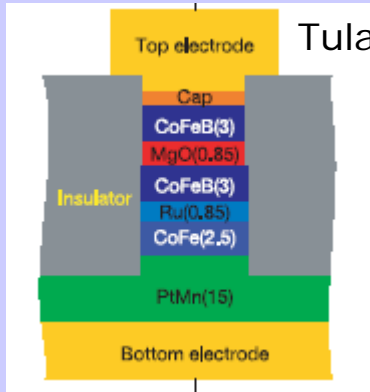
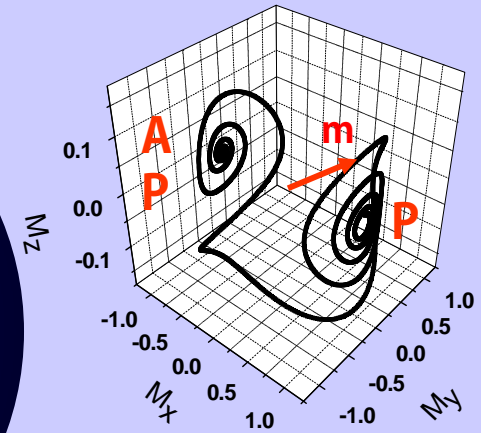


In classical spintronics:
new types of MTJ



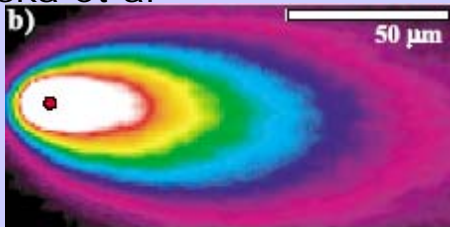
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Spin transfer: switching,
oscillators, synchronization

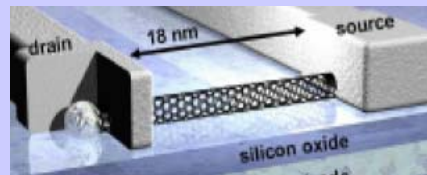


The present
and future of
Spintronics

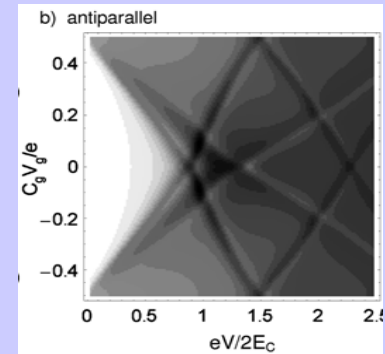
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Spintronics with
semiconductors



Spintronics with
molecules



single-electron
devices

Introduction :

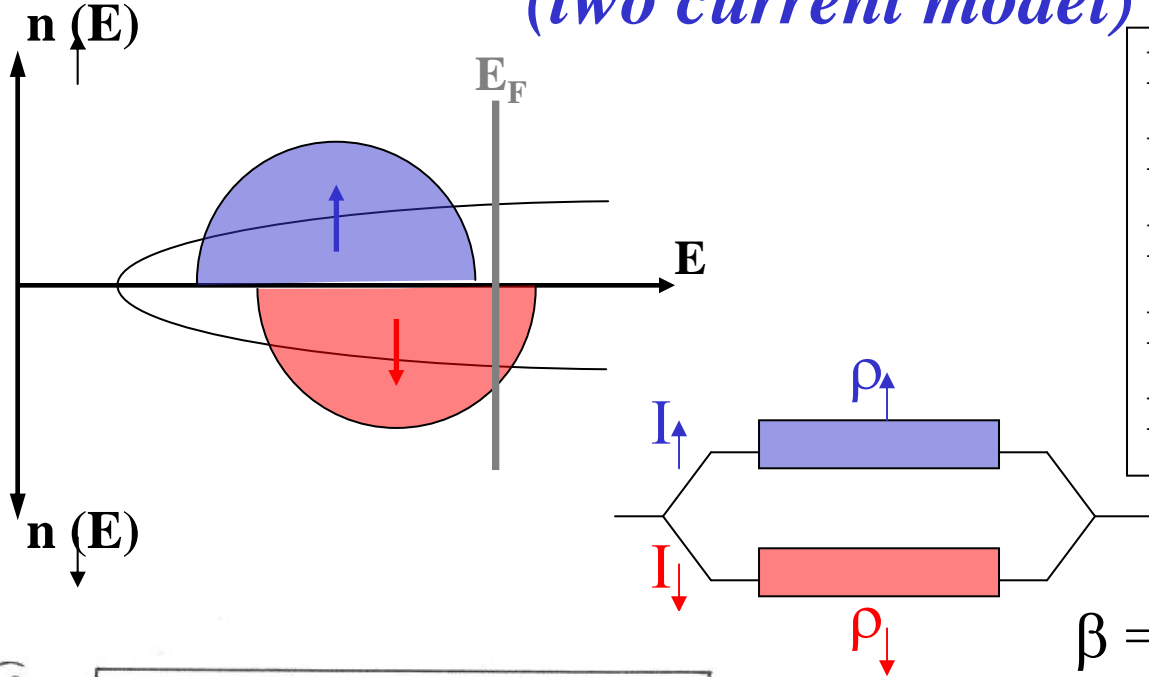
**Spin dependent conduction in
ferromagnetic conductors,**

Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR),

Tunnel Magnetoresistance (TMR)

Spin dependent conduction in ferromagnetic metals

(two current model)



Mott, Proc.Roy.Soc A153, 1936

Fert et al, PRL 21, 1190, 1968

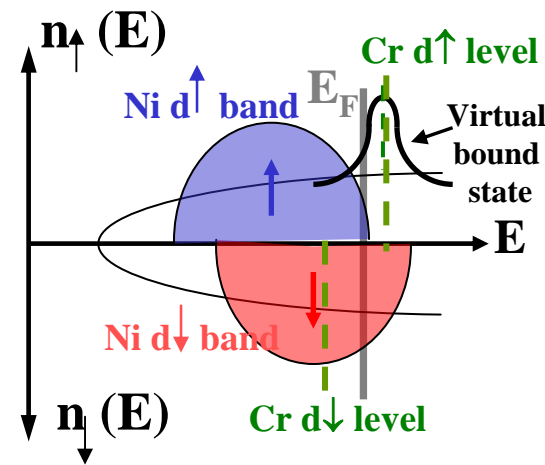
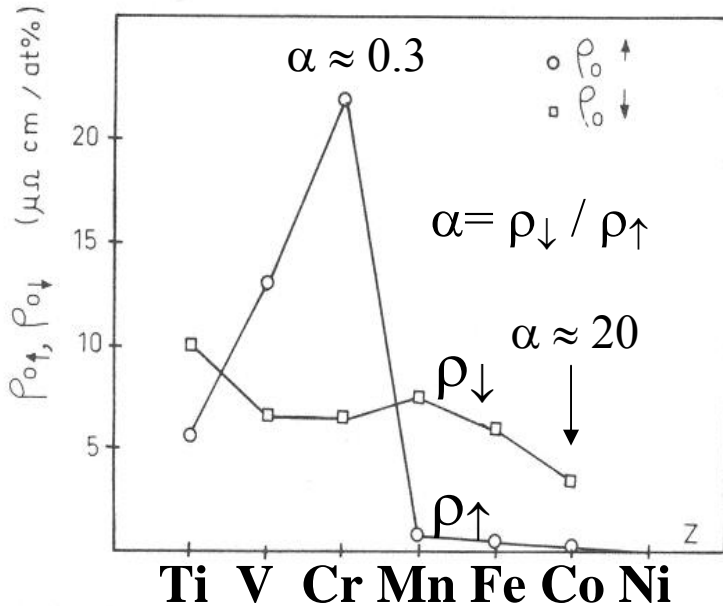
Loegel-Gautier, JPCS 32, 1971

Fert et al, J.Phys.F6, 849, 1976

Dorlejin et al, ibid F7, 23, 1977

$$\alpha = \rho_{\downarrow} / \rho_{\uparrow} \text{ or}$$

$$\beta = (\rho_{\downarrow} - \rho_{\uparrow}) / (\rho_{\downarrow} + \rho_{\uparrow}) = (\alpha - 1) / (\alpha + 1)$$



Mixing impurities A and B with opposite or similar spin asymmetries: *the pre-concept of GMR*

Example: Ni + impurities A and B (Fert-Campbell, 1968, 1971)

1st case

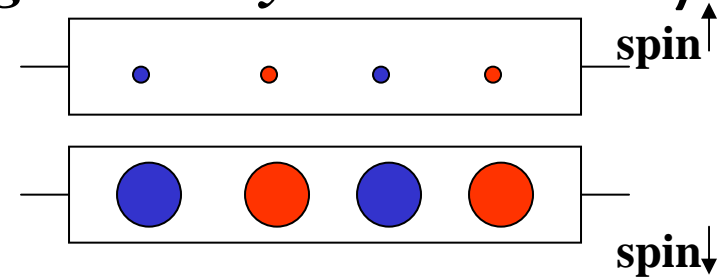
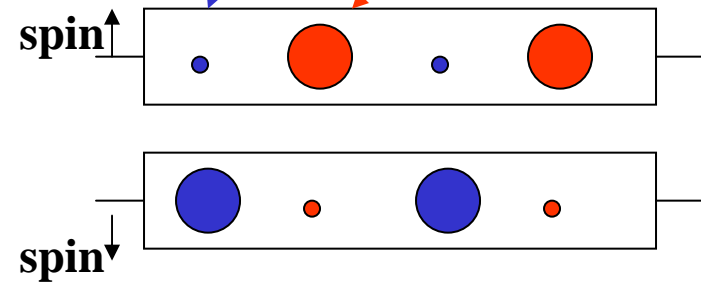
$$\alpha_A > 1, \alpha_B < 1$$

$$\alpha = \rho_{\downarrow} / \rho_{\uparrow}$$

2d case

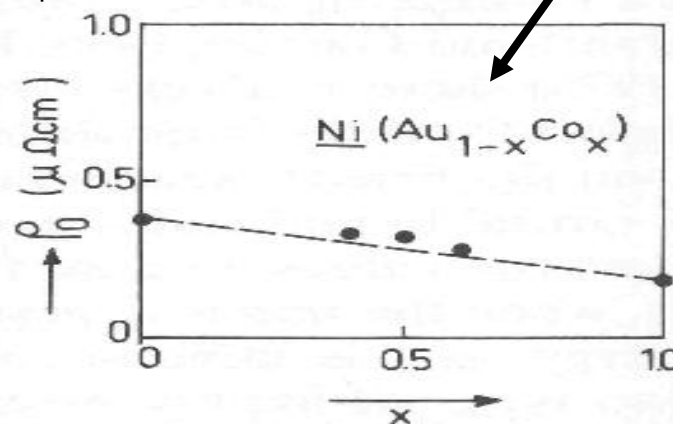
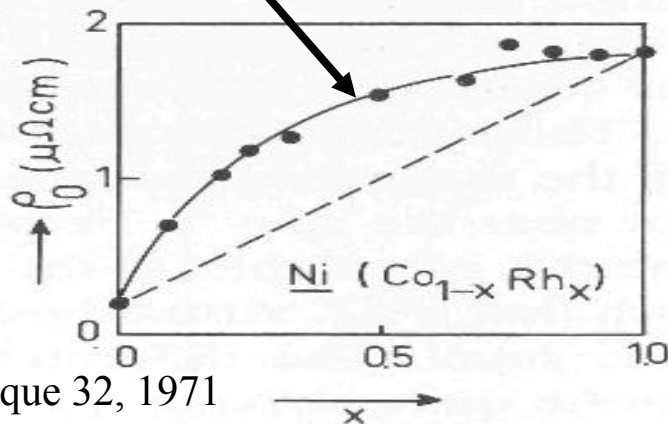
$$\alpha_A \text{ and } \alpha_B > 1$$

