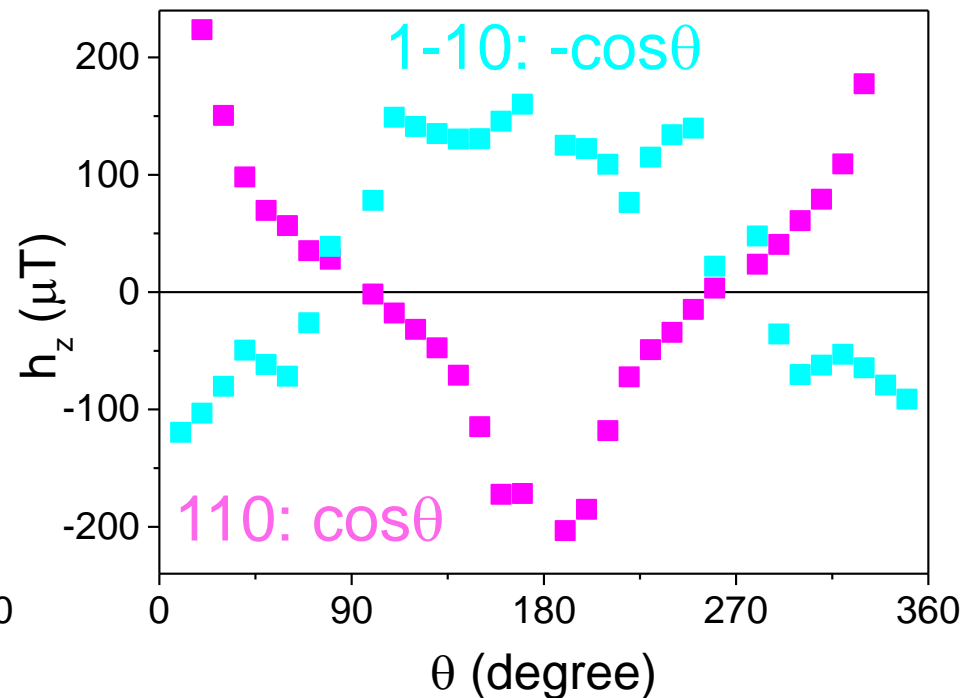
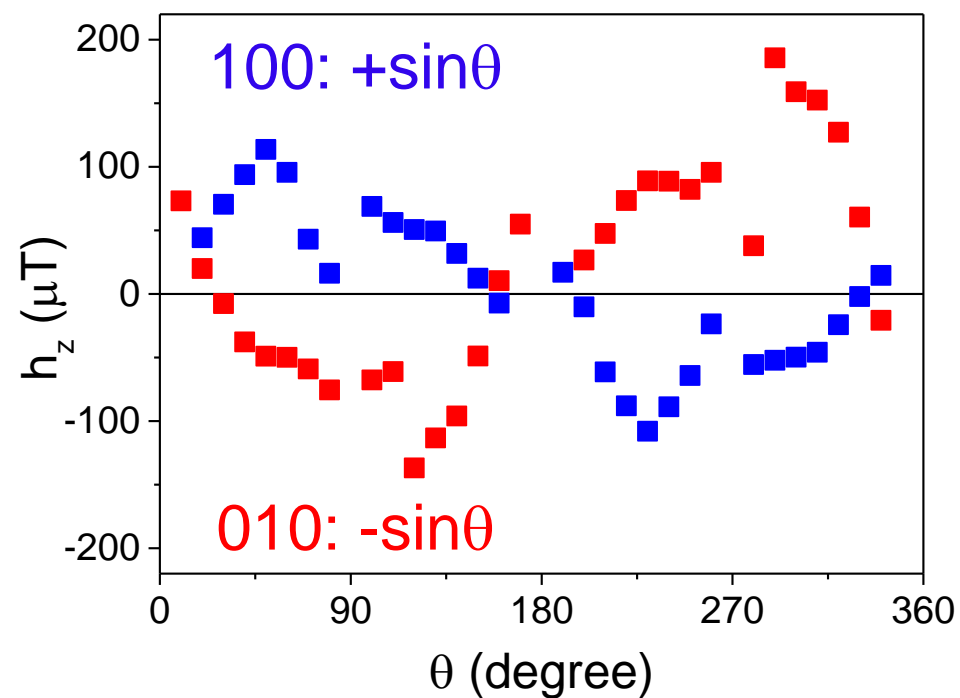
$$h_z(\theta) = h_{z0} + h_{z1}\sin\theta + h_{z2}\cos\theta$$



- ✓ M-dependent  $h_z$
- ✓ The  $\sin\theta$  symmetry for 100 direction.



