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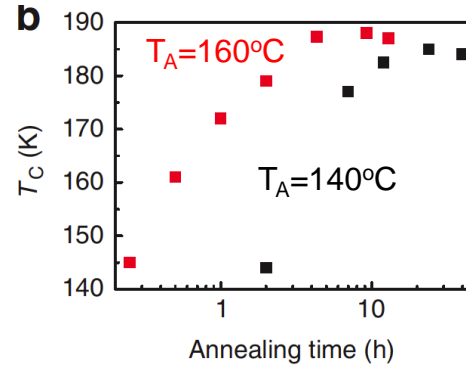
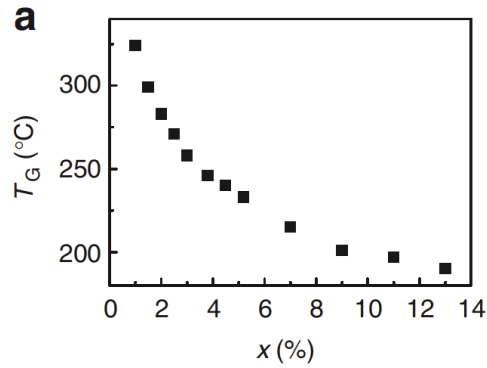


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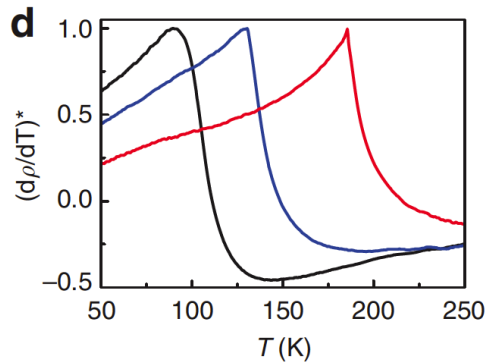
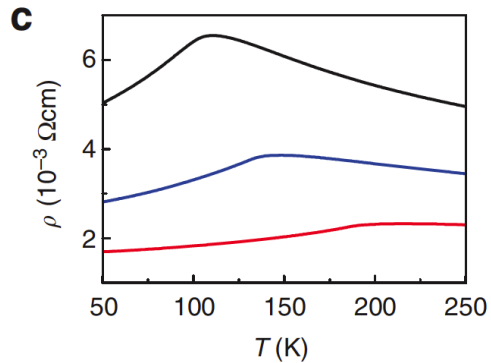


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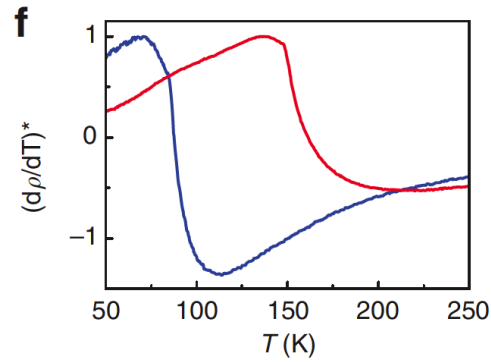
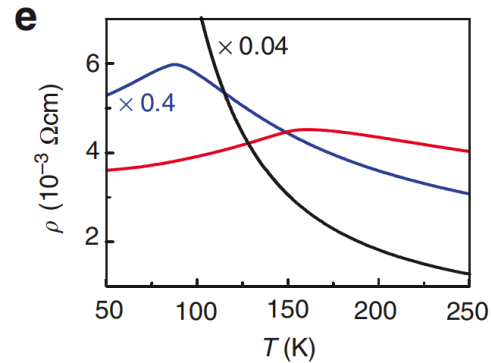
Optimizing MBE growth and post-growth annealing of (Ga,Mn)As