High mobility channel \rightarrow low ρ

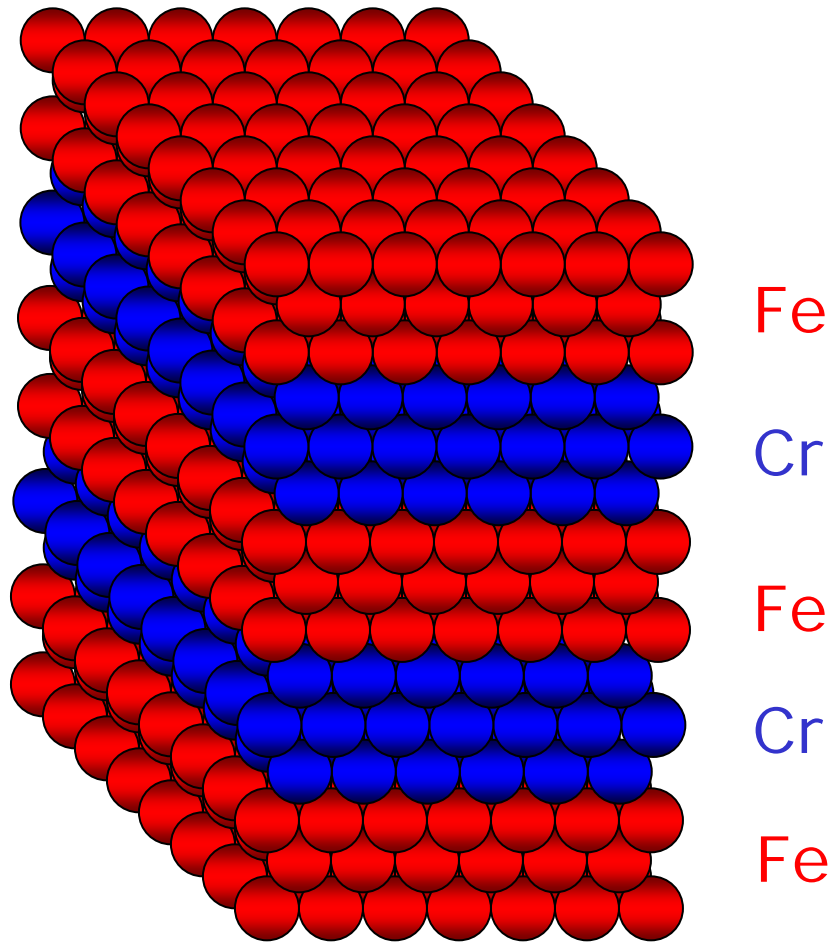


$$\rho_{AB} \gg \rho_A + \rho_B$$

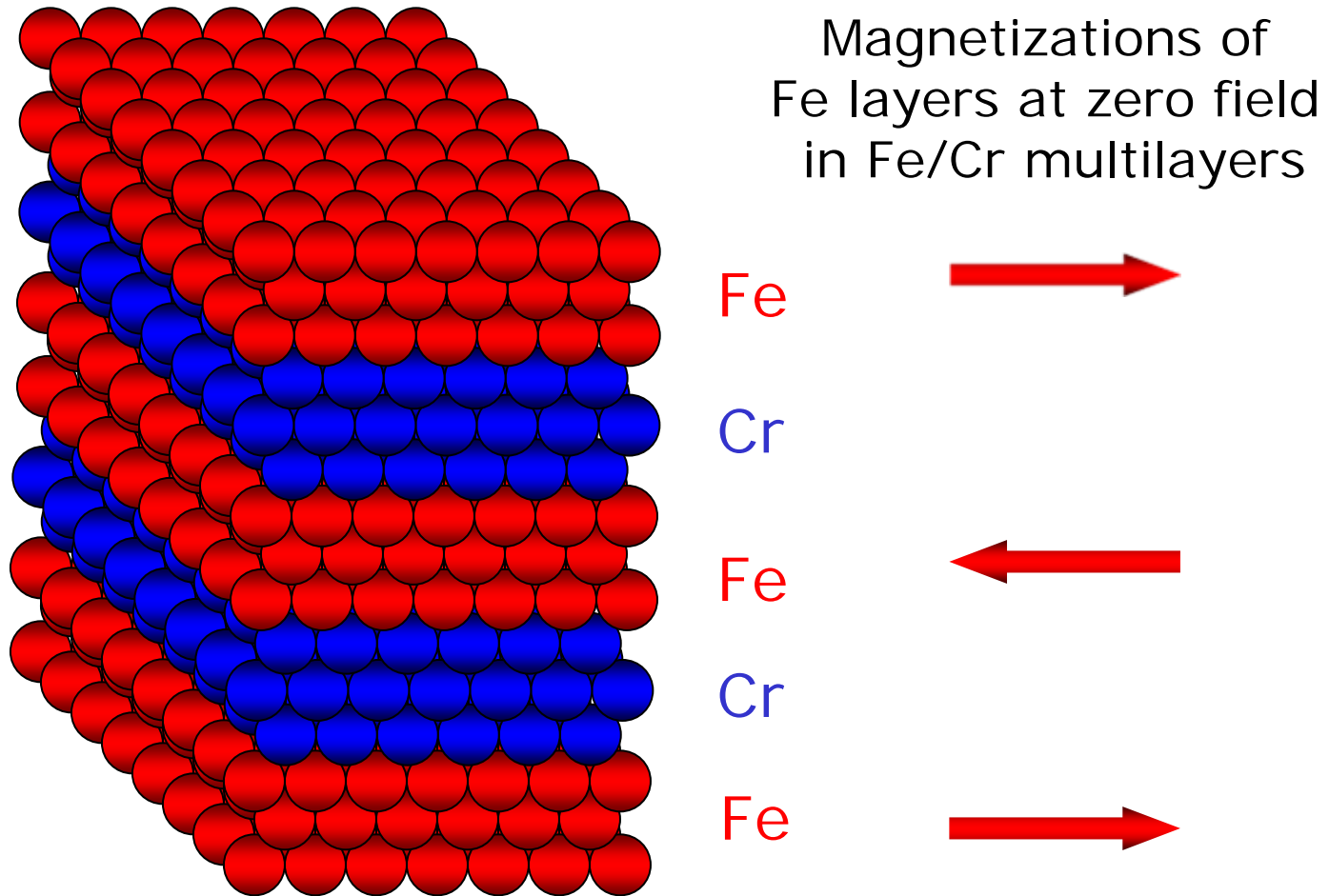
$$\rho_{AB} \approx \rho_A + \rho_B$$



- **Magnetic multilayers**

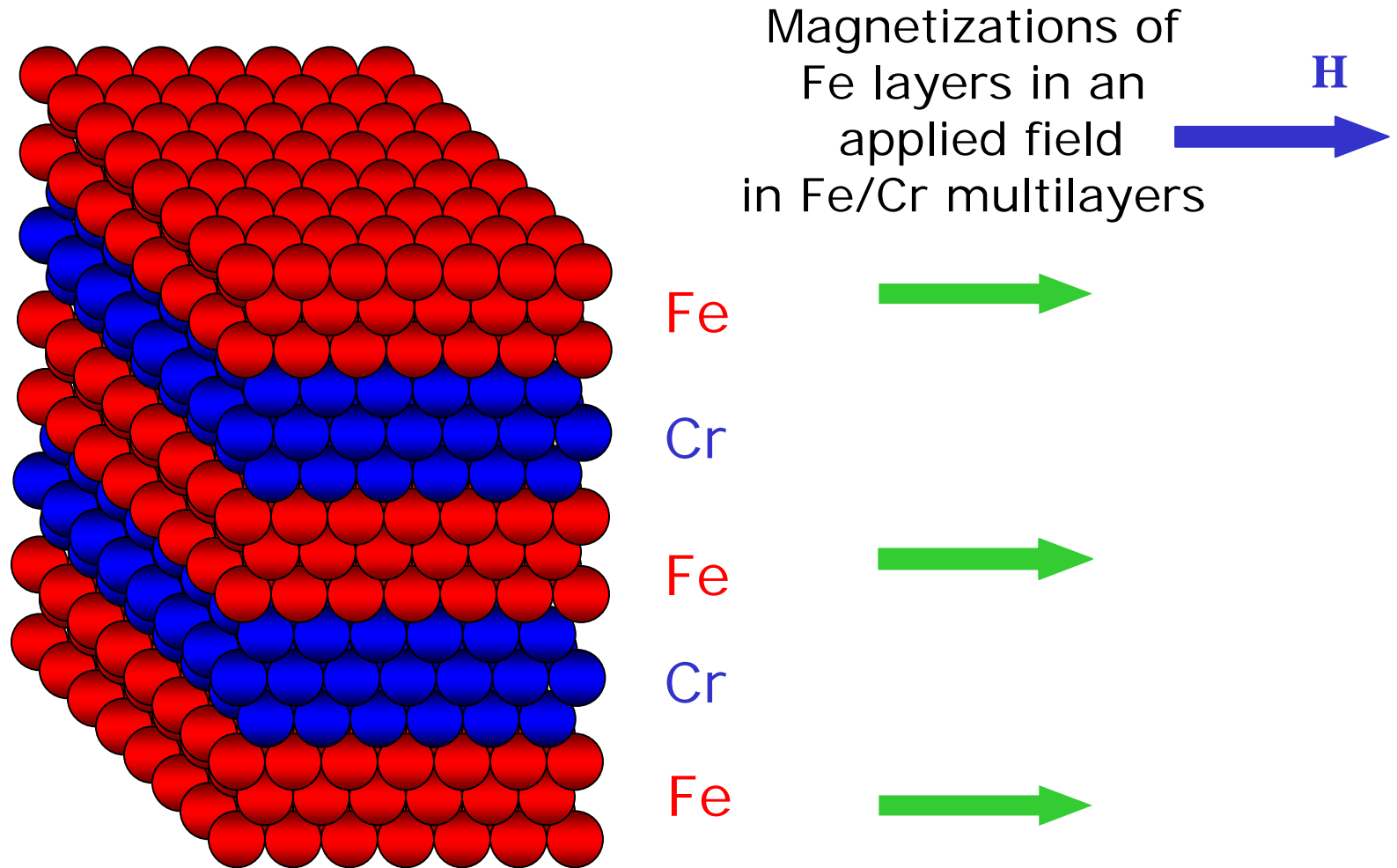


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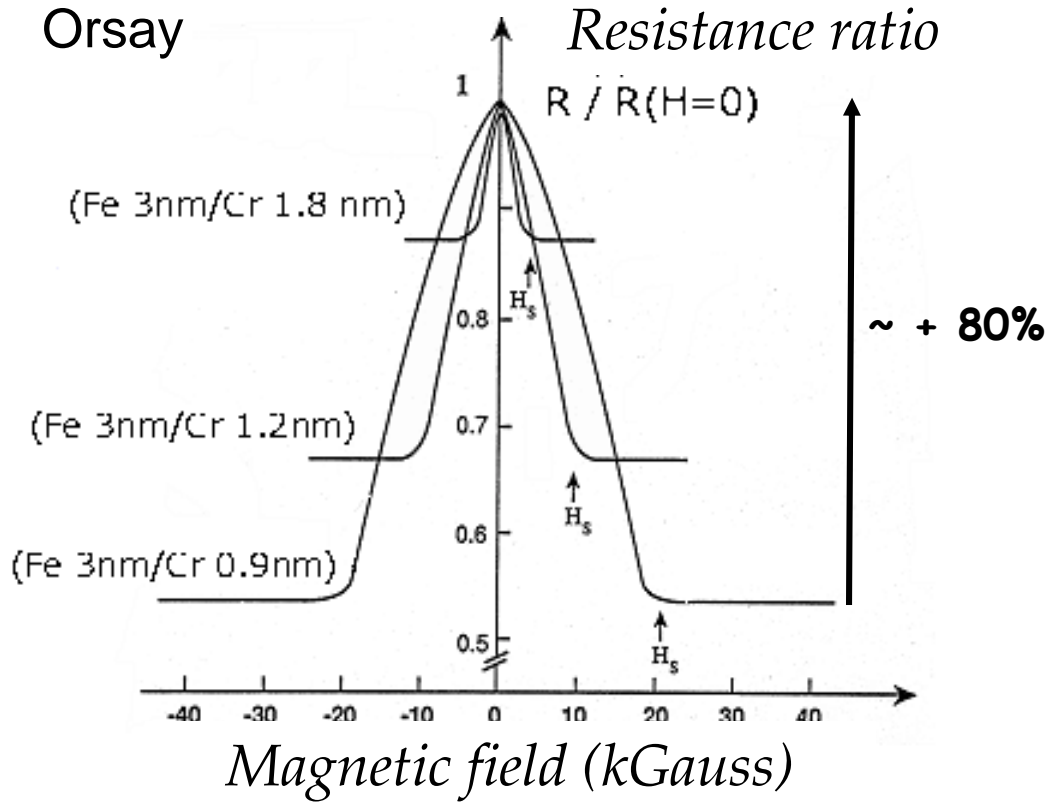


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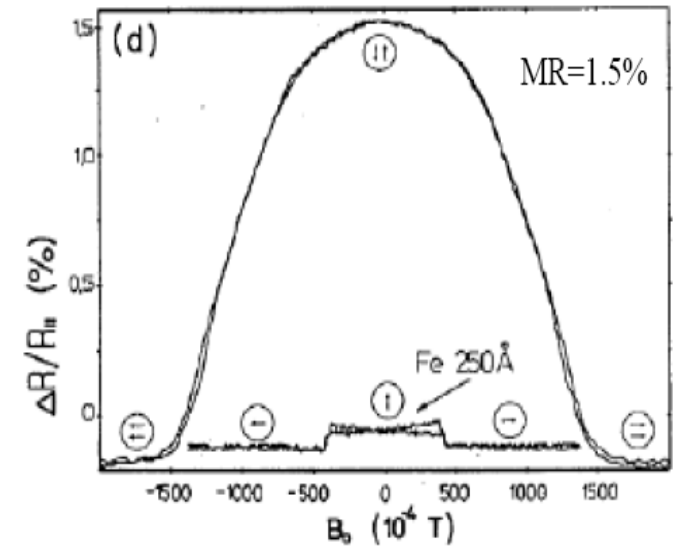
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(Orsay, 1988, Fe/Cr multilayers, Jülich, 1989, Fe/Cr/Fe trilayers)

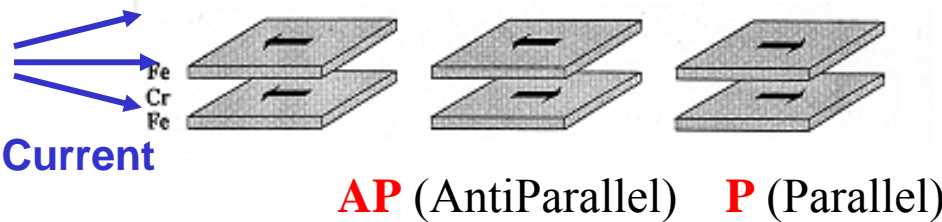
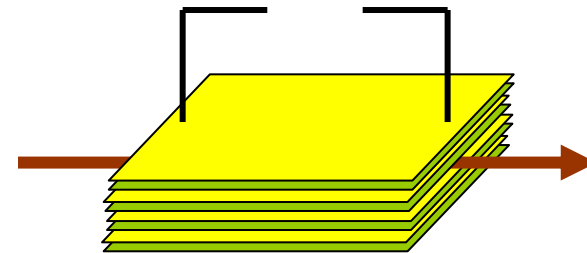
Orsay



Jülich

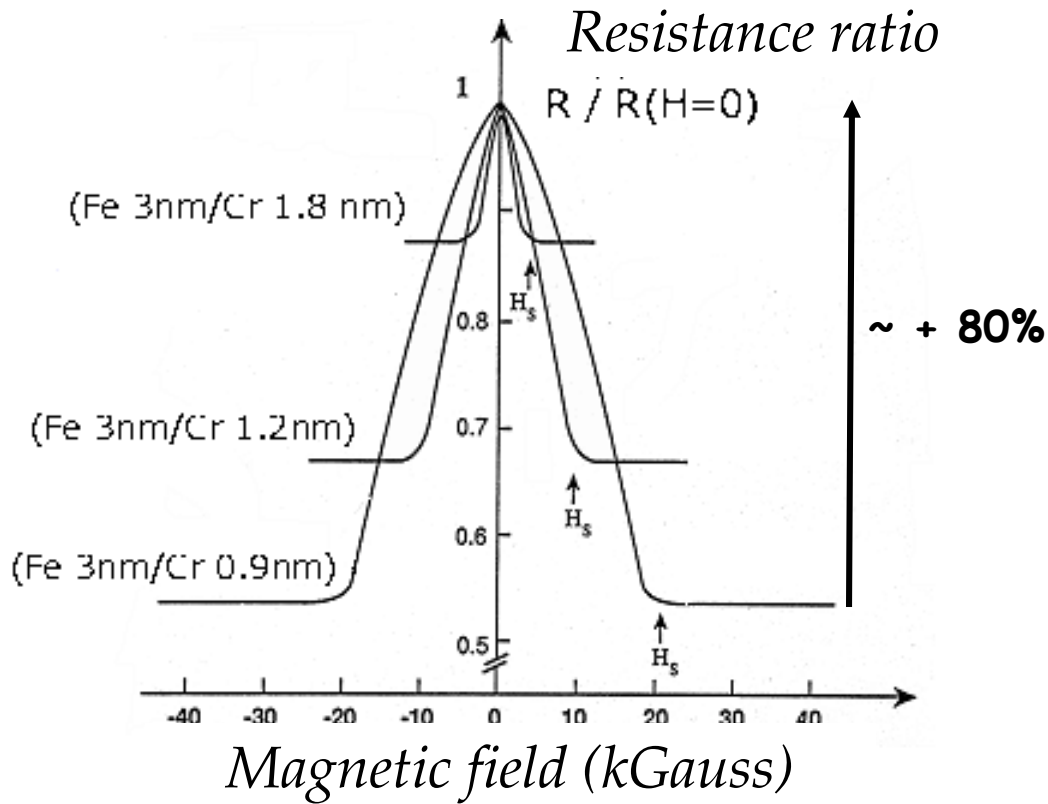


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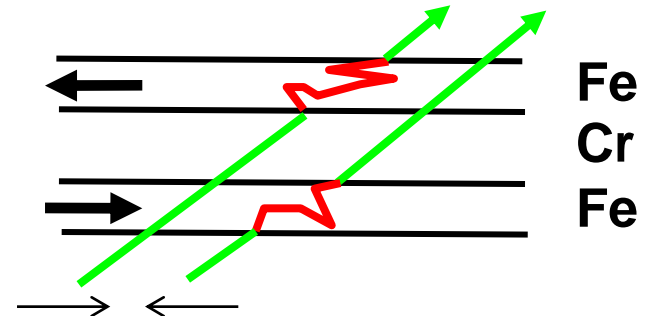


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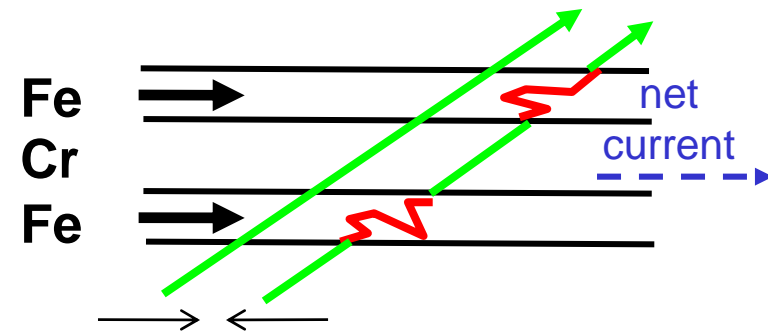
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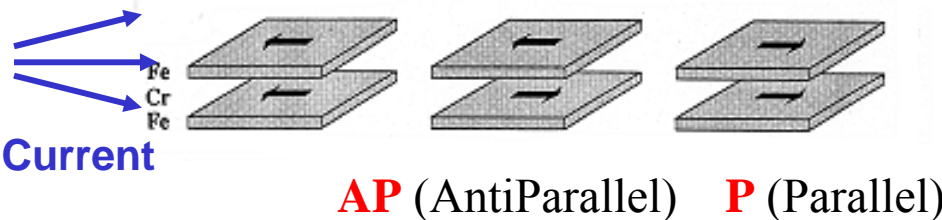
Anti-parallel magnetizations
(zero field, **high** resistance)

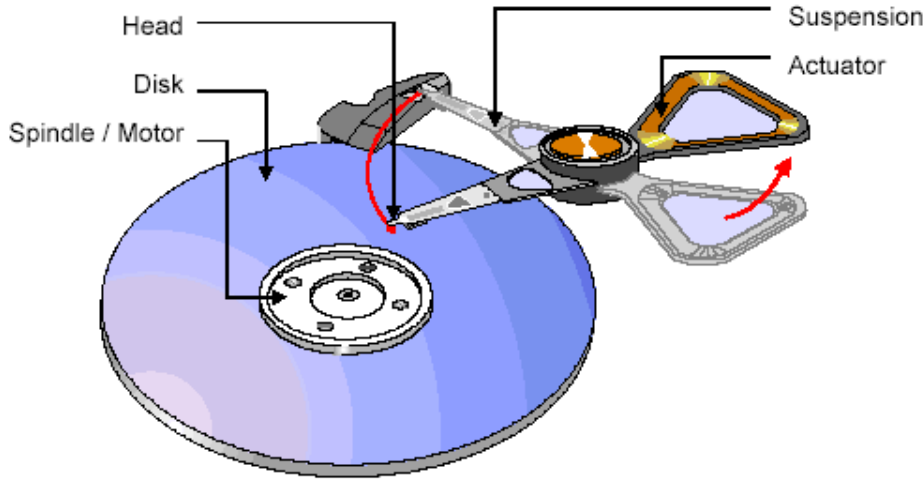


Parallel magnetizations
(appl. field, **low** resist.)



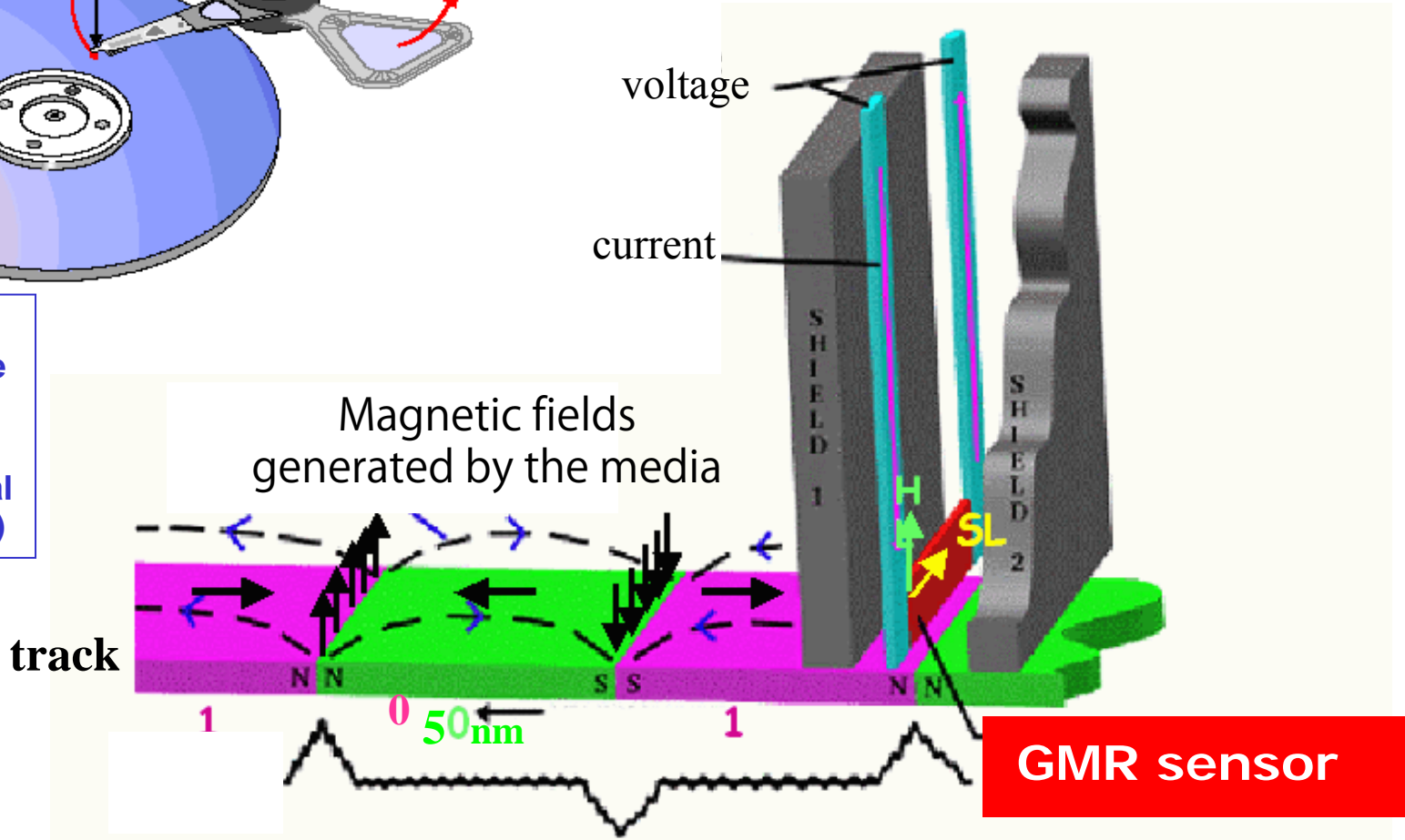
Condition for GMR:
layer thickness \approx nm





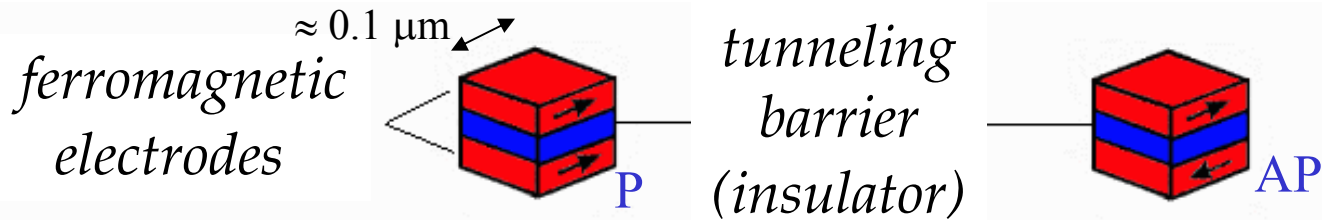
Read head of
hard disc drive

Recent review :
« The emergence
of spintronics in
data storage »
Chappert, AF et al
Nat. Mat.(Nov.07)



1997 (before GMR) : 1 Gbit/in² , 2007 : GMR heads ~ 600 Gbit/in²

• Magnetic Tunnel Junctions, Tunneling Magnetoresistance (TMR)



Jullière, 1975,
low T, hardly
reproducible

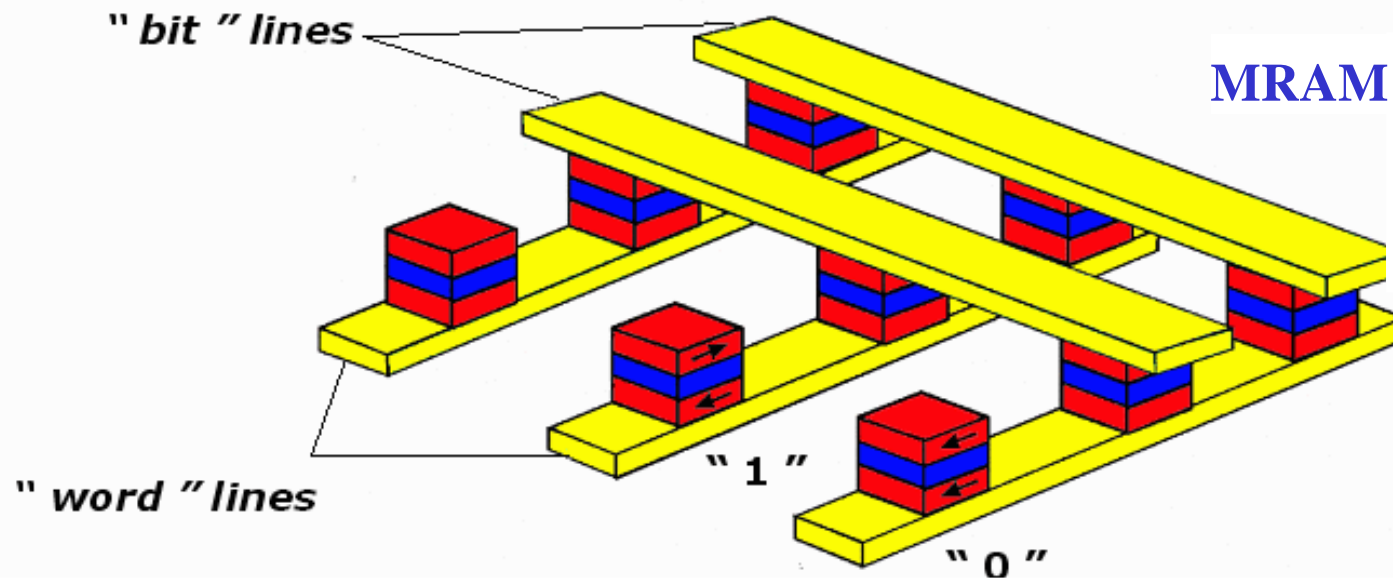
Low resistance state

High resistance state

Moodera et al, 1995, Miyasaki et al, 1995, CoFe/Al₂O₃/Co, MR \approx 30-40%

Applications: - read heads of Hard Disc Drive

- M-RAM (Magnetic Random Access Memory)



MRAM : density/speed of
DRAM/SRAM +
nonvolatility + low
energy consumption

Epitaxial magnetic tunnel junctions (MgO, etc)

First examples on Fe/MgO/Fe(001):

CNRS/Thales (Bowen, AF et al, APL2001)

Nancy (Faure-Vincent et al, APL 2003)

Tsukuba (Yuasa et al, Nature Mat. 2005)