# Current direction dependence



	Rashba: $s_{z,M} \sim$	Dresselhaus: $s_{z,M} \sim$
$\mathbf{E} \parallel [100]$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$	$\sin \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$
$\mathbf{E} \parallel [010]$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$	$-\sin \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$
$\mathbf{E} \parallel [110]$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$
$\mathbf{E} \parallel [1-10]$	$\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$	$-\cos \theta_{\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{E}}$

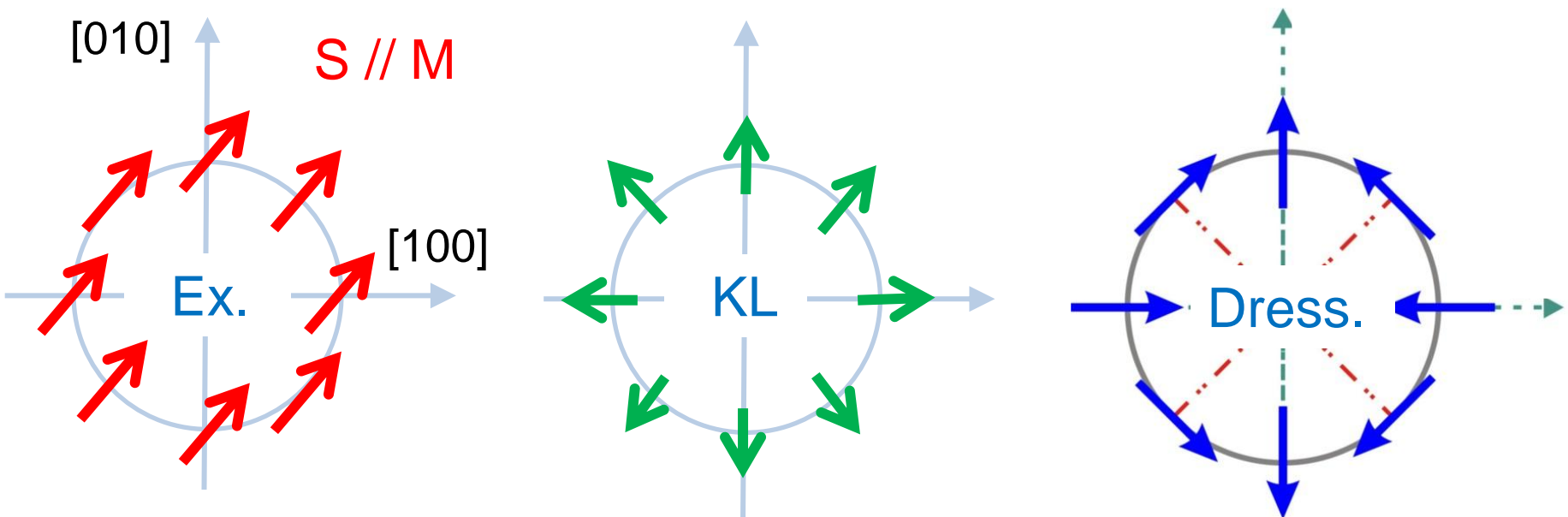
# Effective Hamiltonian of GaMnAs

$$H = H_{\text{ex}} + H_{\text{KL}} + H_{\text{so-R-D}}$$

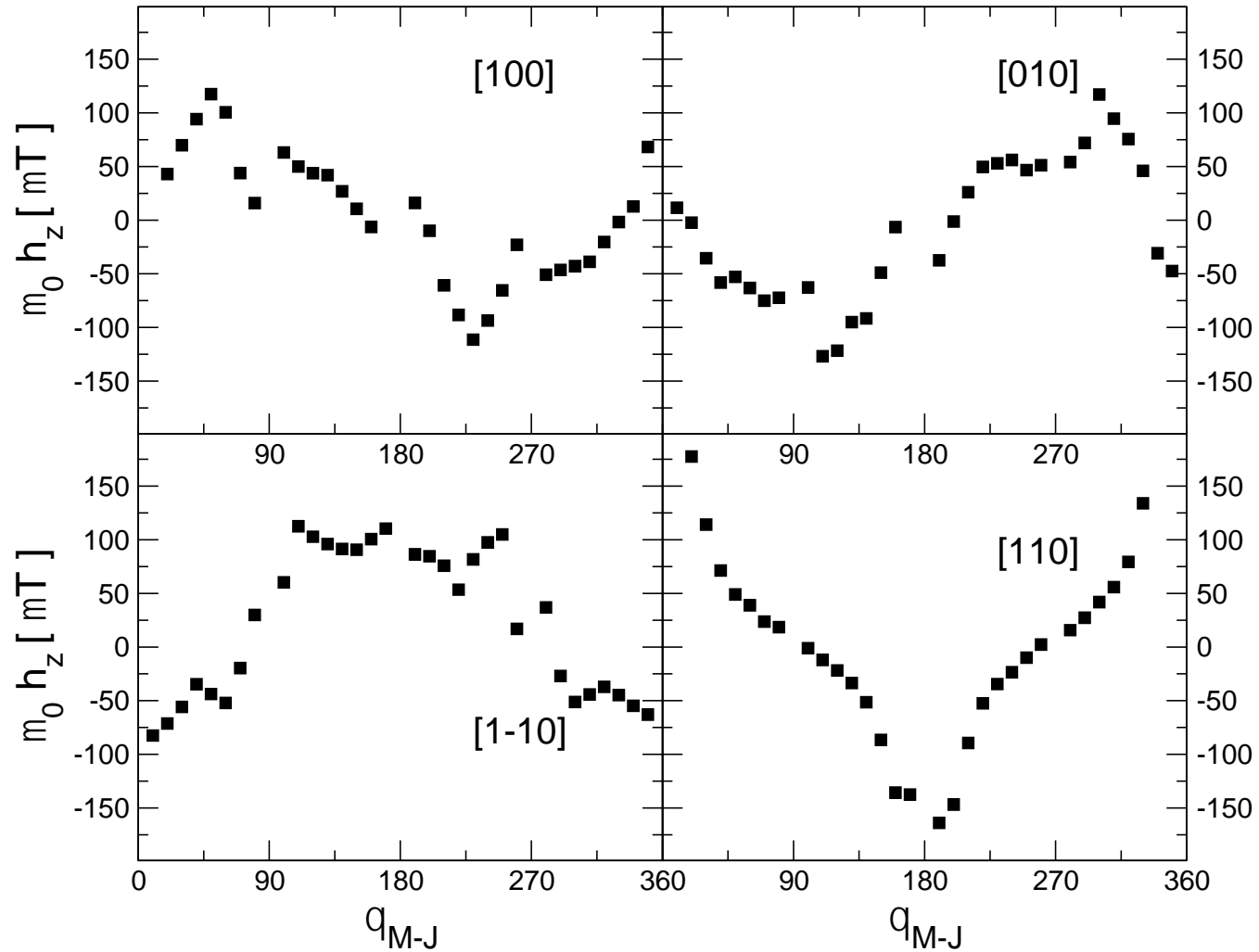
k-independent  
~100 meV

k<sup>2</sup>-dependent  
~100 meV

k-linear  
~1 meV

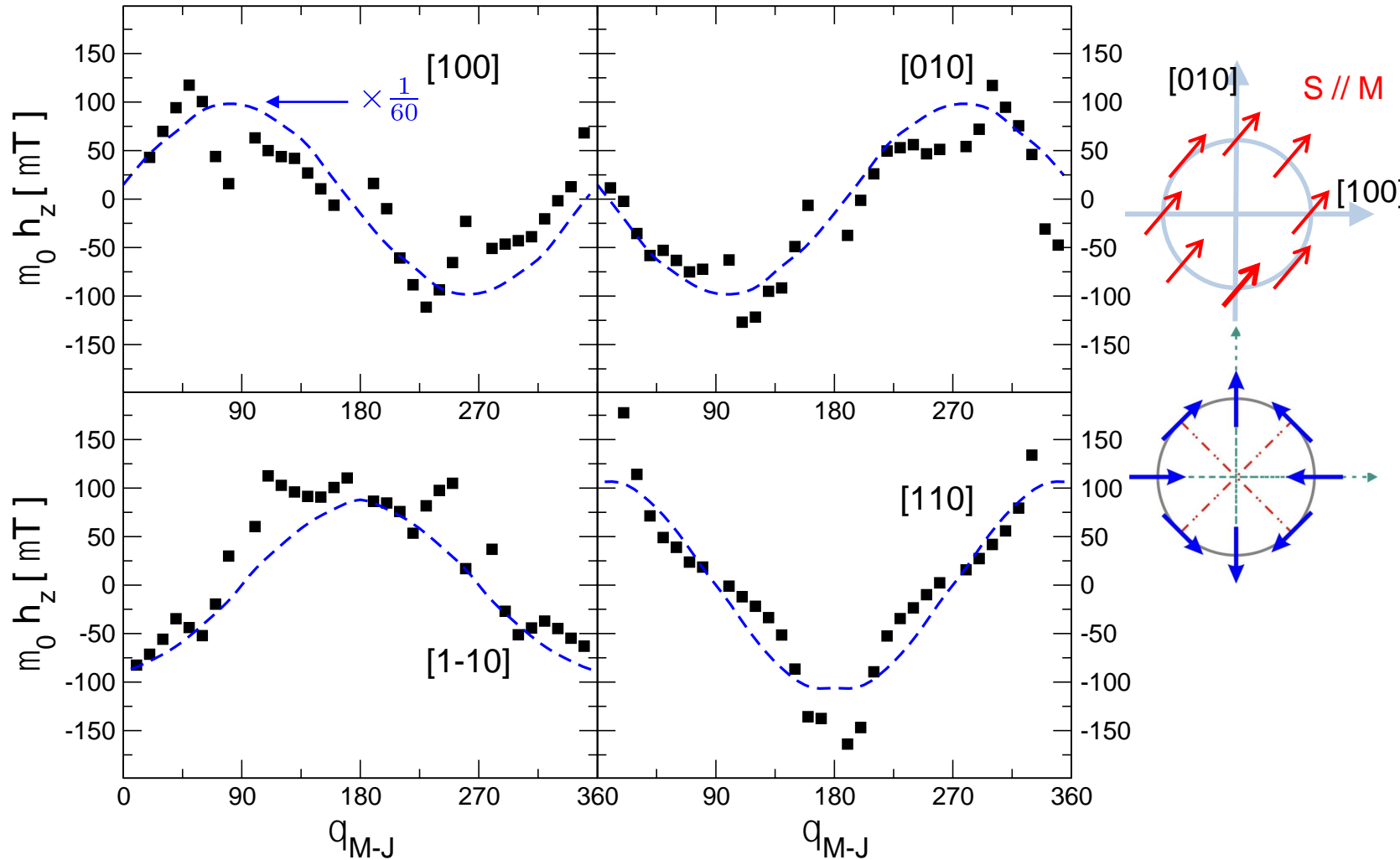


# Comparison to Theory



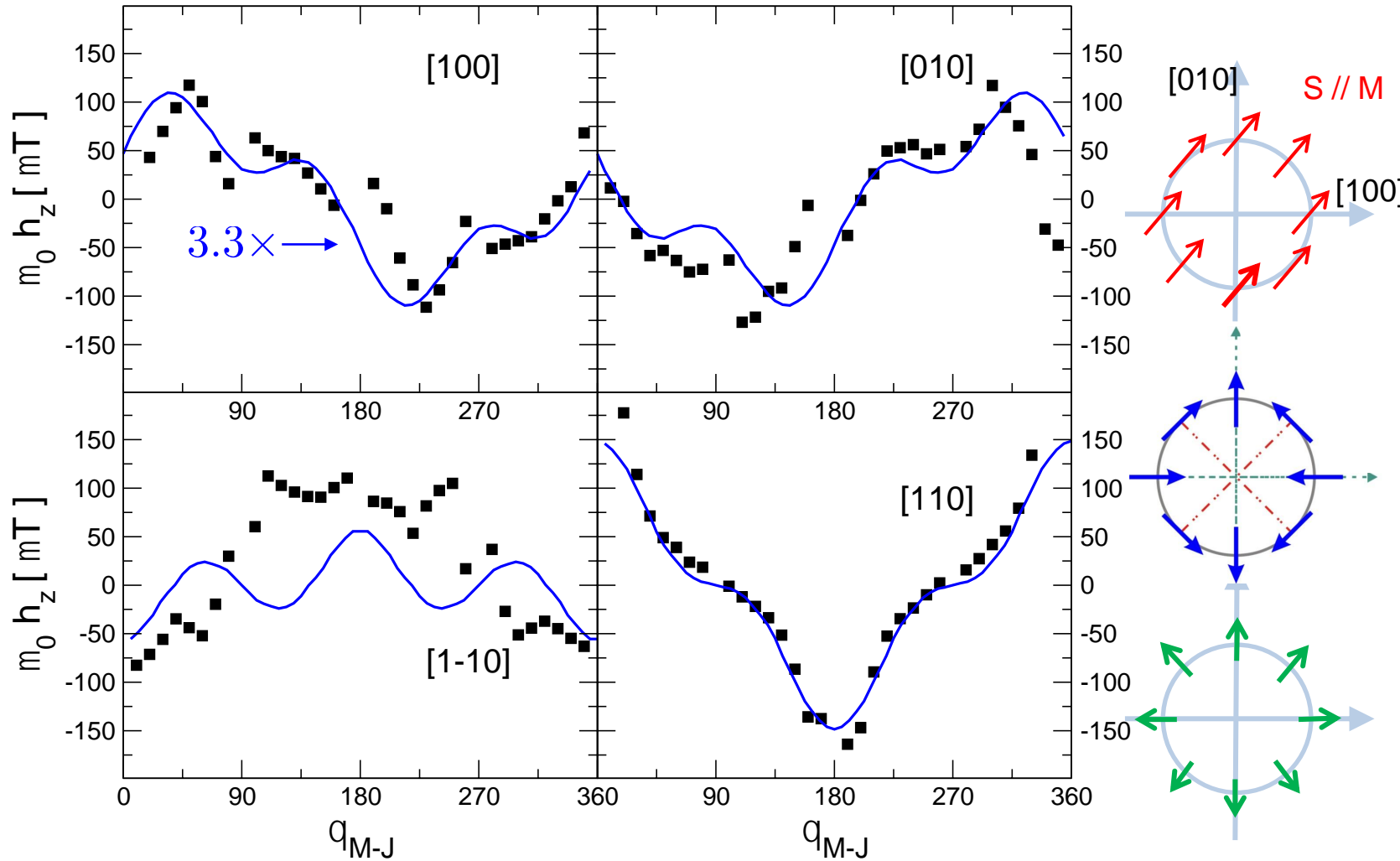
# Comparison to Theory

Dash line: Calculations replacing  $H_{KL}$  with a parabolic model, i.e. no  $(J.k)^2$  term



# Comparison to Theory

Solid line: Calculations with  $H_{KL}$  (captures higher harmonics)