Optimized (Ga,Mn)As

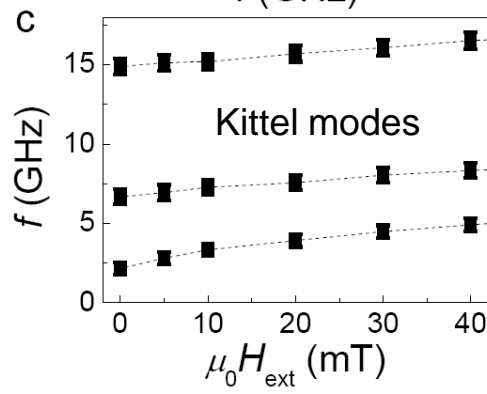
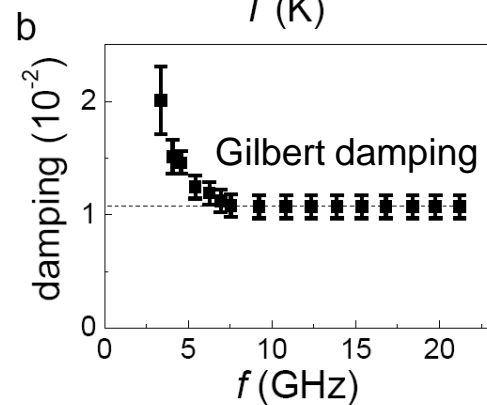
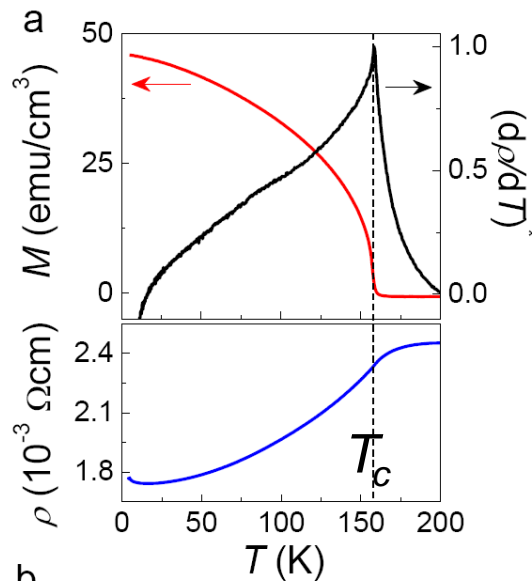


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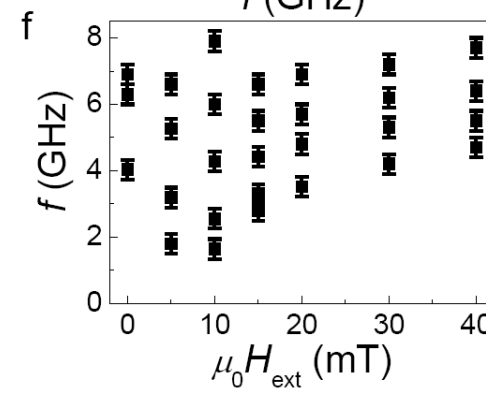
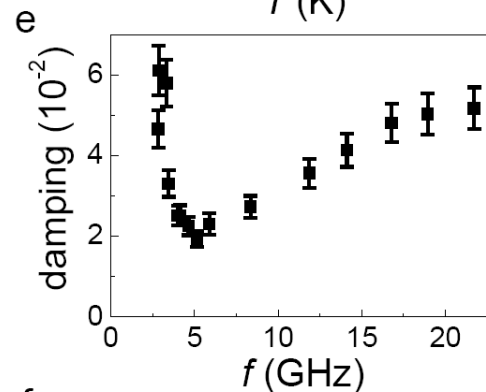
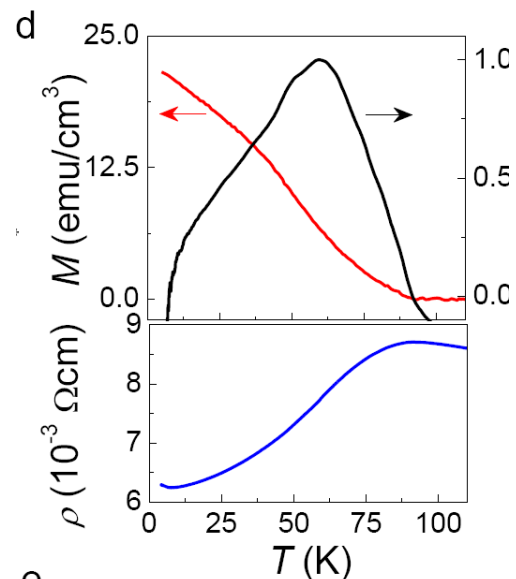