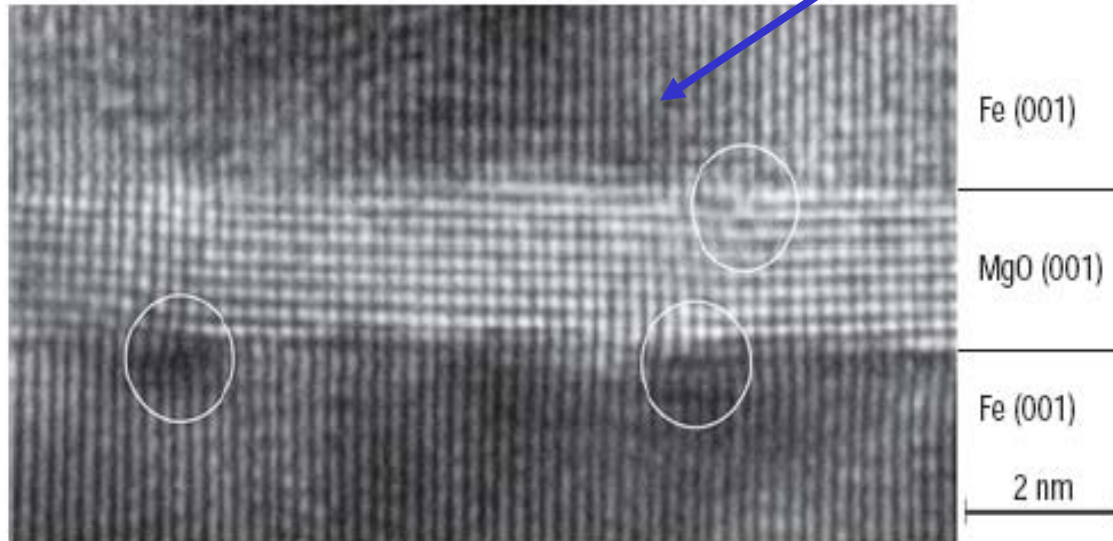
IBM (Parkin et al, Nature Mat. 2005)

....etc

Yuasa et al, Fe/MgO/Fe

Nature Mat. 2005

$$\Delta R/R = (R_{AP} - R_P) / R_P \approx \mathbf{200\%}$$
 at RT



2006-2007

CoFeB/MgO/CoFeB,

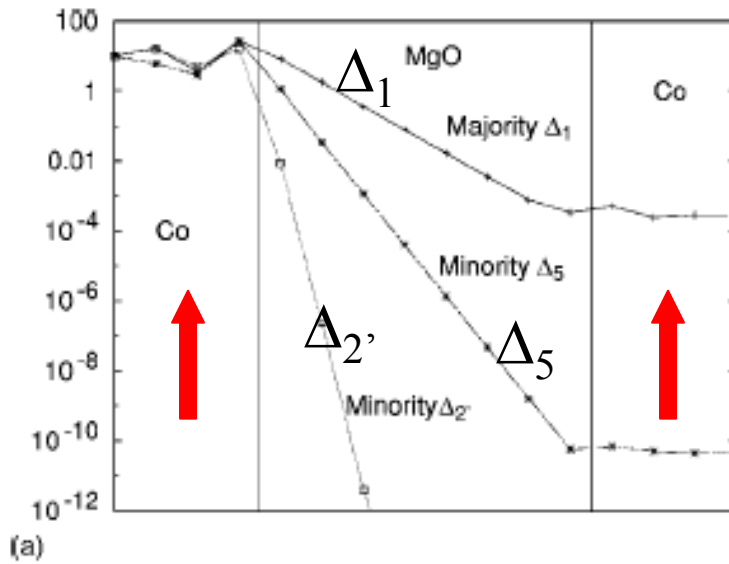
$\Delta R/R \approx \mathbf{500\%}$ at RT in several
laboratories in 2006-2007

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**Clearer picture of the
physics of TMR:
what is inside the word
« spin polarization »?**

Mathon and Umerski, PR B 1999
Mavropoulos et al, PRL 2000 Butler
et al , PR B 2001
Zhang and Butler, PR B 2004 [bcc
Co/MgO/bcc Co(001)]

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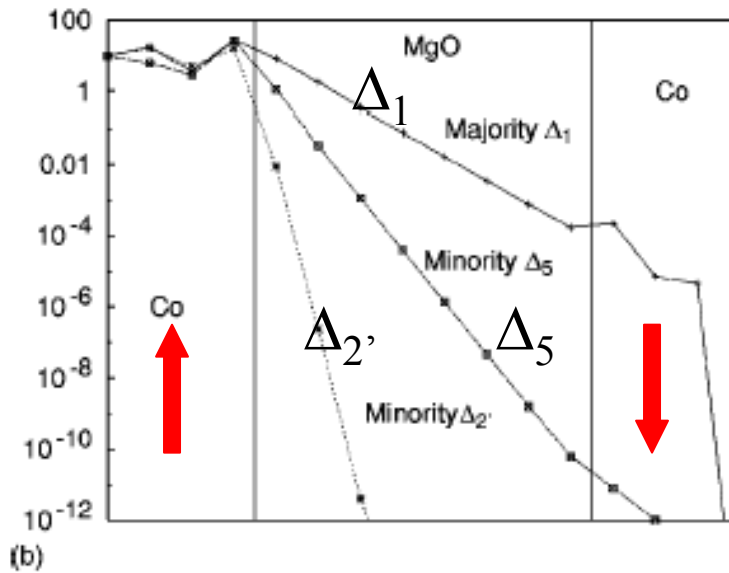
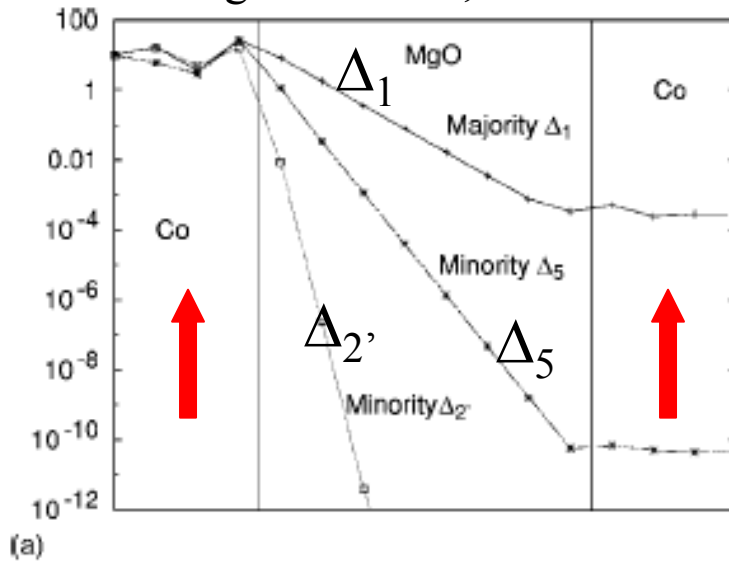


FIG. 2. Tunneling density of states on each atomic layer at $k_{\parallel}=0$ for the Co/MgO/Co tunnel junction. Top panel: parallel spin alignment, bottom panel: antiparallel spin alignment

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MgO, ZnSe (Mavropoulos et al, PRL 2000), etc

→ Δ_1 symmetry (sp) slowly decaying

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(Velev et al, PRL 95, 2005; Bowen et al, PR B 2006)

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→ tunneling of **Co minority** spin electrons

in agreement with the **negative polarization of Co** found in TMR with **SrTiO₃, TiO₂** and **Ce_{1-x}La_xO₂** barriers
(de Teresa, A.F. et al, Science 1999)

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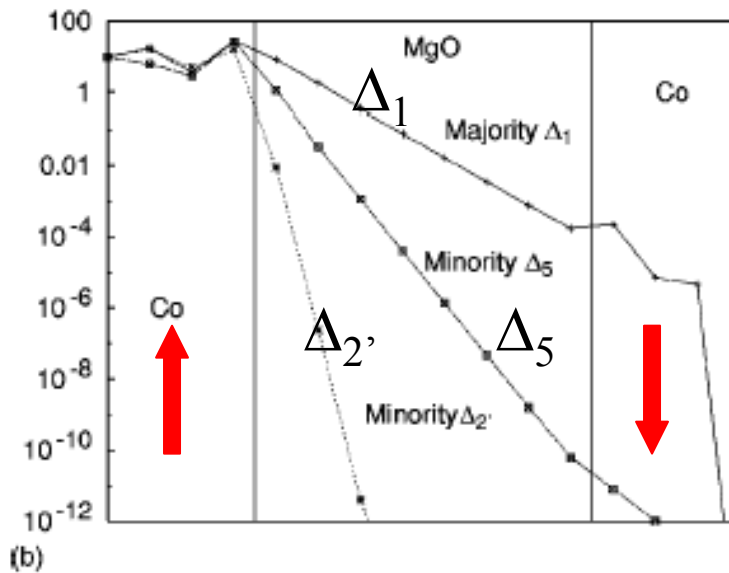
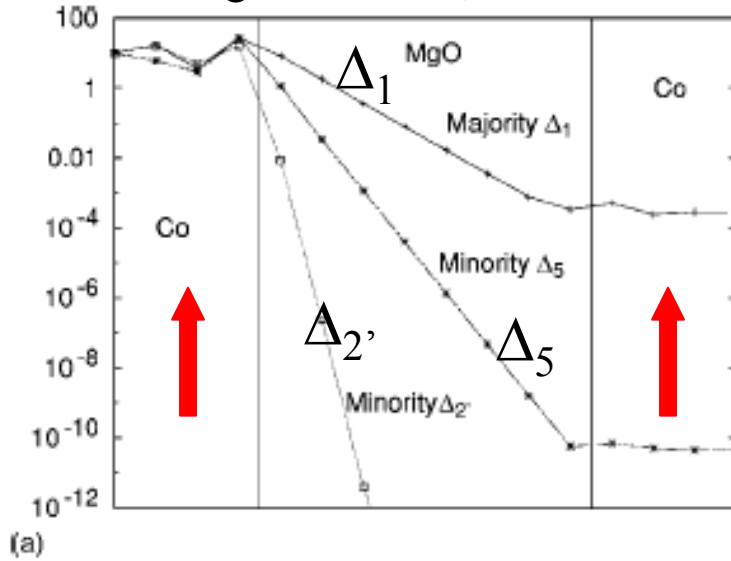


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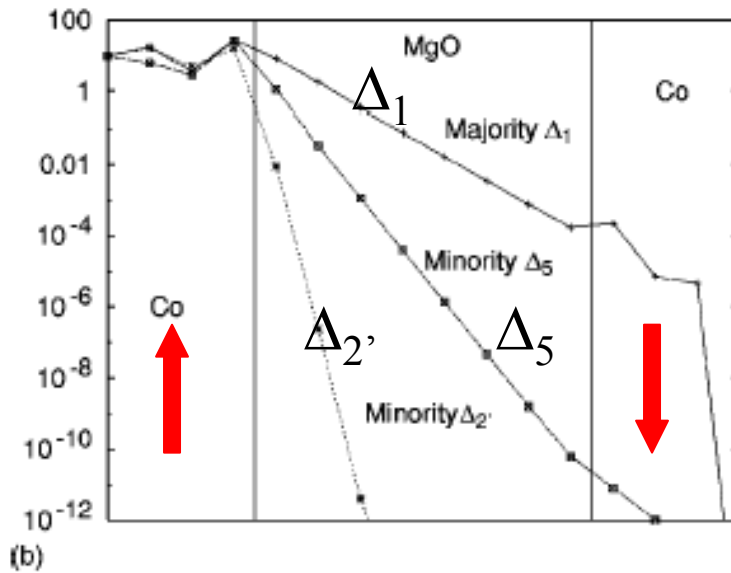


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Physical basis of « spin polarization » (SP) (de Teresa, A.F. et al, Science 1999)

α Tunneling: SP of the DOS for the symmetry selected by the barrier

α Electrical conduction: SP depends on scatterers, impurities,..

Spin Transfer
(magnetic switching, microwave generation)

Spintronics with semiconductors

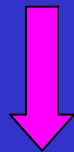
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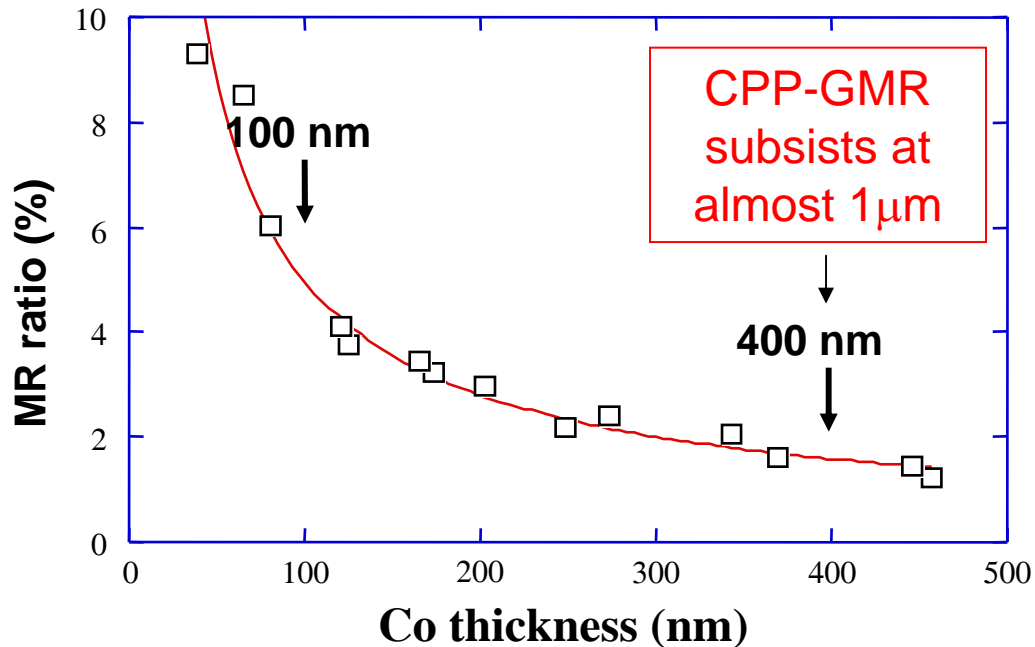
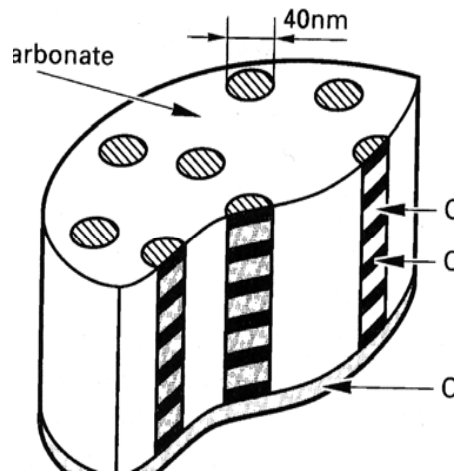
Spintronics with molecules

**Common physics:
spin accumulation**



**spins injected to long distances
by diffusion**

Co/Cu: Current \perp to Plane (CPP) -GMR of multilayered nanowires
 (L.Piraux, AF et al, APL 1994, JMMM 1999)



CIP-GMR

scaling length = mean free path

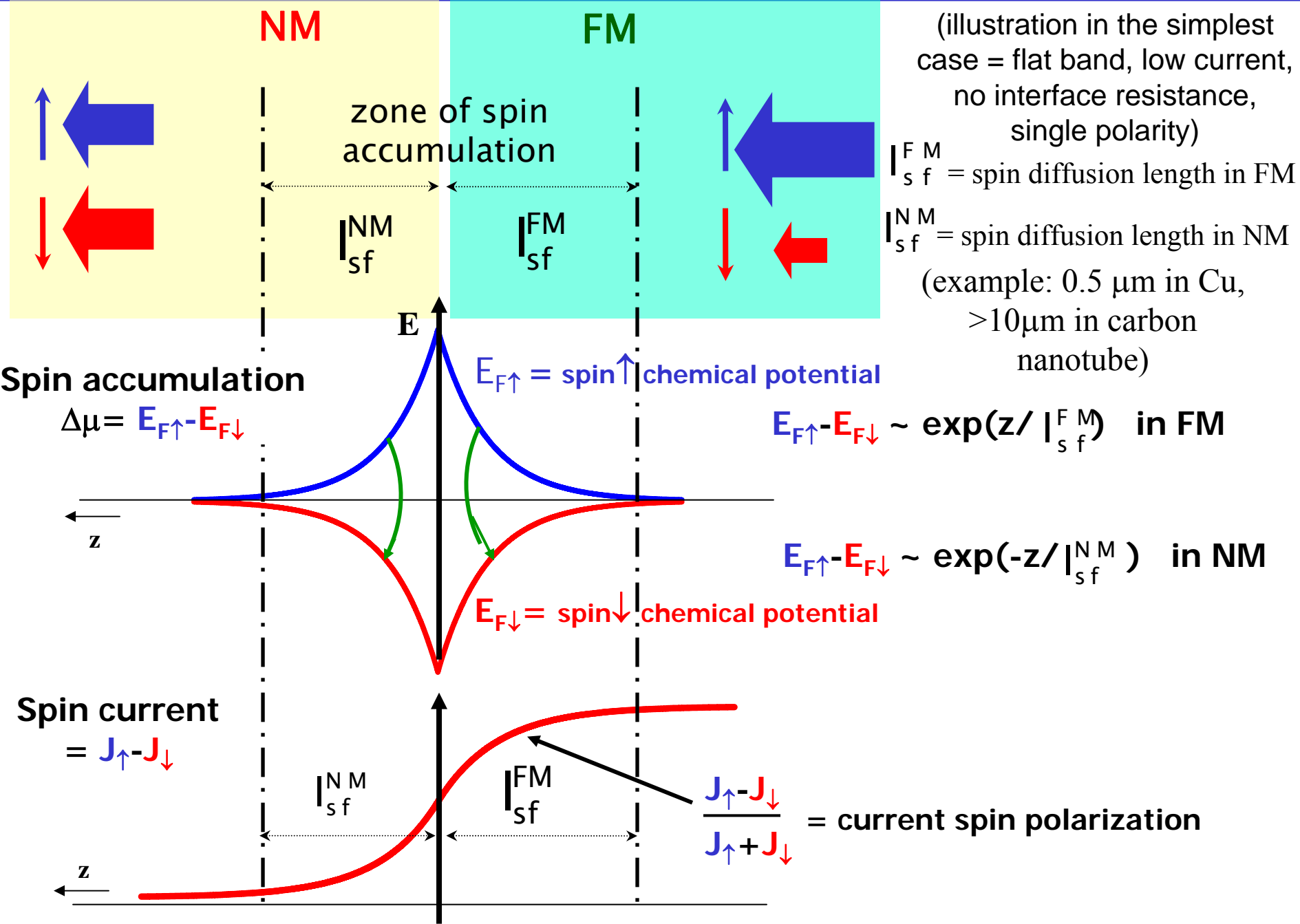
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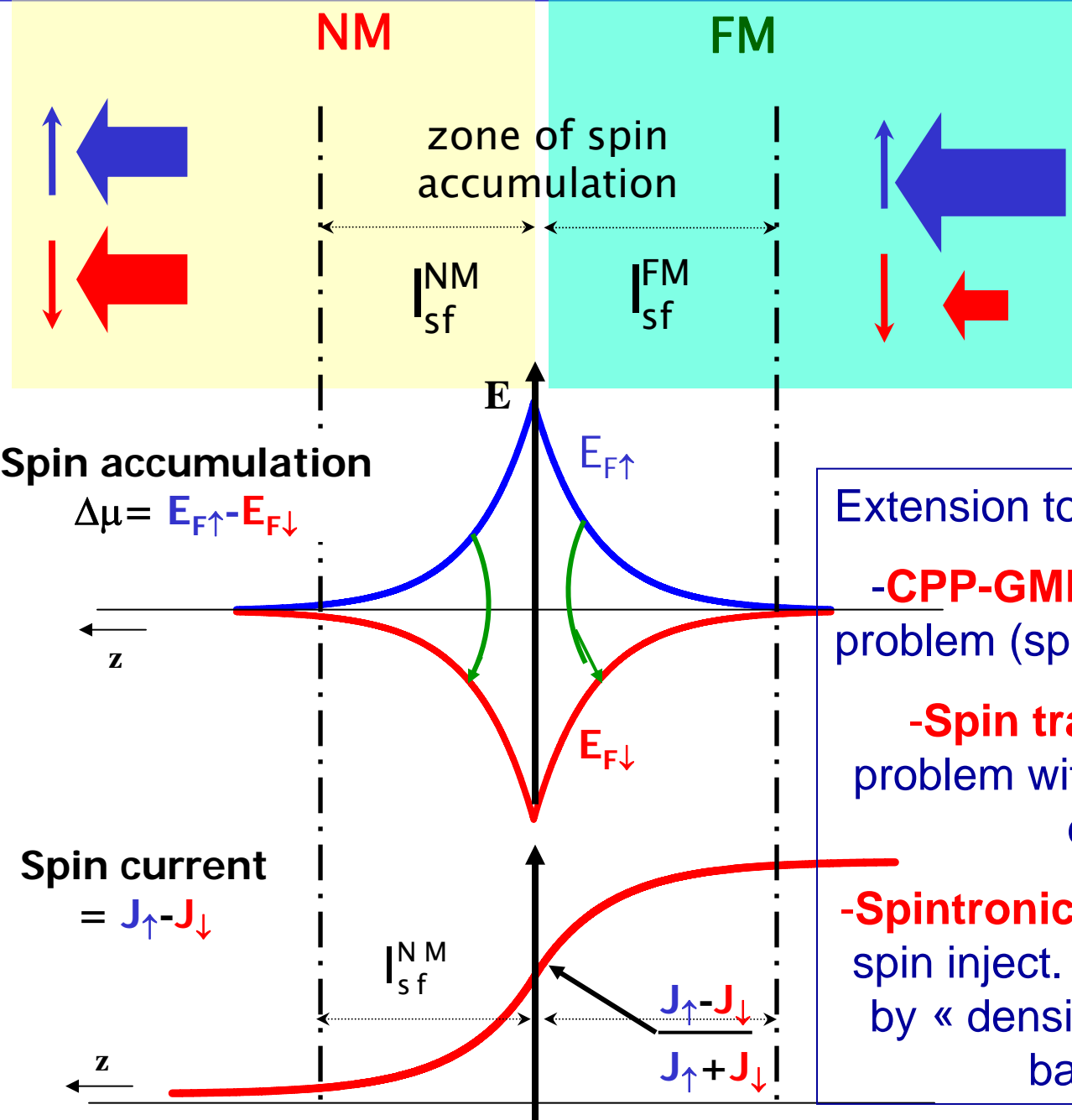
spin accumulation theory
 (Valet-Fert, PR B 1993)