# Outline

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- ~~• In-plane current magnetization switching experiments and interpretations: SHE+STT vs. Spin-orbit torque~~

## 2) ~~Theory of spin-orbit torque~~

- ~~• Linear response: extrinsic and intrinsic mechanisms~~
- ~~• Heuristic picture of Berry's phase anti-damping SOT~~

## 3) ~~Experimental technique, results and modeling~~

- ~~• Spin-orbit-field FMR experiments~~
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- ~~• Comparison to theory predictions~~

## 4) Comments

# SHE and SOT: re-examining momentum

Not mutually exclusive BUT the dominance of SHE+STT is historical!

SHE measured in bi-layers:

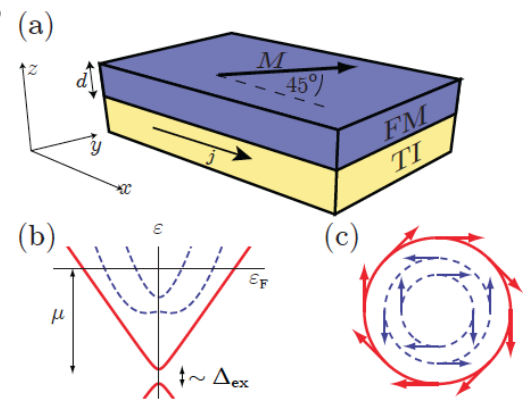
- Consistent with “expectations” of intrinsic SHE (better than AHE?) and sign changes; consistent with symmetry
- Afterward, due to consistency, no other alternative origin considered to dominate at the time (otherwise lots of re-examination needed)

“SHE” predictions in TI/F: Fischer, Manchon, et al 2013

$$\langle S_y \rangle_{\text{neq}}^{\text{D}} = -\frac{\hbar}{2ev_F} j_x$$

$$\langle S_y \rangle_{\text{neq}}^{\text{R}} = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \frac{m\alpha j_x}{2E_F}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\hat{T}}{j_x} \frac{2e}{\hbar}$$