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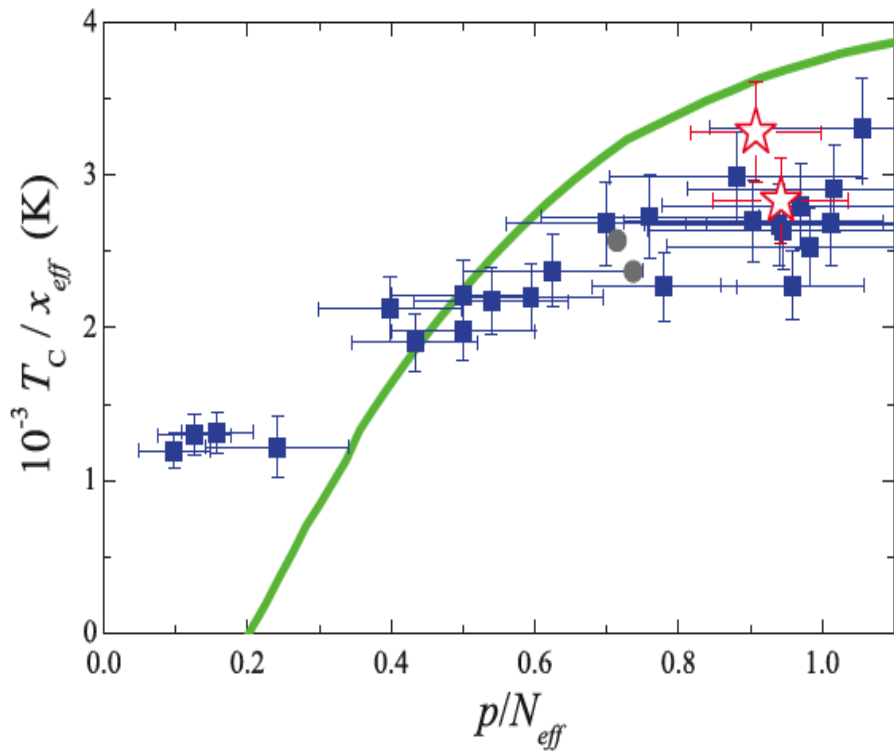


Not optimized (Ga,Mn)As (thicker films)