Other results: MSU group, PRL 1991, JMMM 1999

Spin injection/extraction at a NM/FM interface (beyond ballistic range)



Spin injection/extraction at a NM/FM interface (beyond ballistic range)



(illustration in the simplest case = flat band, low current, no interface resistance, single polarity)

$|_{sf}^{FM}$ = spin diffusion length in FM

$|_{sf}^{NM}$ = spin diffusion length in NM

(example: 0.5 μm in Cu, >10 μm in carbon nanotube)

Extension to more complex situations

-CPP-GMR: typical multi-interface problem (spin accumulation overlaps)

-Spin transfer: multi-interface problem with non-collinear magnetic configurations

-Spintronics with semiconductors: spin inject. from metals complicated by « density of states mismatch », band bending, etc

Spin injection/extraction at a Semiconductor/FM interface

NM = metal or semiconductor

FM

zone of spin accumulation

$|J_{sf}^{NM}|$

$|J_{sf}^{FM}|$

1) situation without interface resistance (« conductivity mismatch »)
(Schmidt et al, PR B 2000)

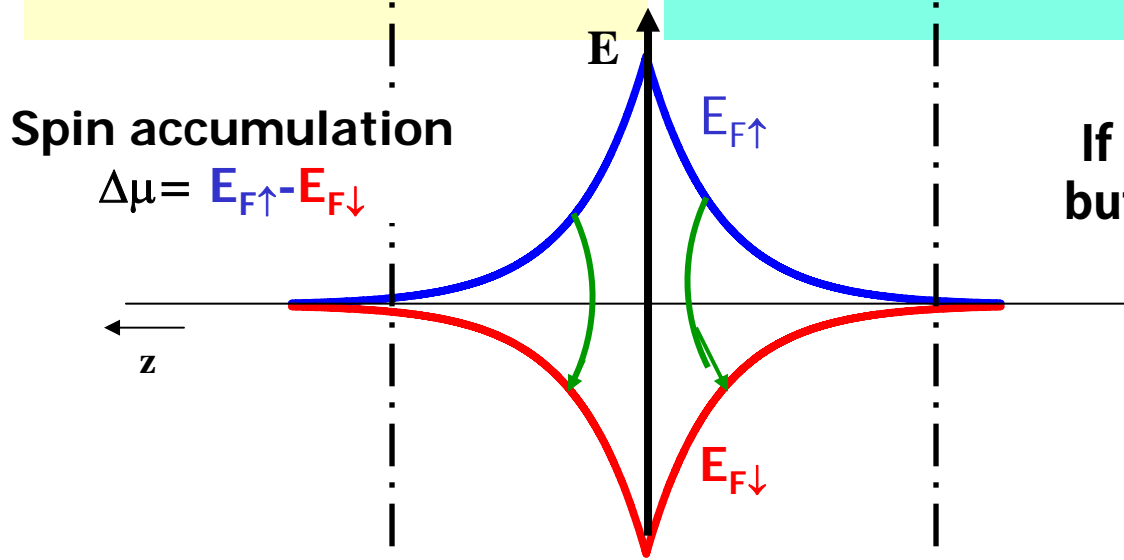
Semiconductor/ F metal

If similar spin splitting on both sides but much larger density of states in F metal

much larger spin accumulation density

and much more spin flips on magnetic metal side

almost complete depolarization of the current before it enters the SC



Spin current = $J_{\uparrow} - J_{\downarrow}$

NM = metal

$|J_{sf}^{NM}|$

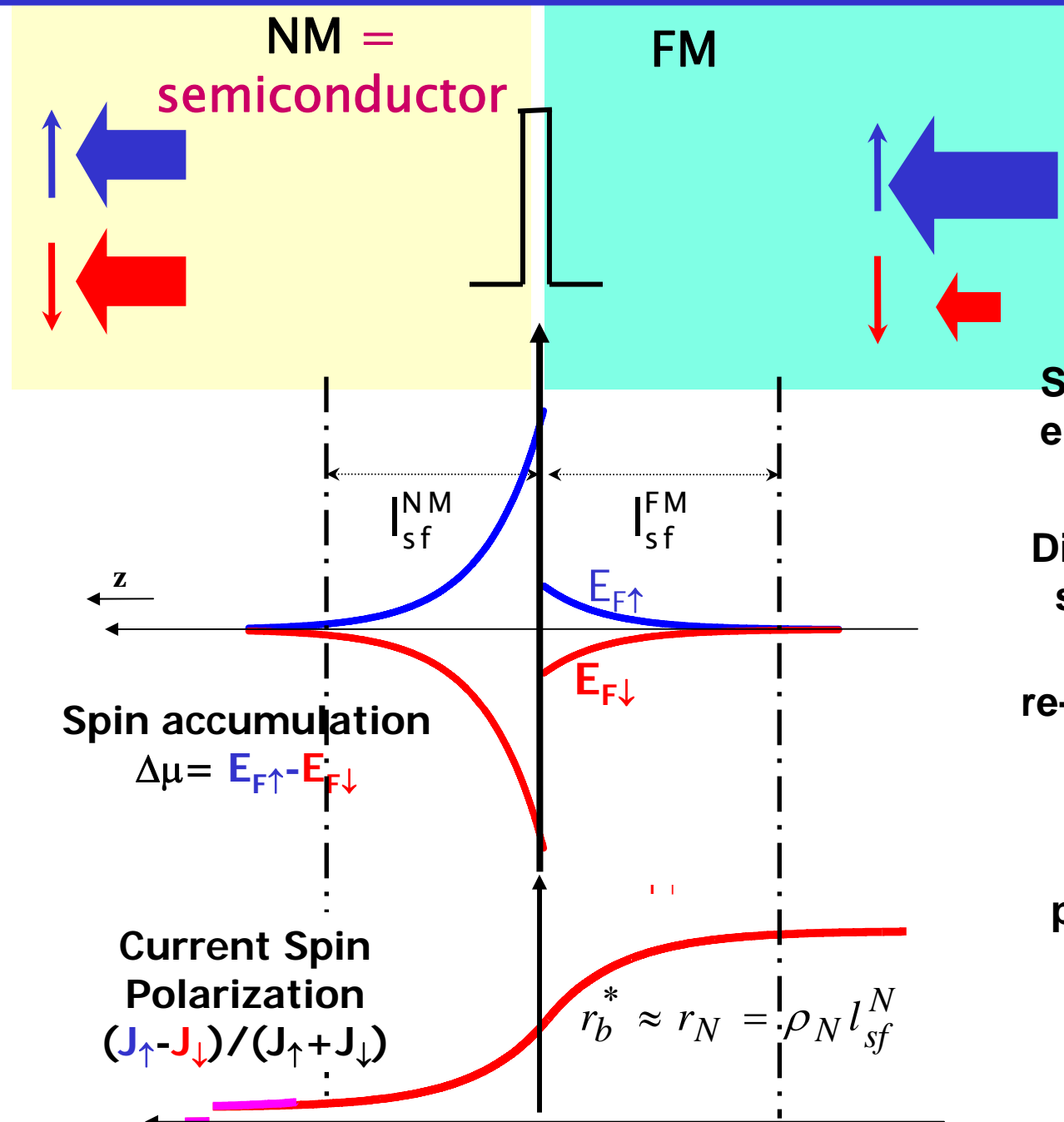
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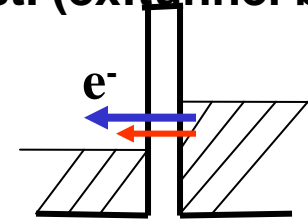
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Spin injection/extraction at a Semiconductor/FM interface



spin dependent. interf. resist. (ex:tunnel barrier)



Spin dependent drop of the electro-chemical potential

Discontinuity increases the spin accumulation in NM

re-balanced spin relaxations in F and NM

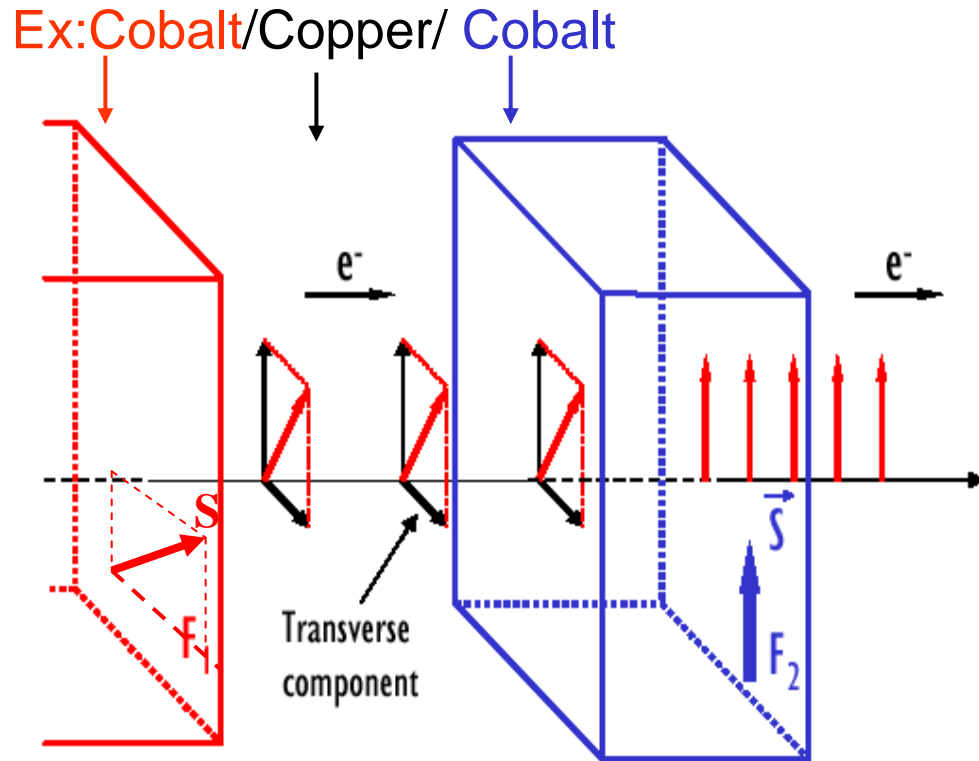
extension of the spin-polarized current into the semiconductor

Rasbah, PR B 2000

A.F-Jaffrès, PR B 2001

Spin transfer

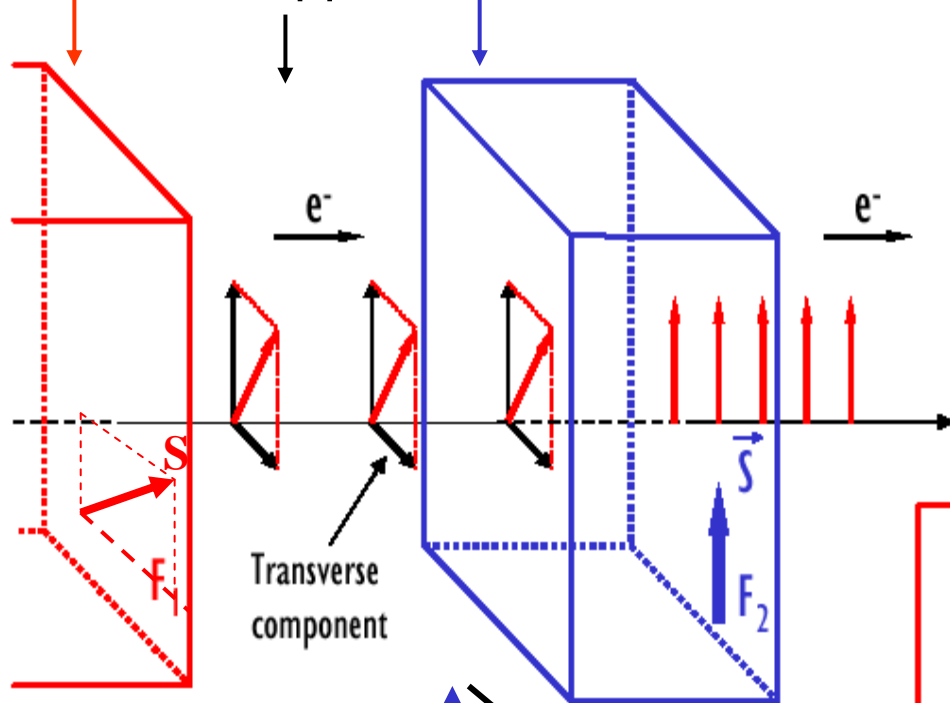
(J. Slonczewski, JMMM 1996, L. Berger, PR B 1996)



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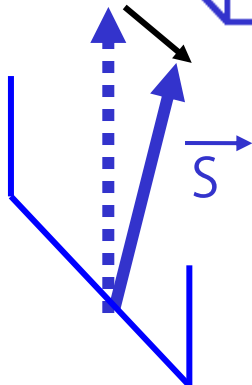
Ex: Cobalt/Copper/ Cobalt



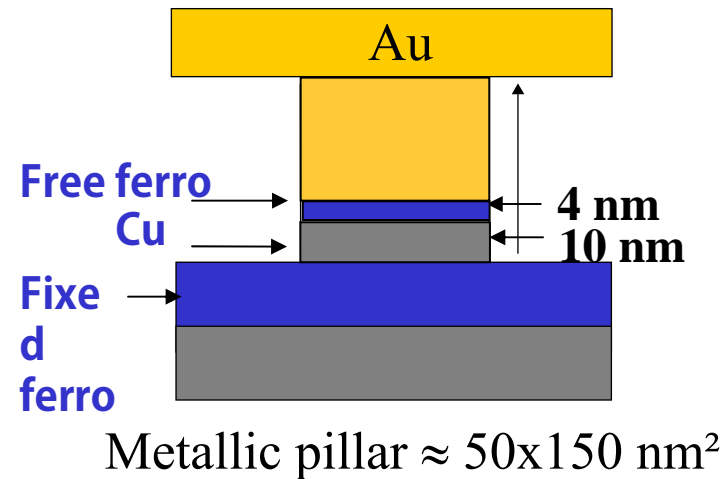
The transverse component of the spin current is absorbed and transferred to the total spin of the layer

$$\frac{\text{torque}}{\hbar} = \left(\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} \right)_i = \text{absorbed transverse spin current} \propto j \mathbf{M} \times (\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M}_0)$$

\equiv Torque on \mathbf{S}
 $\approx \mathbf{M} \times (\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M}_0)$

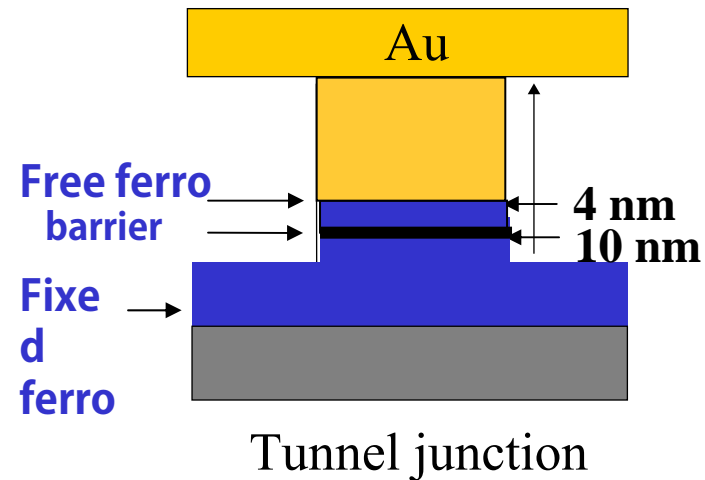


Experiments on pillars



a) **First regime (low H):**
irreversible switching
(CIMS)

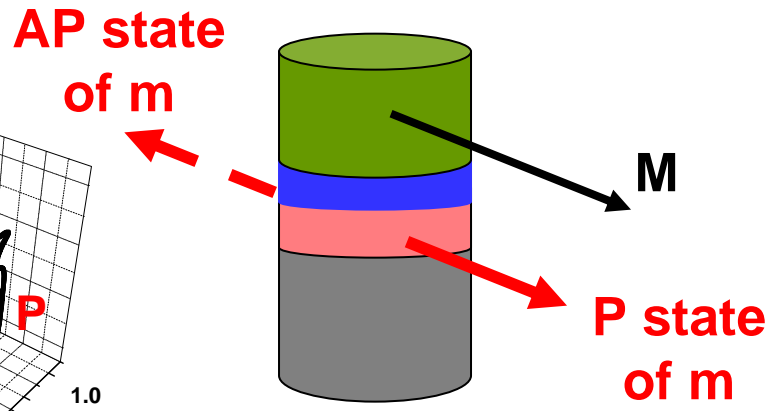
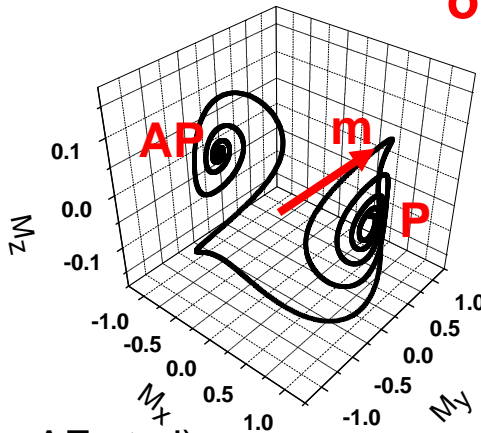
b) **Second regime (high H):**
steady precession
(microwave generation)



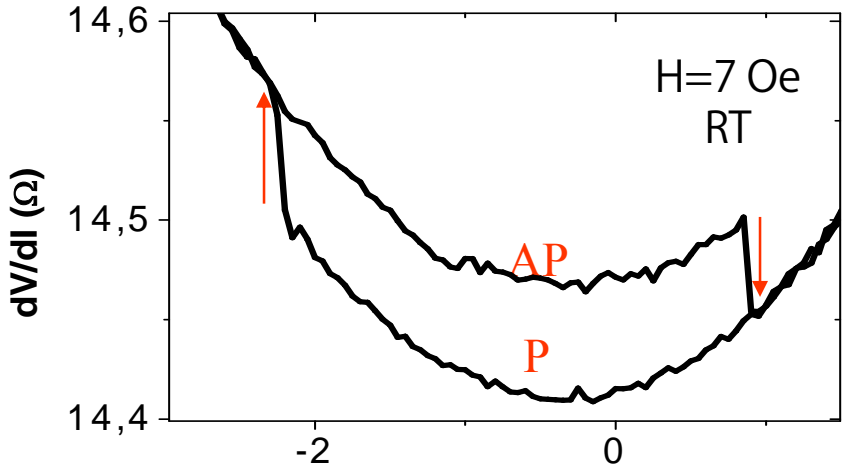
E-beam lithography + etching

Regime of irreversible magnetic switching

First experiments on pillars:
 Cornell (Katine et al, PRL 2000)
 CNRS/Thales (Grollier et al, APL 2001)
 IBM (Sun et al, APL 2002)