Large Spin Torque in Topological Insulator/Ferromagnetic Metal Bilayers

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# SHE and SOT: re-examining momentum

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## Phenomenology of current-induced spin-orbit torques

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## Spin-orbit torques in Pt/Co films from first principles

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$$t_{ij}^{I(a)} = -\frac{e}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathcal{E} \frac{df(\mathcal{E})}{d\mathcal{E}} \text{Tr} \langle \mathcal{T}_i G^R(\mathcal{E}) v_j G^A(\mathcal{E}) \rangle$$

$$t_{ij}^{I(b)} = \frac{e}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathcal{E} \frac{df(\mathcal{E})}{d\mathcal{E}} \Re \text{Tr} \langle \mathcal{T}_i G^R(\mathcal{E}) v_j G^R(\mathcal{E}) \rangle$$

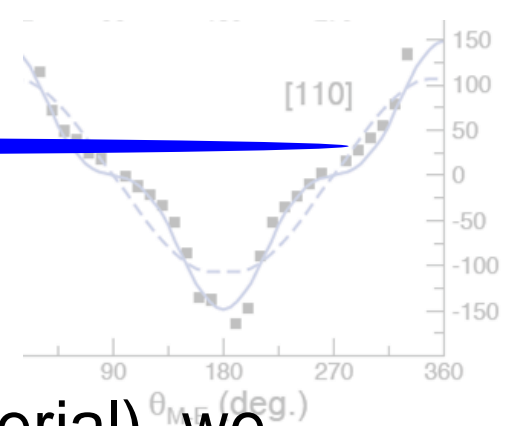
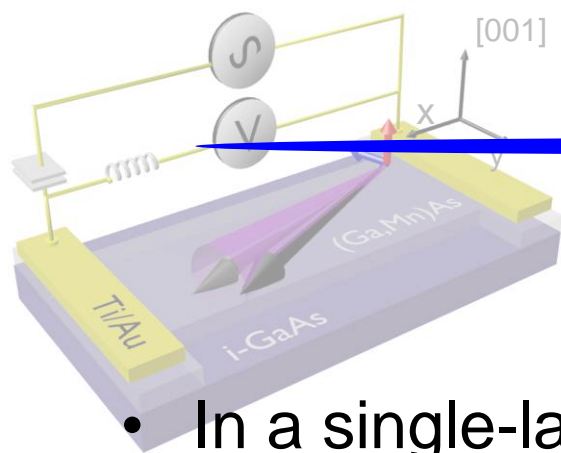
$$t_{ij}^{II} = \frac{e}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathcal{E} f(\mathcal{E}) \Re \text{Tr} \langle \mathcal{T}_i G^R(\mathcal{E}) v_j \frac{dG^R(\mathcal{E})}{d\mathcal{E}} - \mathcal{T}_i \frac{dG^R(\mathcal{E})}{d\mathcal{E}} v_j G^R(\mathcal{E}) \rangle$$

	theor			expt
	Pt/Co	Pt/Co/O	Pt/Co/Al	Pt/Co/AlO <sub>x</sub>
$\frac{T_{yx}^{\text{even}}}{\mu\text{S}}$ [mT]	3.2 (4.5)	5.1 (6.3)	3.9 (4.9)	5 ± 0.2 <sup>a</sup> 6.9 ± 0.3 <sup>b</sup> 1.7 ± 0.3 <sup>c</sup> 8 <sup>d</sup>
$\frac{T_{xx}^{\text{odd}}}{\mu\text{S}}$ [mT]	0.15 (0.73)	-3.0 (-3.0)	-5.6 (-3.6)	-3.2 ± 0.2 <sup>a</sup> -4 ± 0.3 <sup>b</sup> 0 ± 1.3 <sup>c</sup> -29 <sup>e</sup>

Agree on calculations and results: small disagreement of interpretation of fig. 2



# Summary



- In a single-layer GaMnAs (bulk SO material), we predict and detect large intrinsic anti-damping spin-orbit torque
  - Both extrinsic field-like SOTs and anti-damping intrinsic SOTs are of similar strength in GaMnAs
  - Because of common origin intrinsic anti-damping SOT can be of comparable strength to SHE-STT in metal multi-layer structures.
- More details in: Kurebayashi, Sinova et al., arXiv:1306.1893  
Fang et al., Nature Nanotech. (2011)