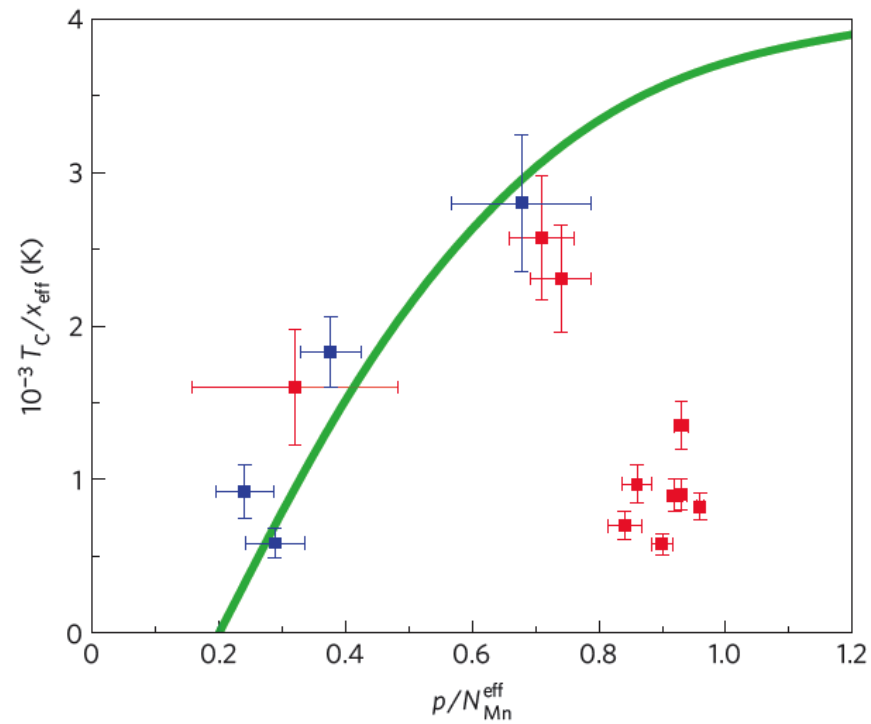


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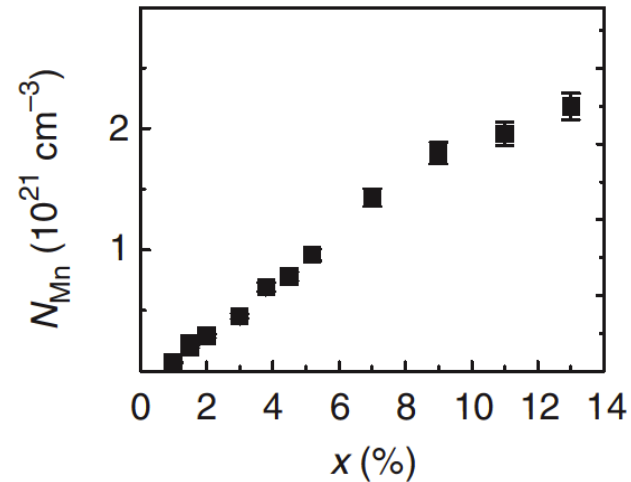
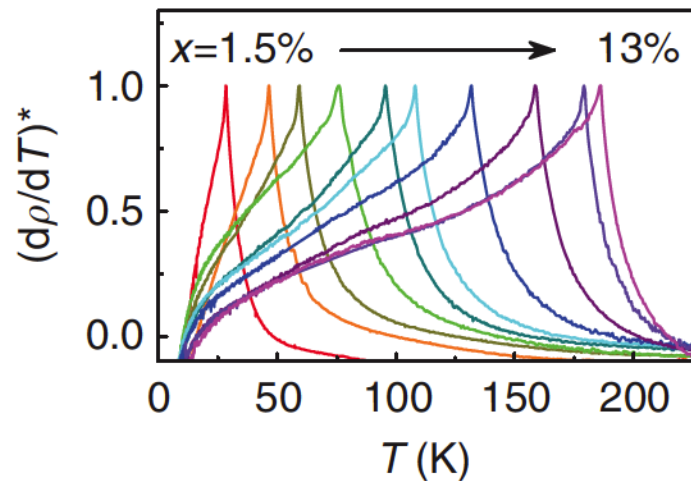
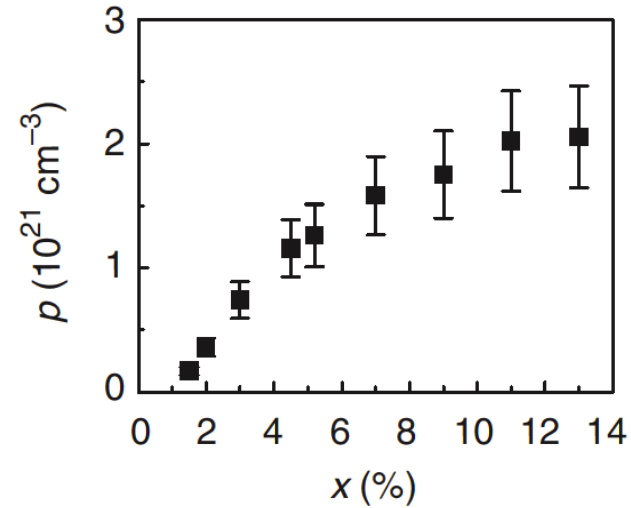