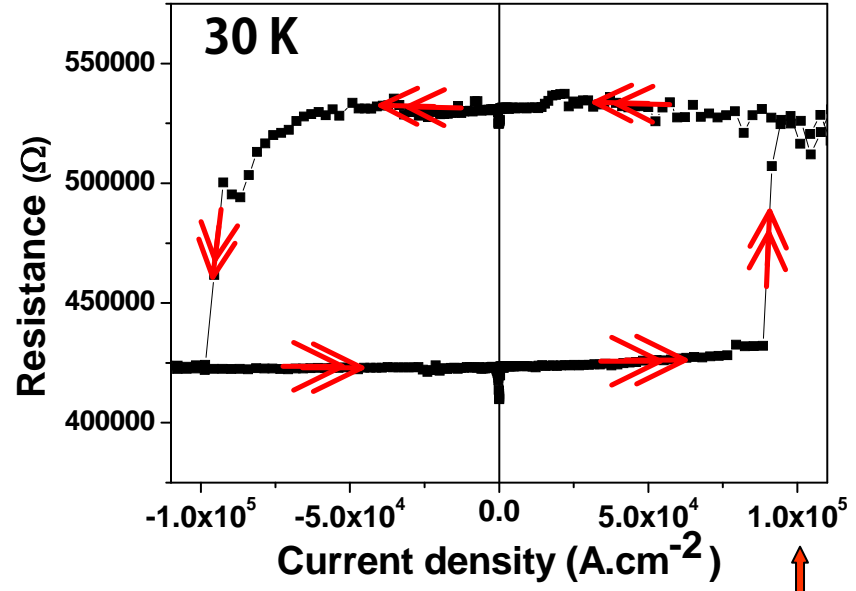


Py/Cu/Py 50nmX150nm (Boulle, AF et al)



Py = permalloy

GaMnAs/InGaAs/GaMnAs tunnel junction (MR=150%)
 (Elsen, AF et al, PR B 2006)



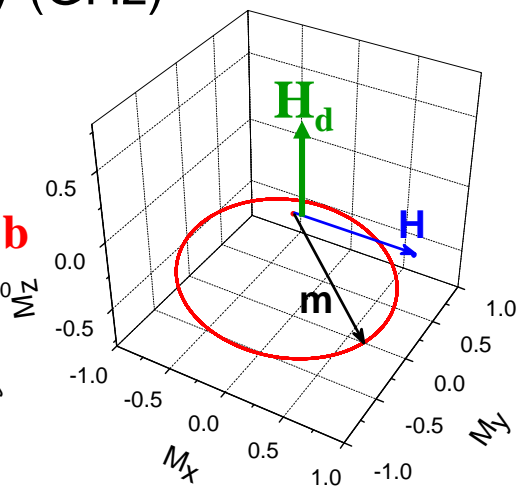
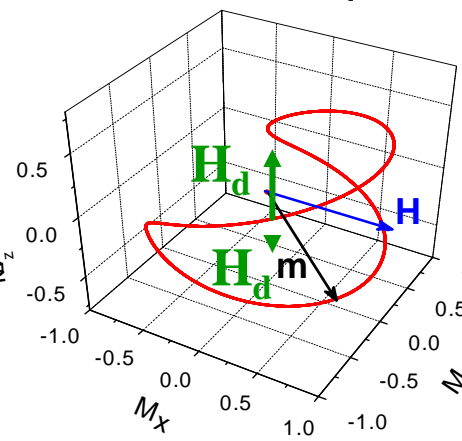
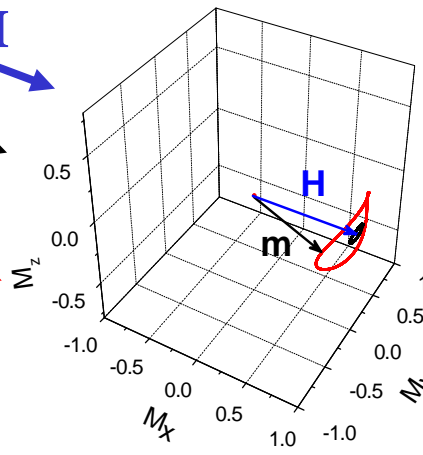
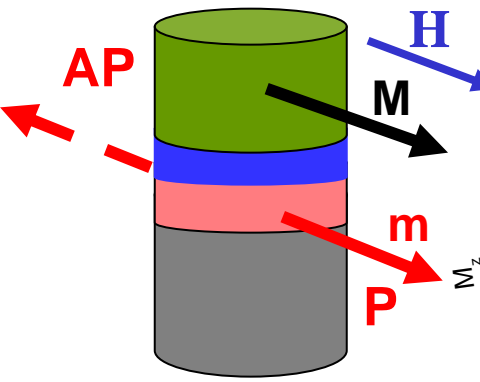
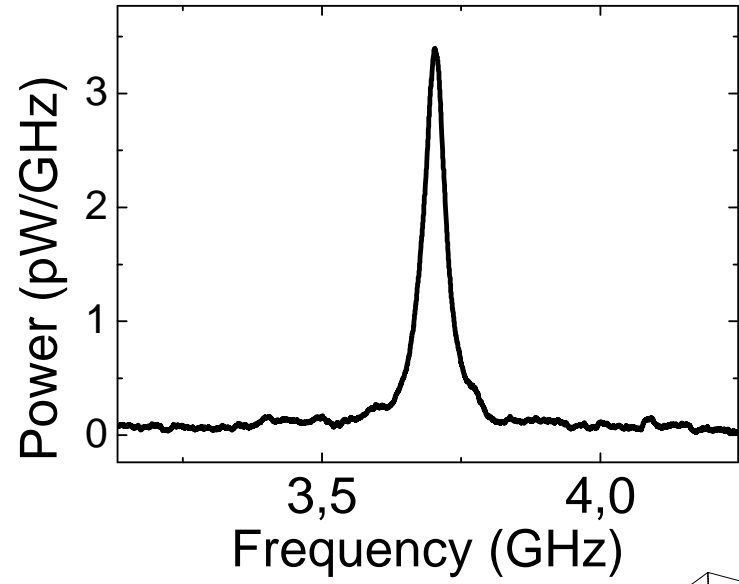
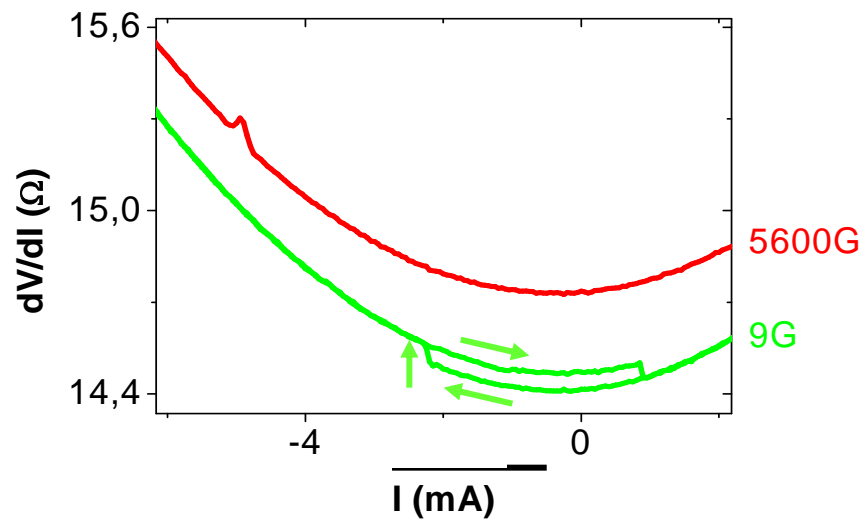
$1 \times 10^5 A/cm^2$

typical switching current $\approx 10^7 A/cm^2$
 switching time can be as short as 0.1 ns (Chappert et al)

Regime of steady precession (microwave frequency range)

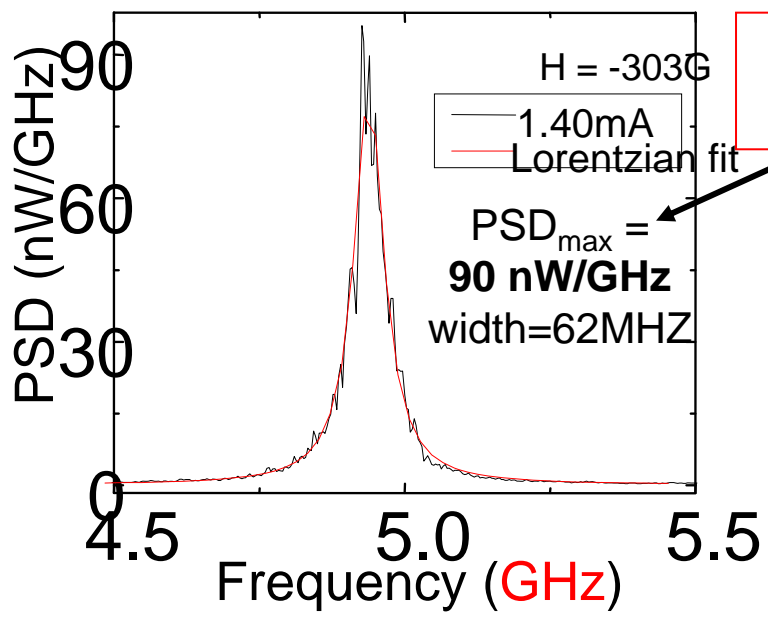
CNRS/Thales, Py/Cu/PY (Grollier et al)

(Py = permalloy)

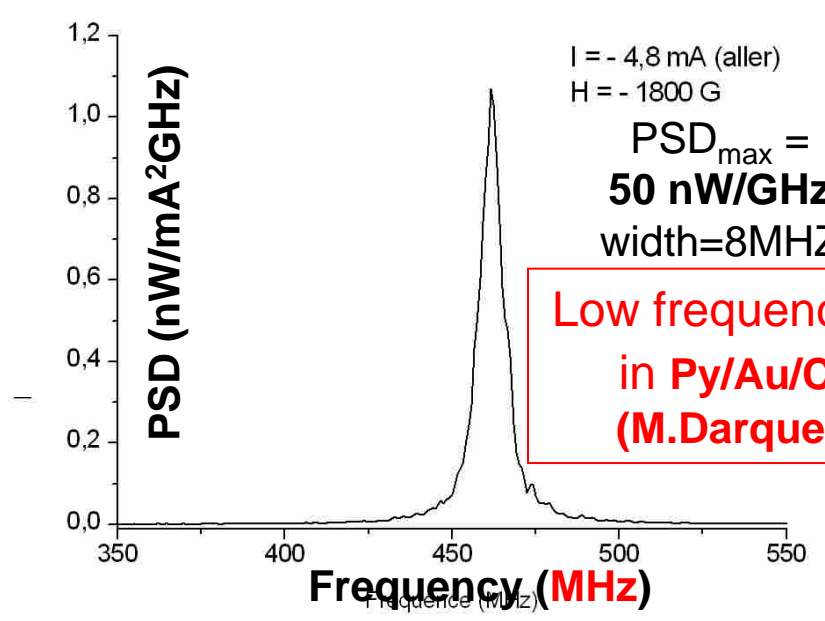
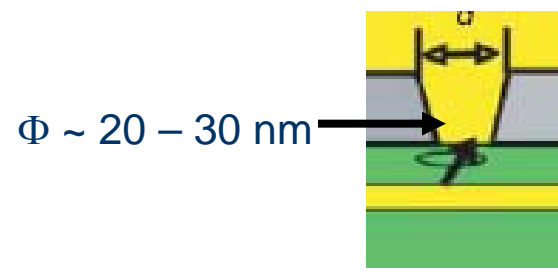
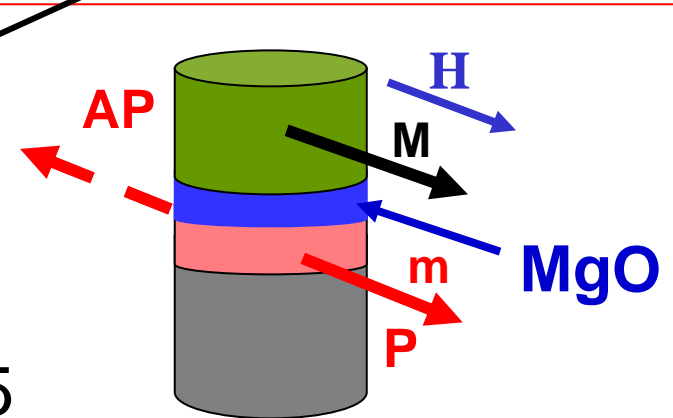


Increasing current \rightarrow

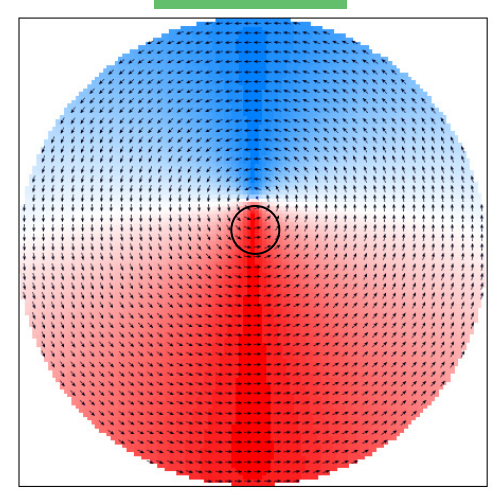
Regime of steady precession or vortex motion (microwave frequency range)



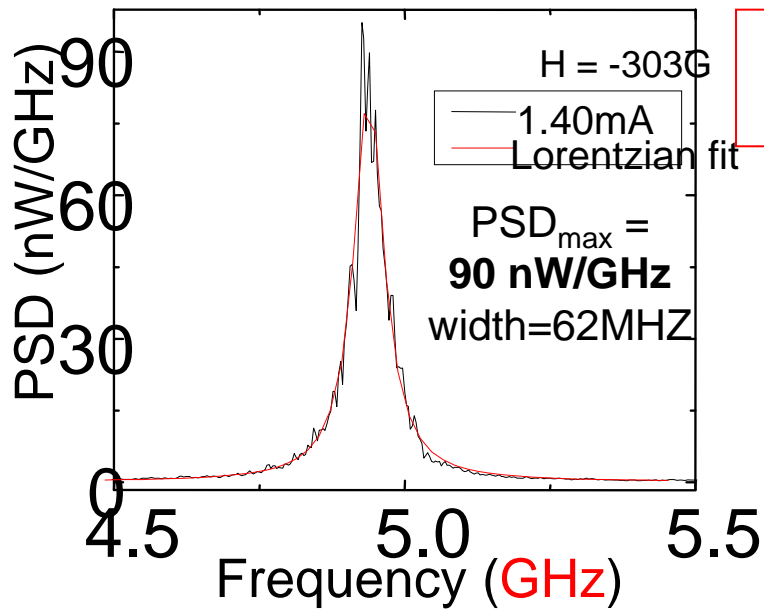
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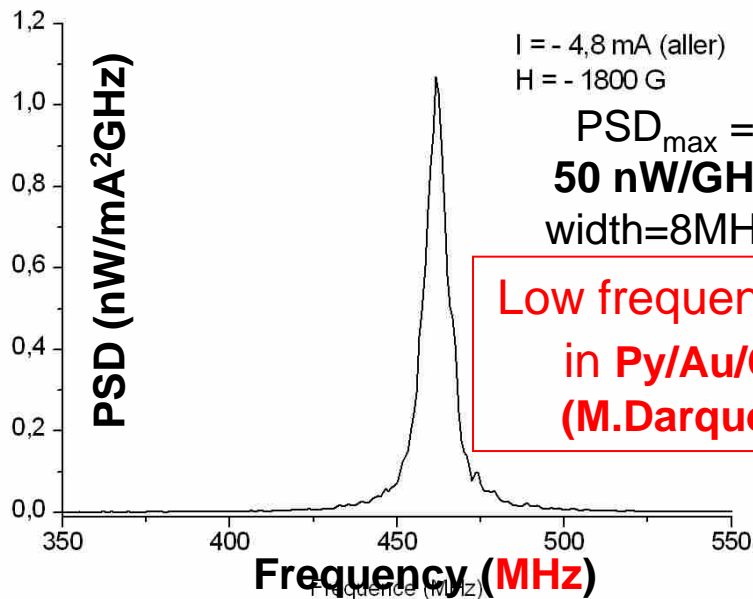
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Spin Transfer mixes very different (and interacting) problems:

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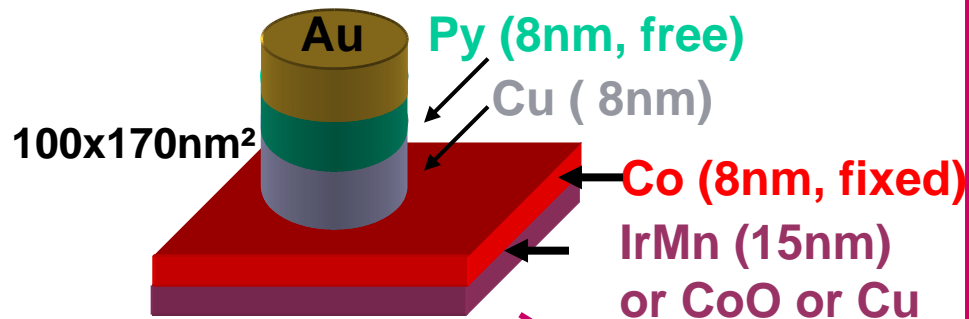
problems of non-linear dynamics

micromagnetism (non-uniform excitations, vortex motion..)



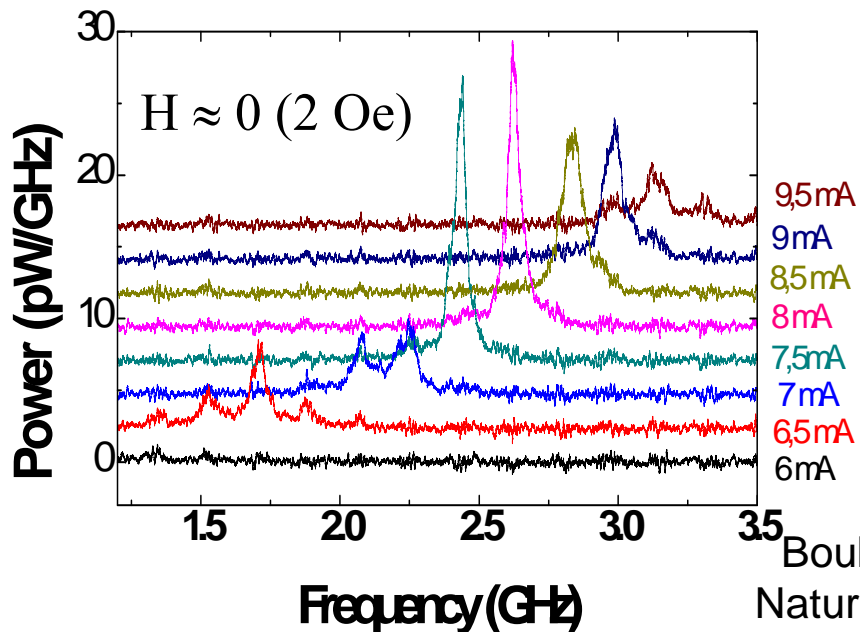
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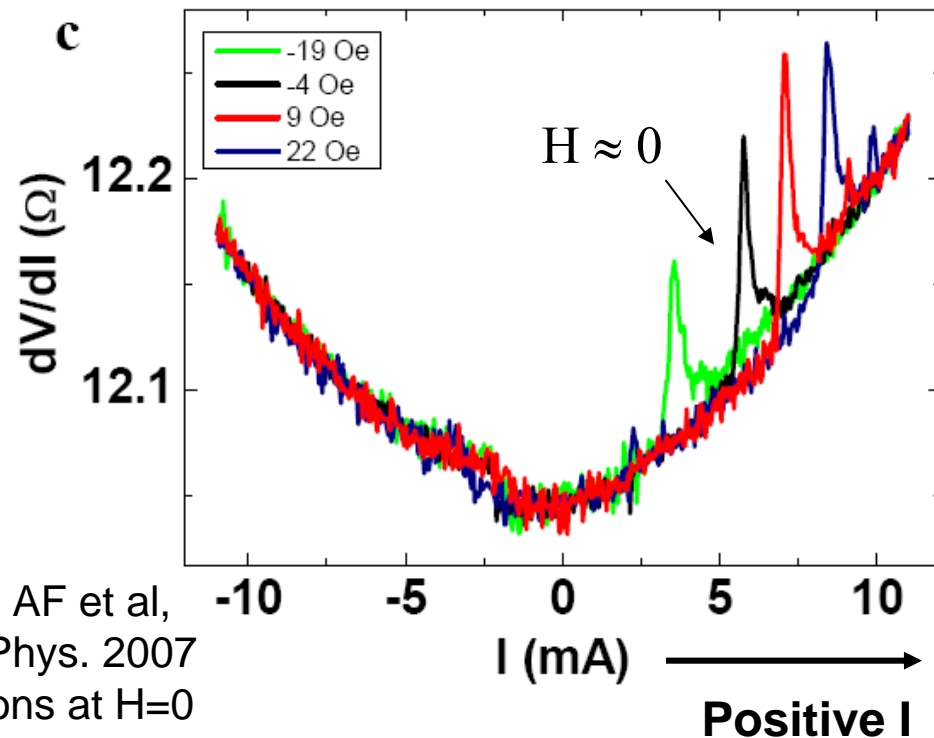
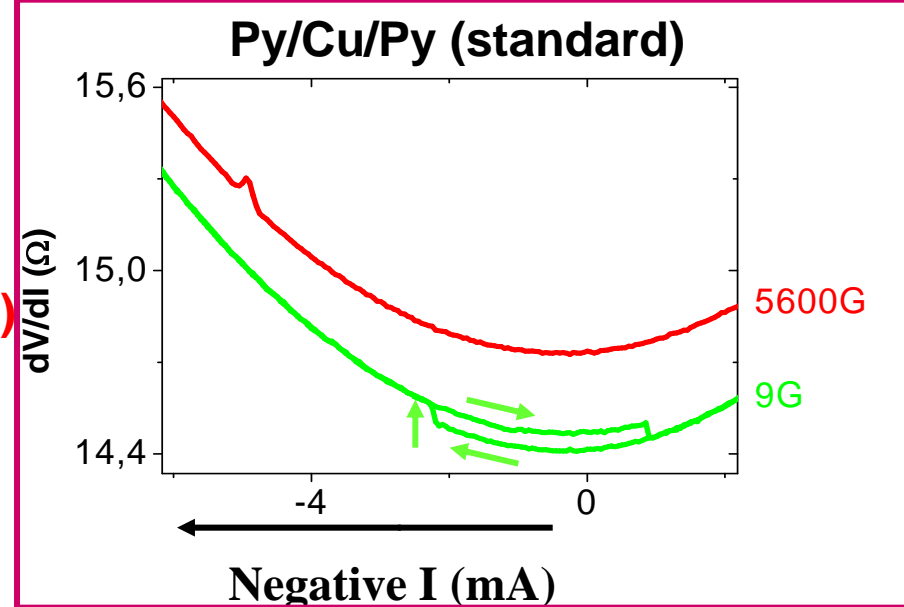


free Py: fast spin
relaxation

fixed Co: slower spin
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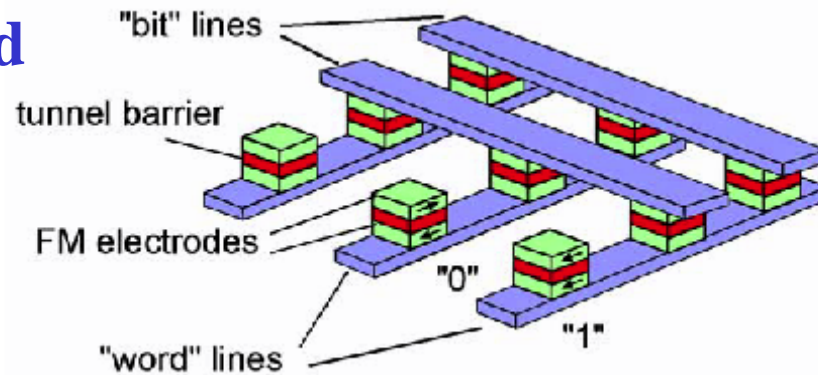
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Switching of reprogrammable devices (example: MRAM)

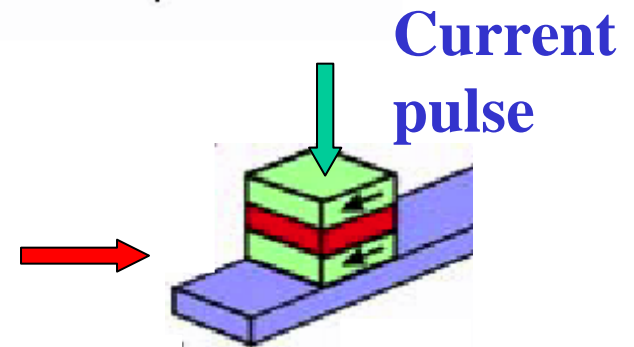
1) By external magnetic field

(present generation of MRAM, nonlocal, risk of « cross-talk » limits integration)



2) «Electronic» reversal by spin transfer from current

(ST-MRAM: next generation of MRAM, with demonstrations by Sony, Hitachi, NEC, etc)

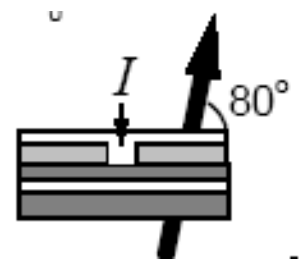
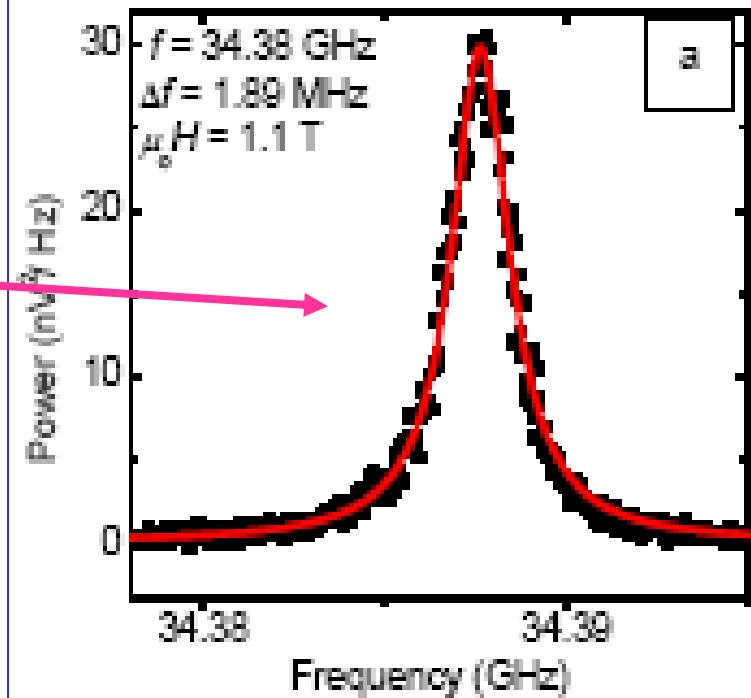


Spin Transfer Oscillators (STO)
(communications, microwave pilot)

Advantages:

- direct oscillation in the microwave range (5-40 GHz)
- agility: control of frequency by dc current amplitude, (frequency modulation , fast switching)
- high quality factor
- small size ($\approx 0.1\mu\text{m}$) (on-chip integration)
- oscillations without applied field
- Needed improvements
 - increase of power by synchronization of a large of number N of STO ($\times N^2$)

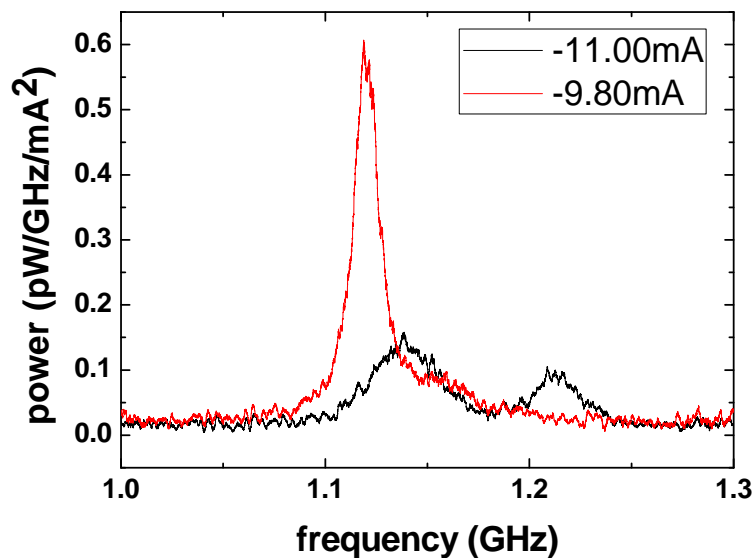
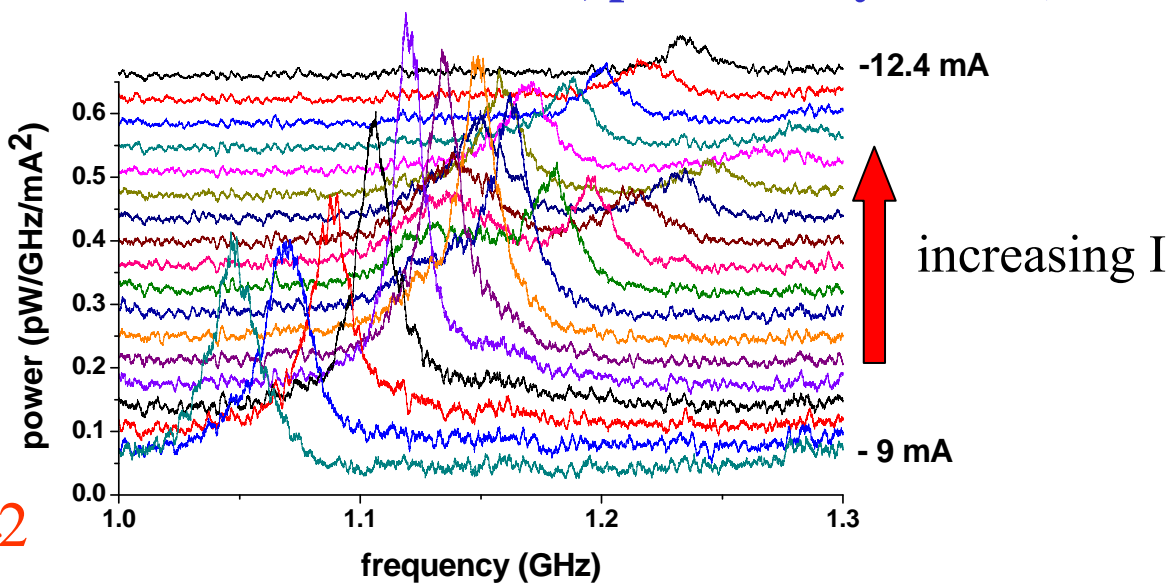
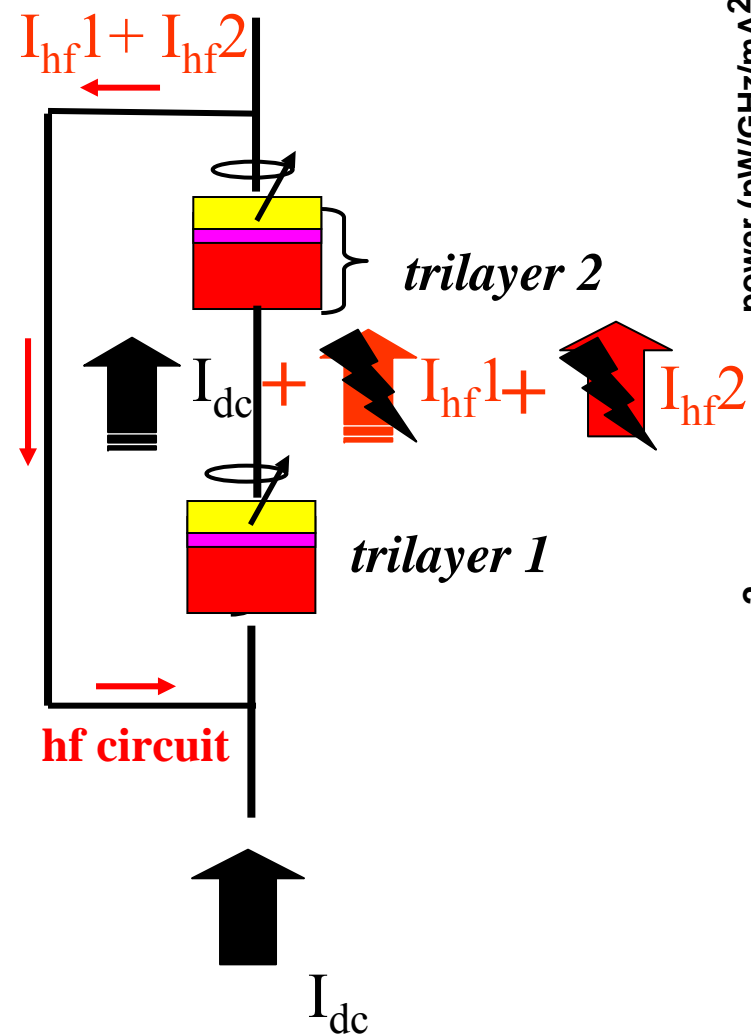
$f/\Delta f \approx 18000$



Rippart et al,
PR B70, 100406,
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Experiments of STO synchronization by electrical connection

(B.Georges, AF et al, CNRS/Thales and LPN-CNRS, preliminary results)

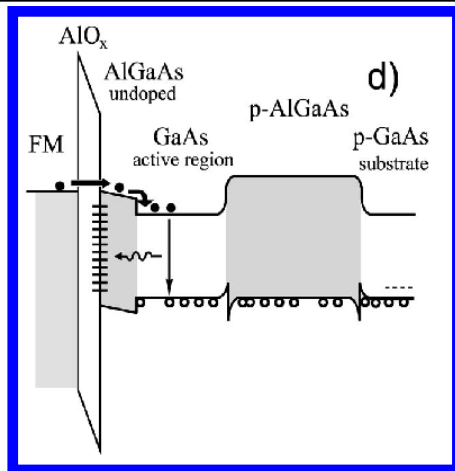


Spintronics with semiconductors and molecules

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Example: spin injection from Fe into LED
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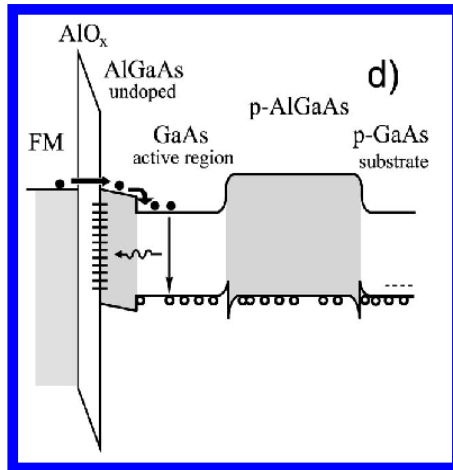
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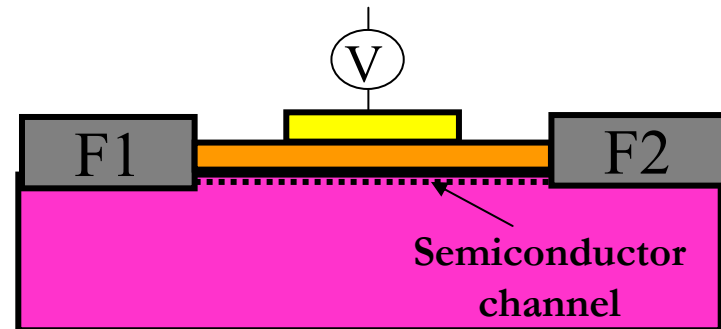
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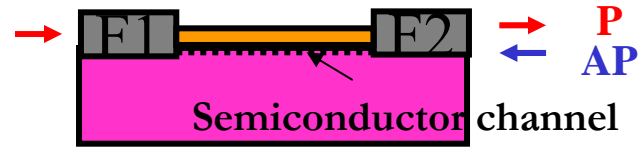
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Spin Field Effect Transistor ?



Semiconductor lateral channel between spin-polarized source and drain transforming spin information into large(?) and tunable (by gate voltage) electrical signal

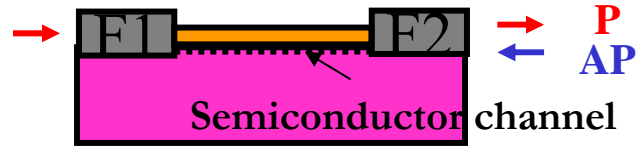
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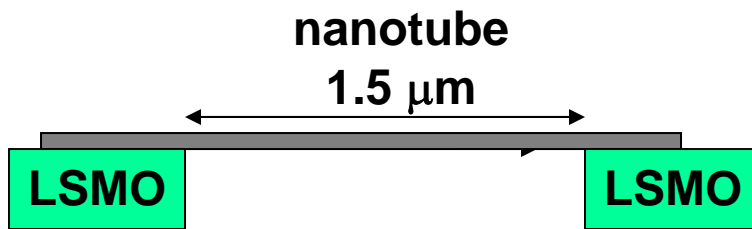
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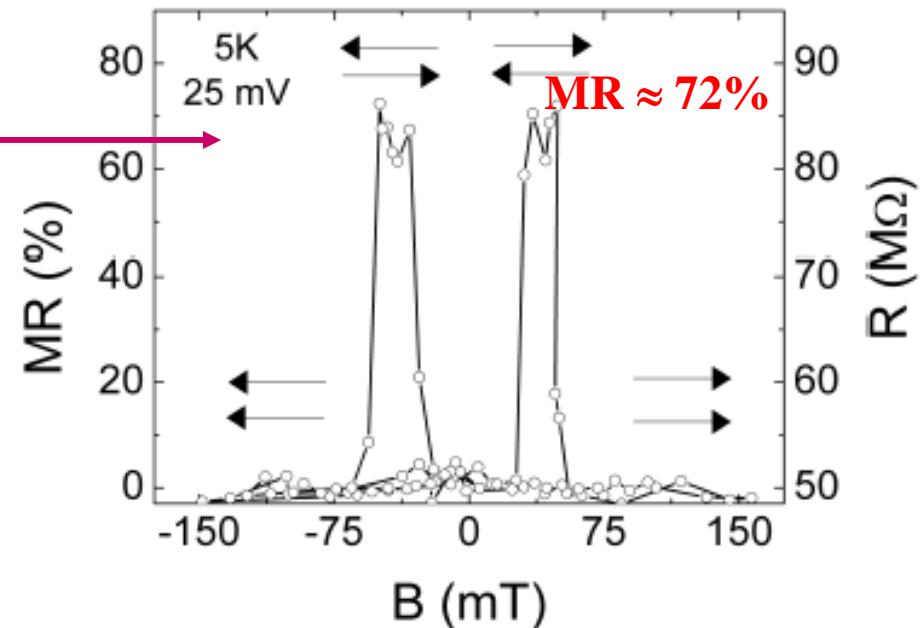
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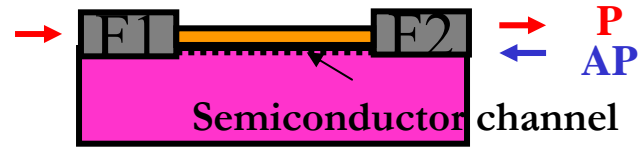
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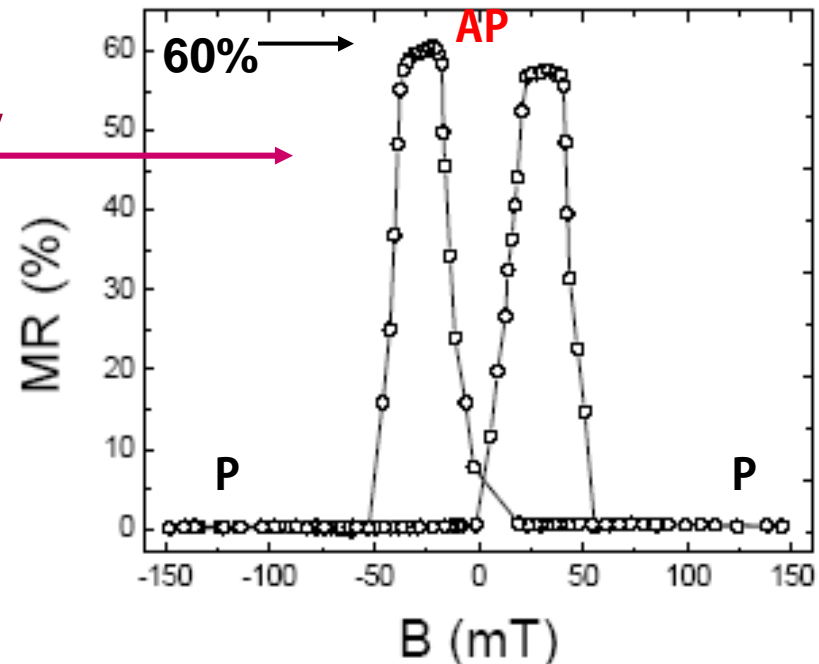
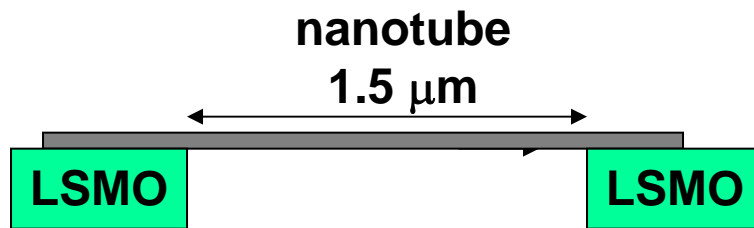
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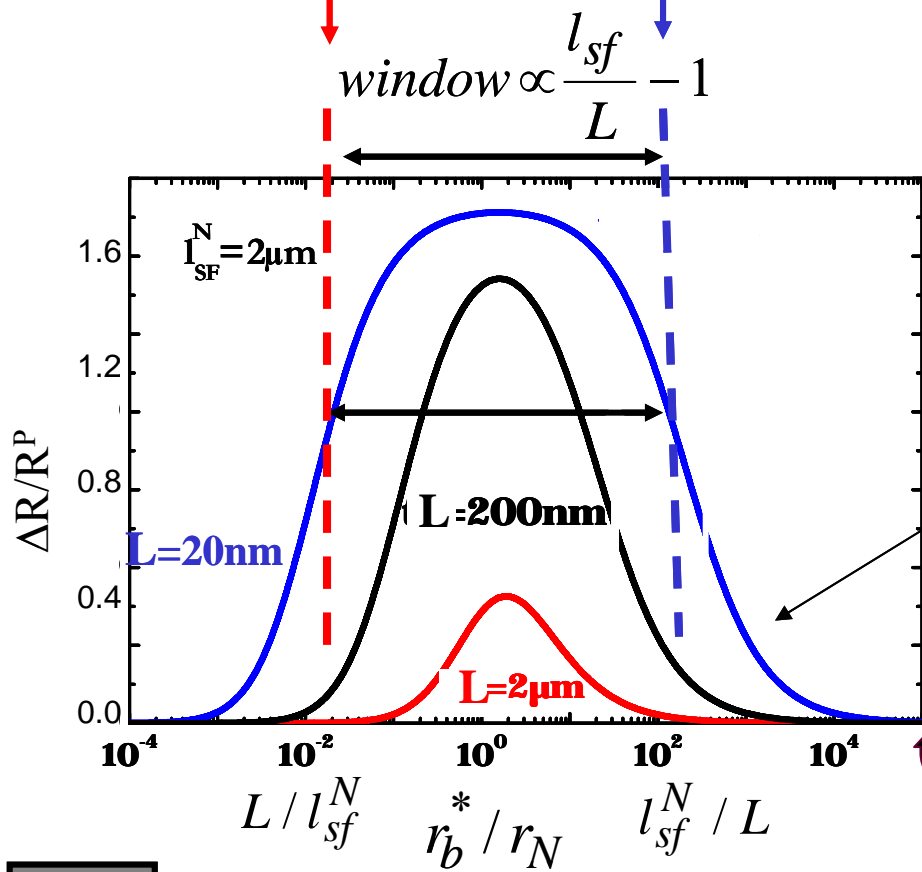