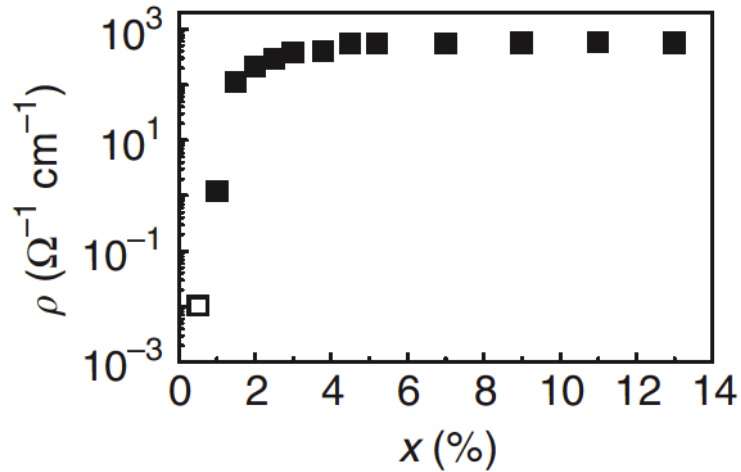
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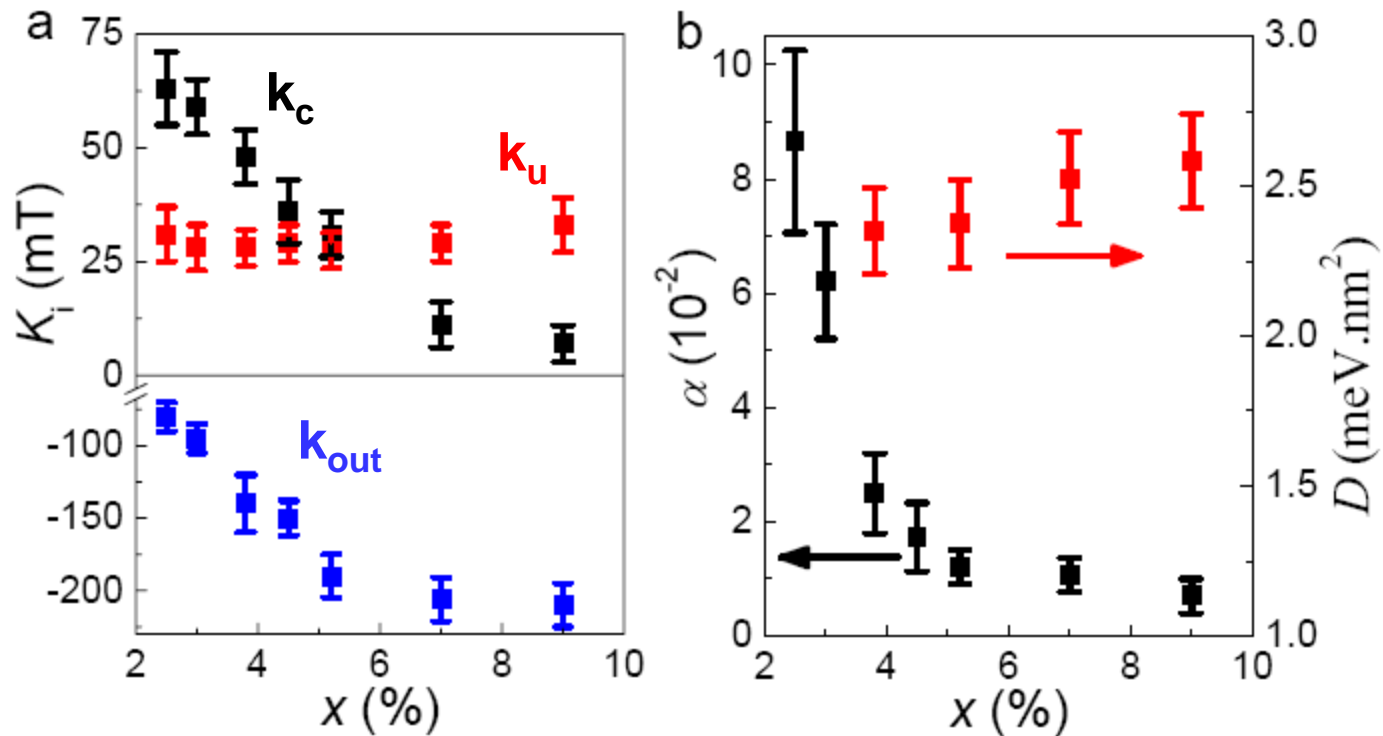
Series of optimized $\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{As}$