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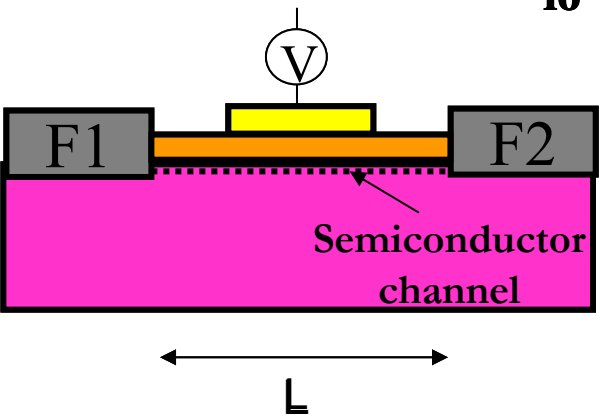
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Interface resistance r_b^ in most experiments $\tau_n \gg \tau_{sf}$*



r_b^* = unit area interface resist. $\propto 1/\text{trans.coeff } t_r^*$
 γ = spin asymmetry of the interface resistance

$$r_N = \rho_N l_{sf}^N$$

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* CNT : $\tau_n = 60$ ns from L, v of CNT and \bar{t}_r derived from interface resistance

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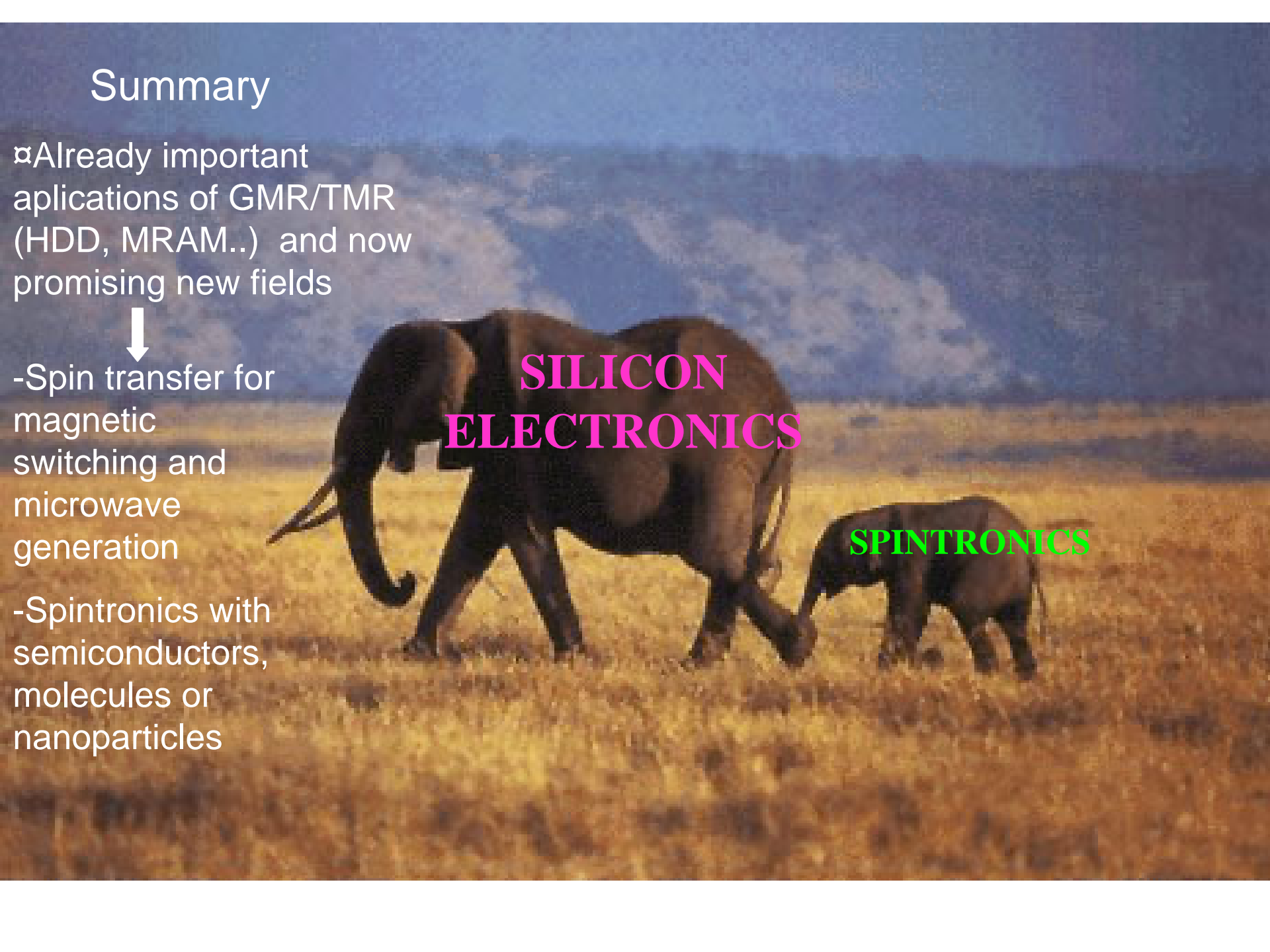


-Spin transfer for magnetic switching and microwave generation

-Spintronics with semiconductors, molecules or nanoparticles

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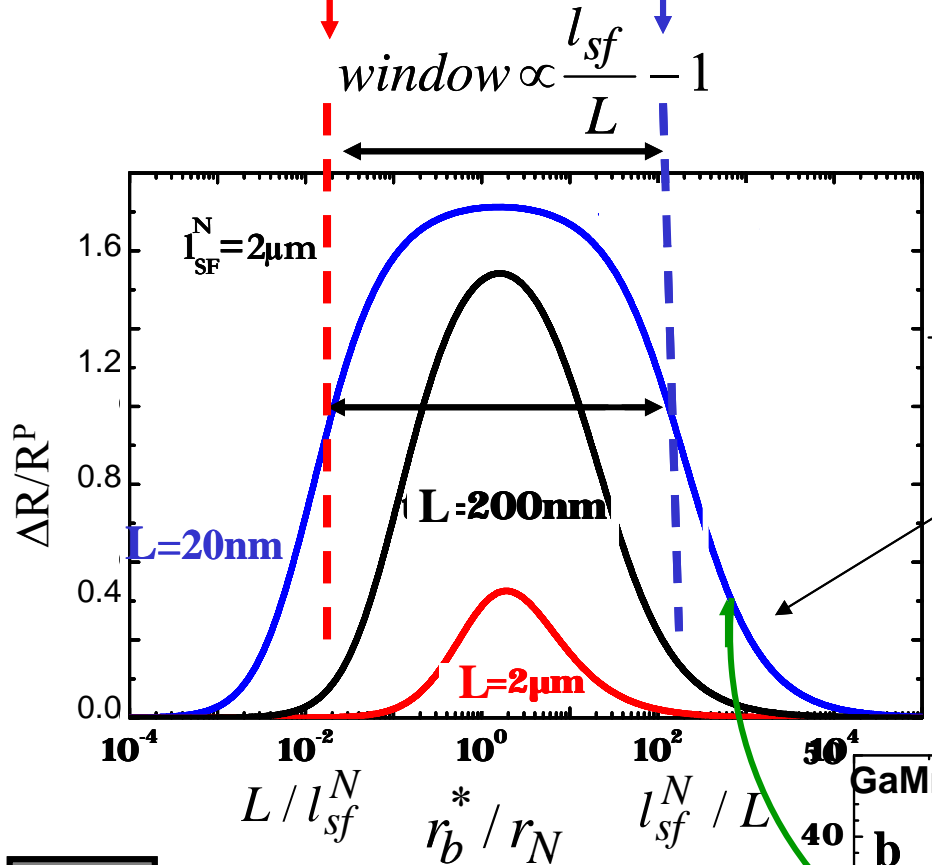
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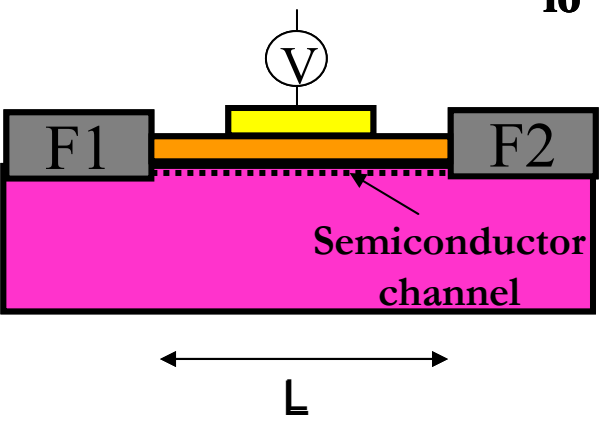


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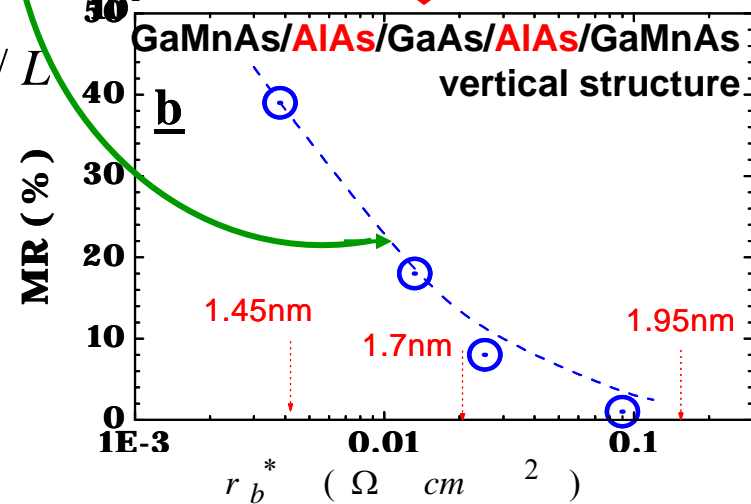
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(Mattana, AF et al)

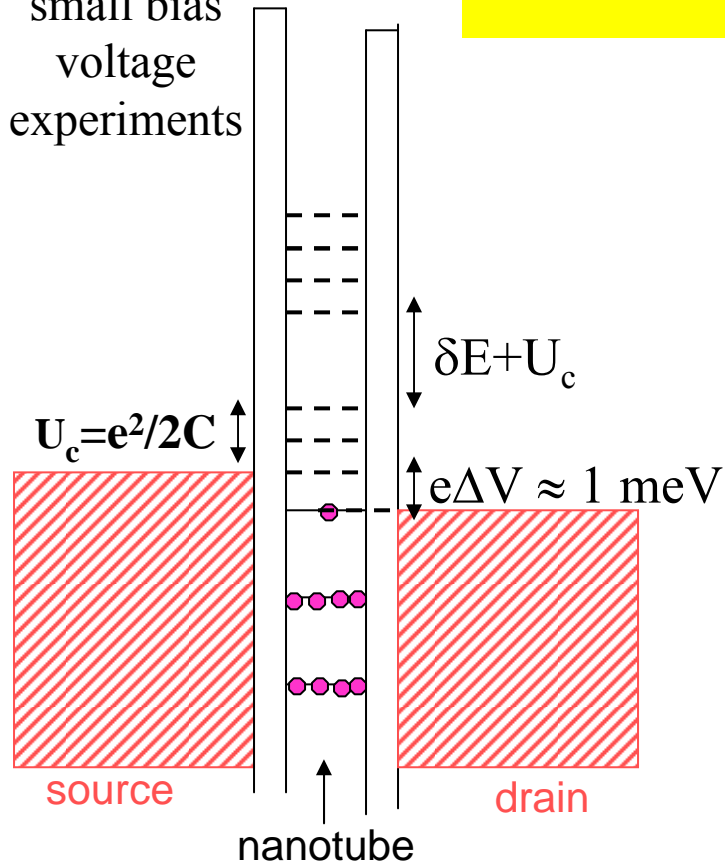


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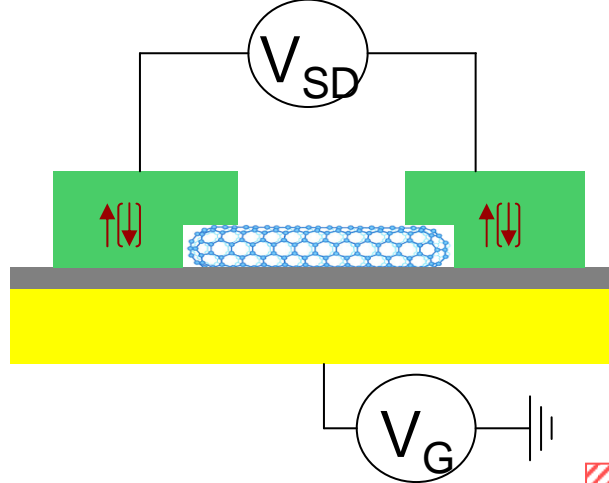


GaMnAs/AlAs/GaAs/AlAs/GaMnAs vertical structure

Usual conditions:
small bias
voltage
experiments

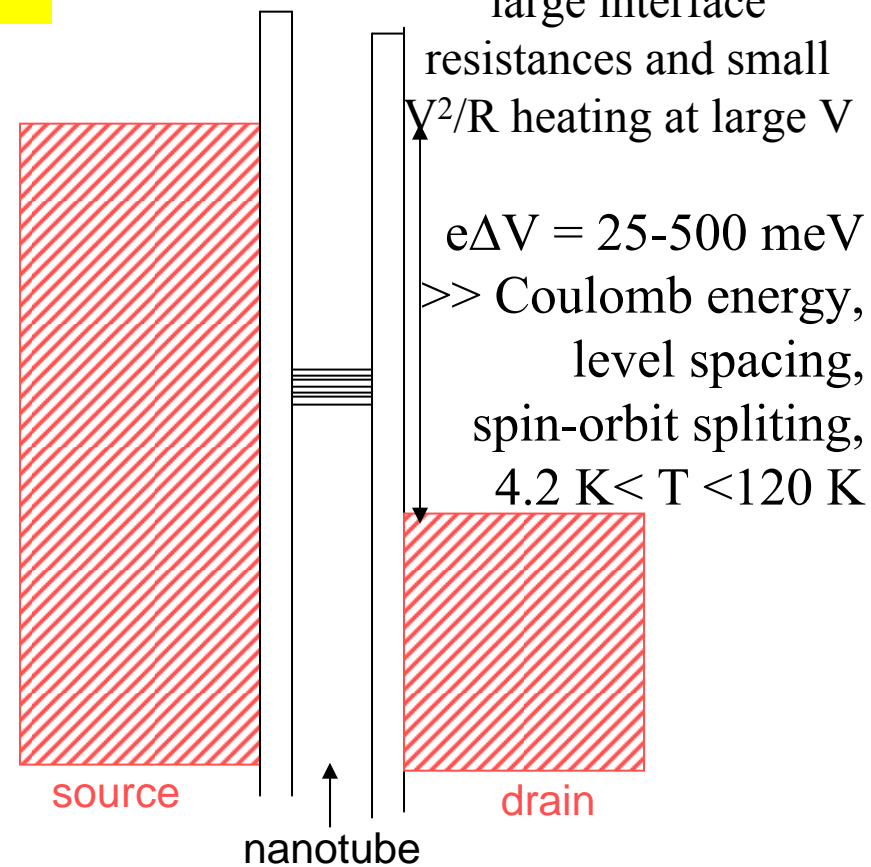


Oscillatory variation of the conductance, different signs of the MR depending on the bias voltage and from sample to sample



LSMO/CNT/LSMO:

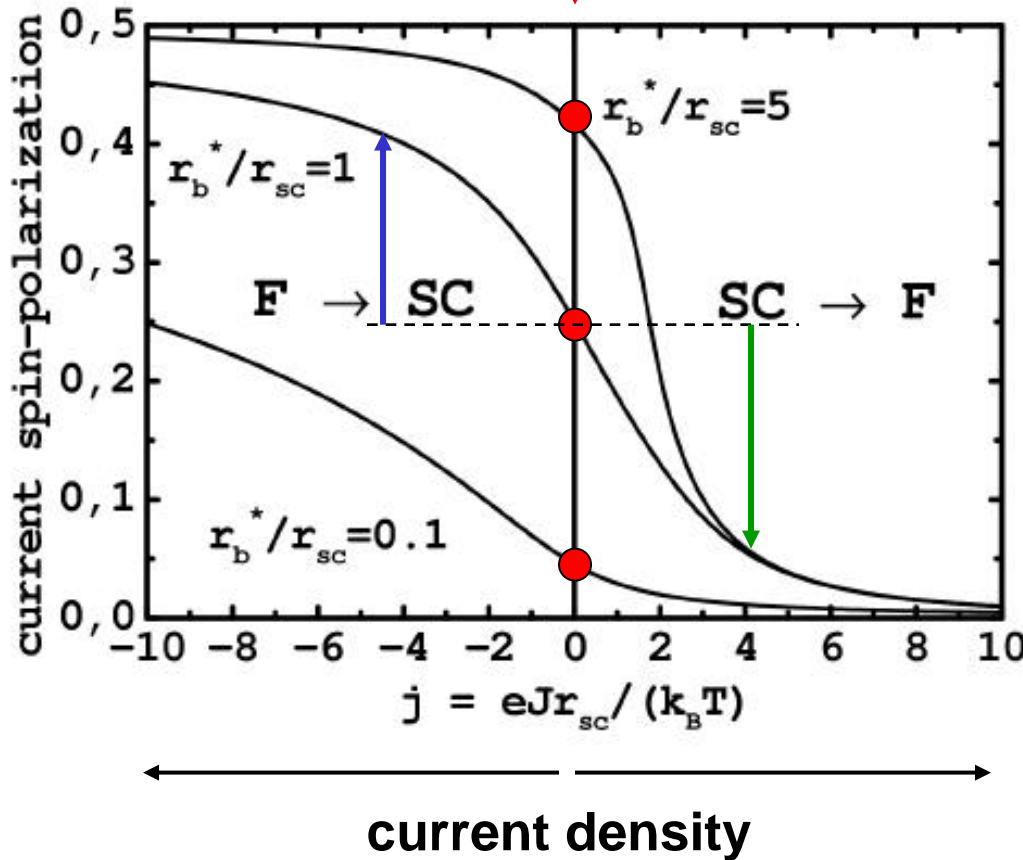
higher voltage
experiments thanks to
large interface
resistances and small
 V^2/R heating at large V



Quasi-continuous DOS, same conditions as for semiconductor or metallic channel

Deviations from $\frac{J_{\uparrow}-J_{\downarrow}}{J_{\uparrow}+J_{\downarrow}} = \frac{\beta r_F + \gamma r_b^*}{r_F + r_N + r_b^*}$ at large current density (drift effect)

● = *low current limit*

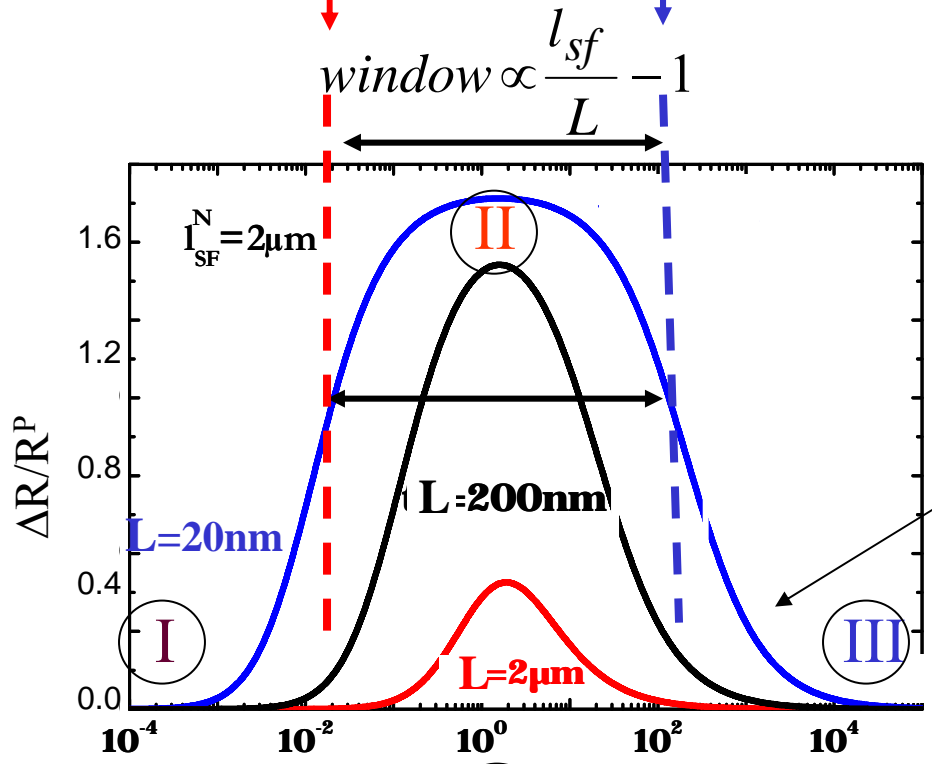


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= deviations from the low current limit (nondegenerate semiconductor)

*from Jaffrès and A.F.
(see also Yu and Flatté)*

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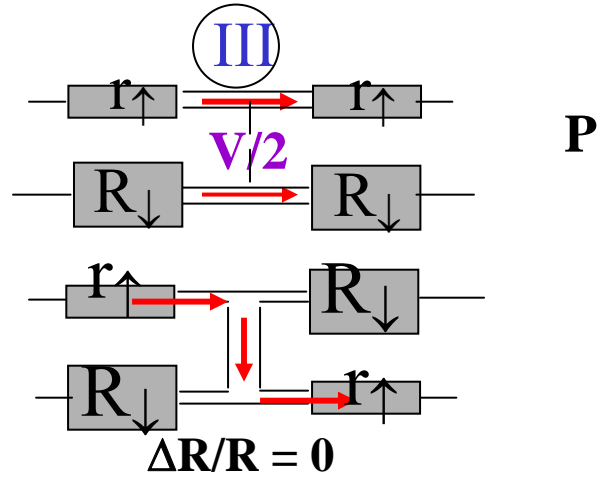
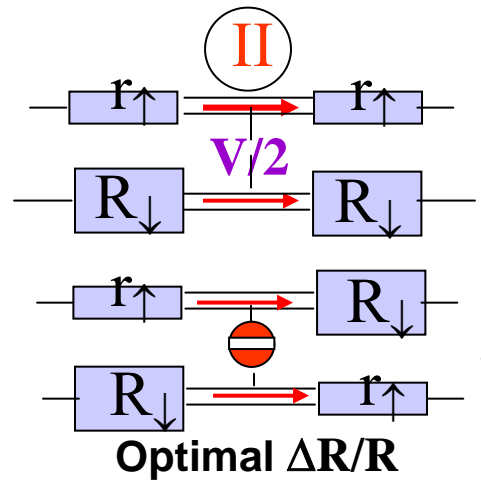
for $\tau_n \propto r_b^ \gg \tau_{sf}$*

r_b^* / r_N

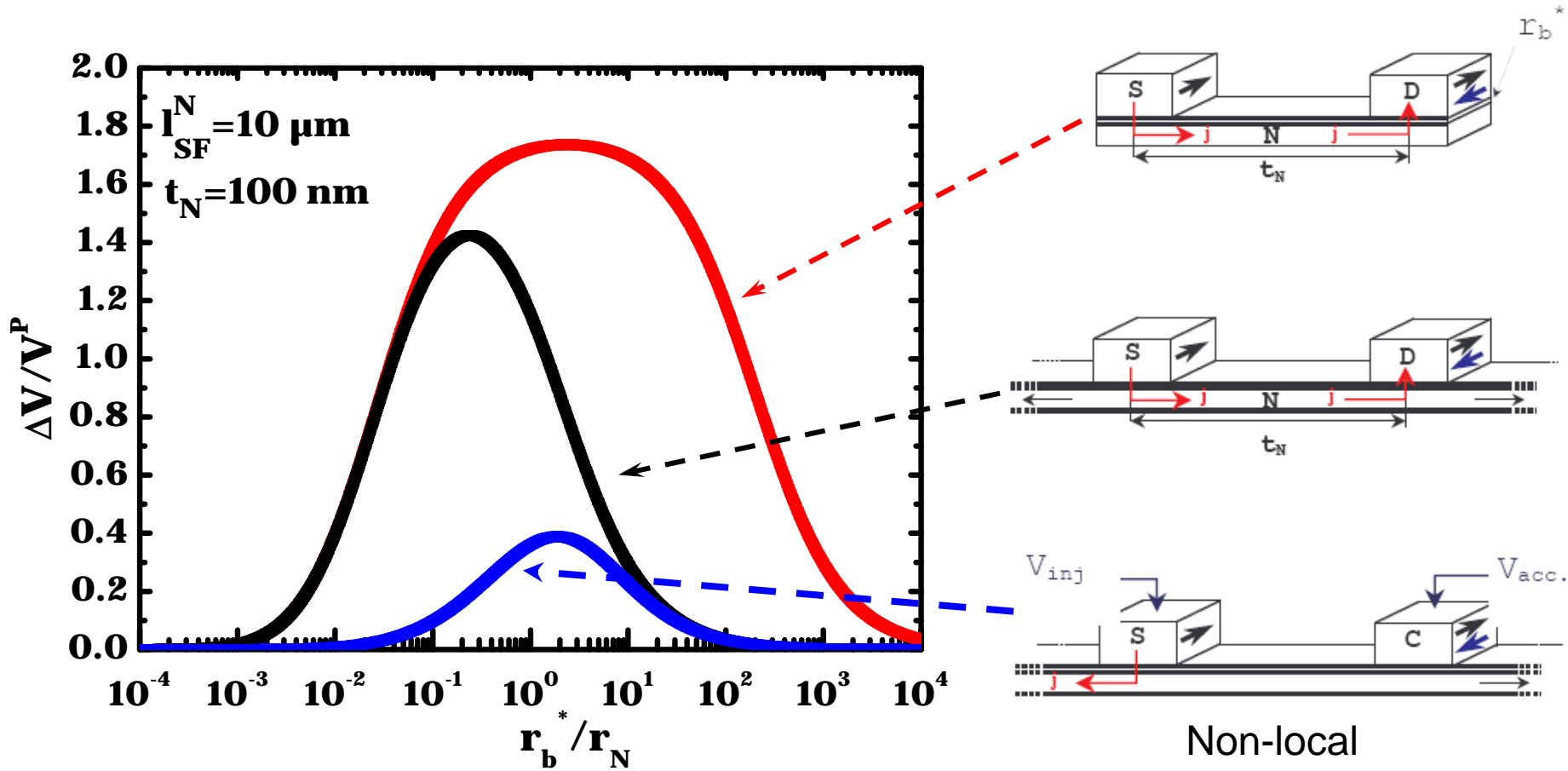
$R_{\uparrow(\downarrow)}, r_{\uparrow(\downarrow)}$
interface resistance
(equal for source and drain)

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Unpolarized current in the semiconductor
(depolarization in the source and repolarization in the drain)

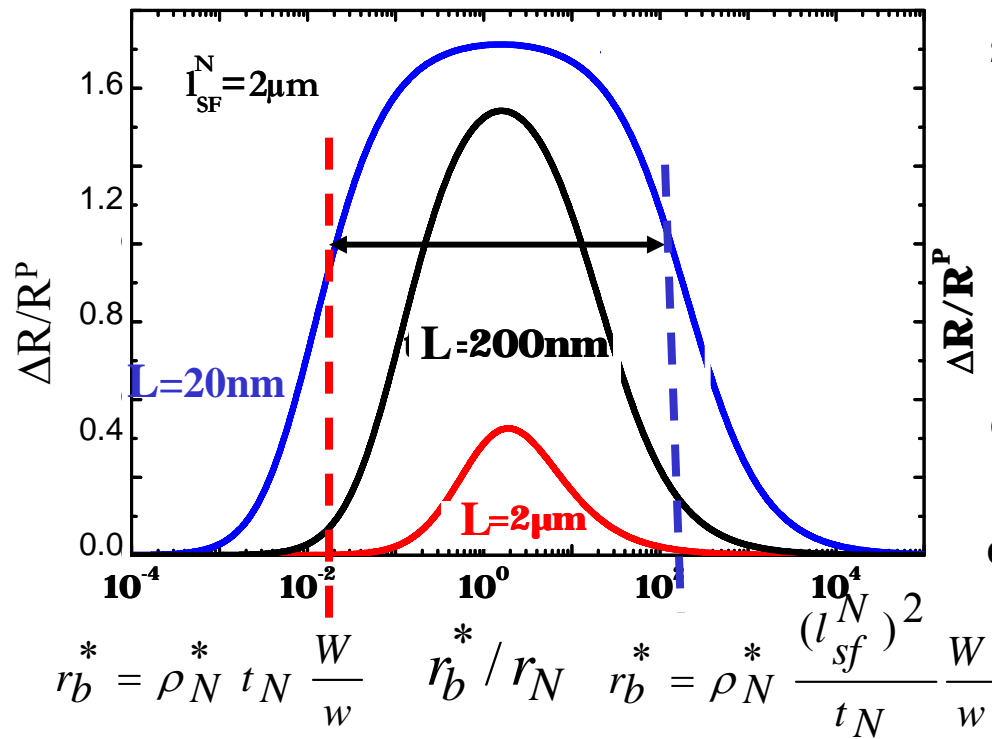
$\Delta R/R = 0$



$\Delta V/V_{\text{bias}}$ for local (2 types) and non-local geometries

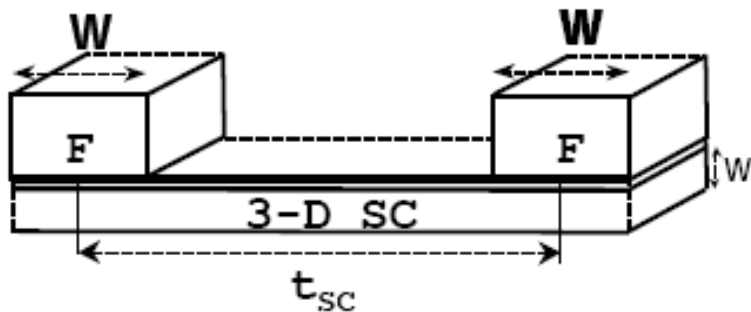
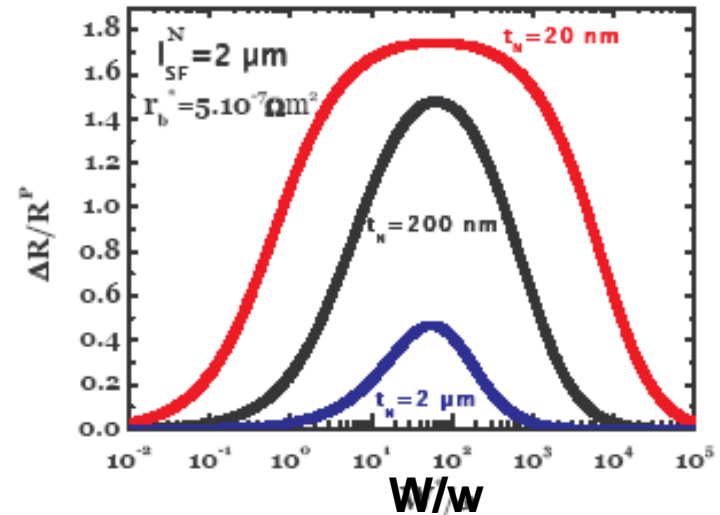
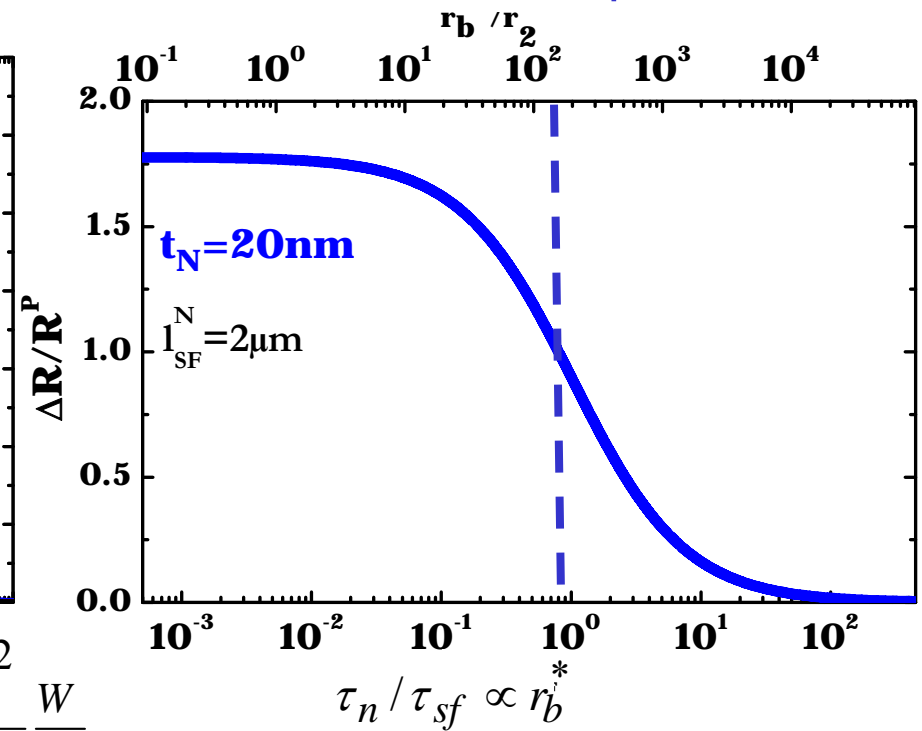


Diffusive transport



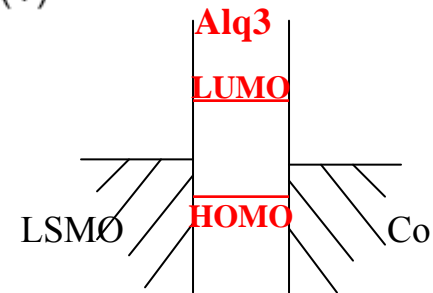
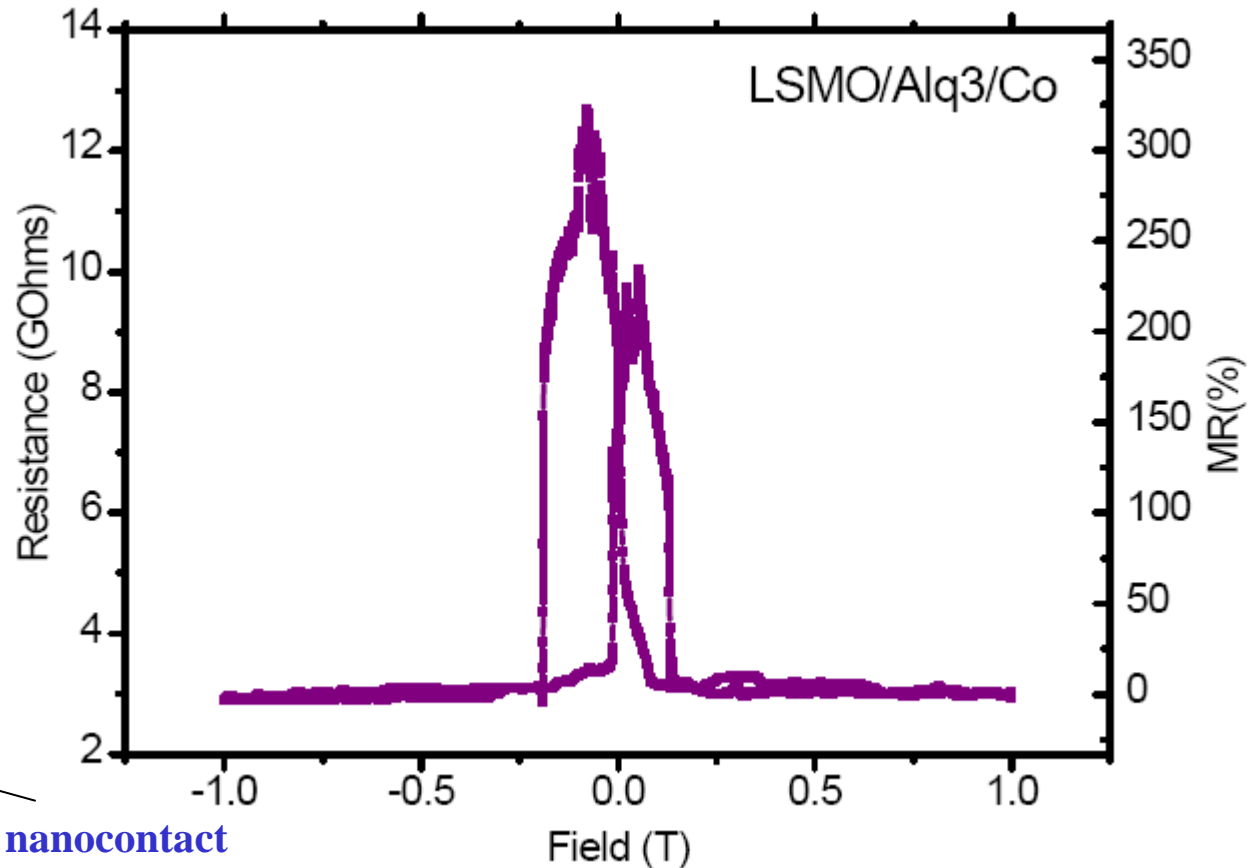
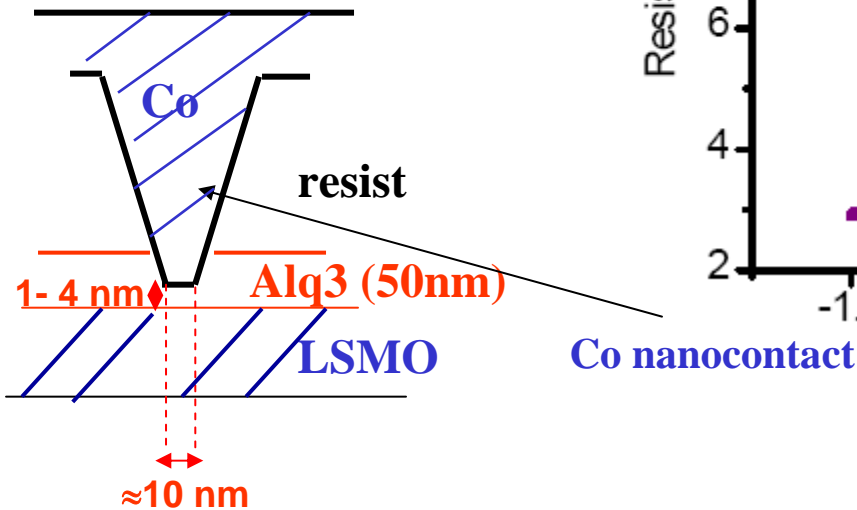
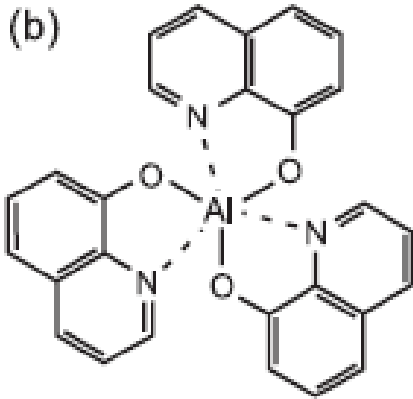
+ additional geometrical parameters when the number of conduction channels is different for the injection and in the channel ($W \neq w$ in the example)

Ballistic transport



MR of LSMO/Alq3/Co structures (preliminary results)

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Alq3 = π - conjugated 8-hydroxy-quinoline aluminium