Fully reproducible and well behaved FM and degenerate semiconductor



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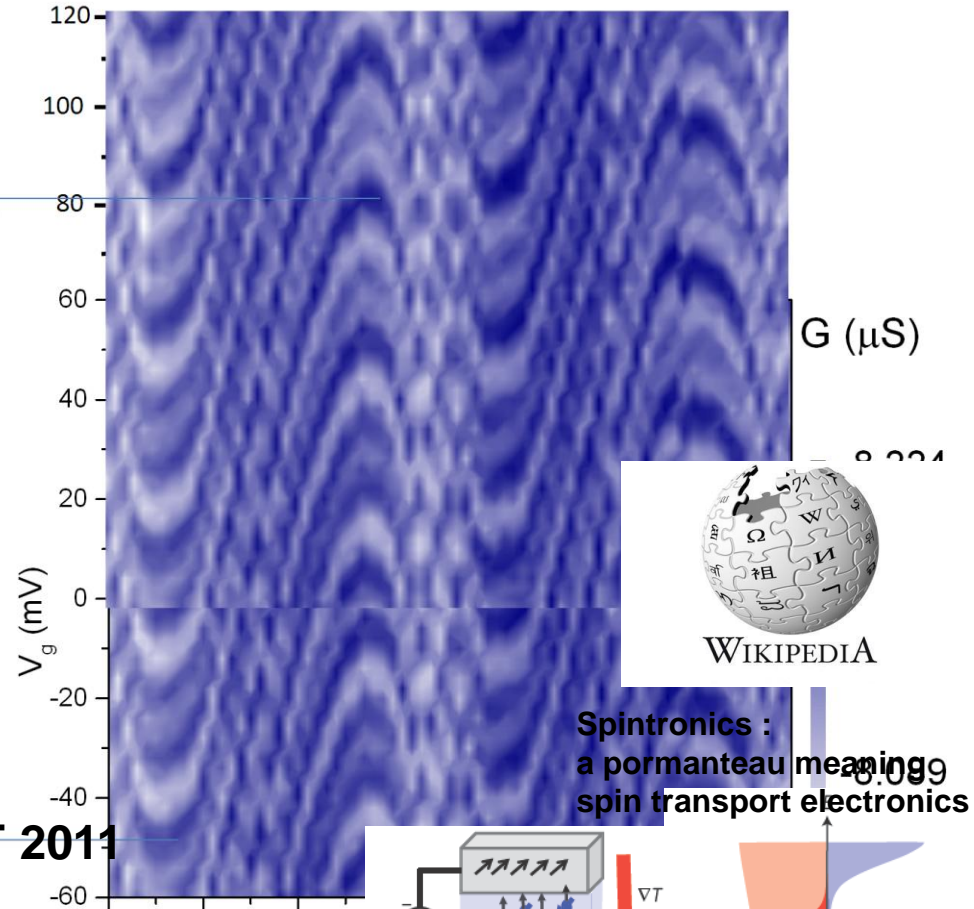
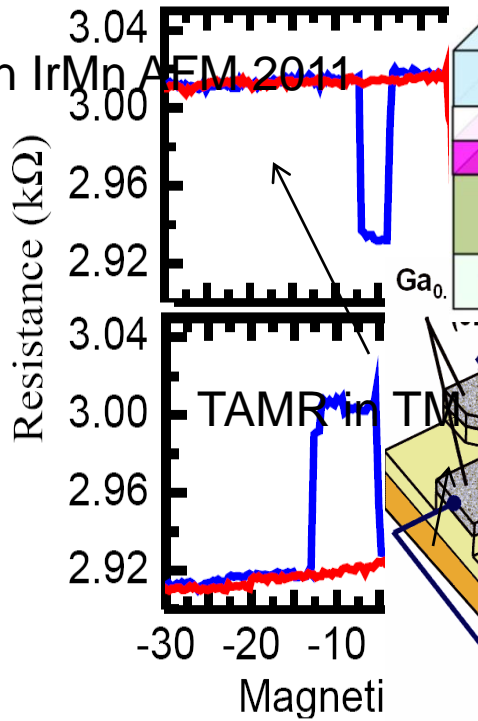


.. and tuneable, and compatible with III-V heterostructure and fabrication techniques

... and strong exchange and spin-orbit $\sim 100\text{s meV}$ \rightarrow strong disorder (even unintentional) is not detrimental to spintronics in $(\text{Ga},\text{Mn})\text{As}$

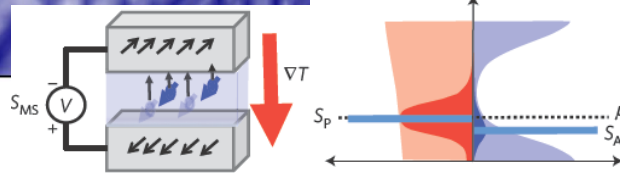
.. and the full range of spintronic effects described qualitatively or semiquantitatively by mutually consistent DFT, TB-Anderson, kinetic-exchange **k.p** models

>100%TAMR in IrMn/AEM 2011 >100meV chem. pot. AMR in IrMn/MgO/Pt 2013



GaMnAs
 Ohmic AMR 1856 ↔ TAMR 2004 ↔
 AMT 2006 ↔ TAMT 2011

(TMT in TM FMs 2011)



Spintronics :
 a portmanteau meaning
 spin transport electronics

AMT in TM FMs 2012

→ shift in gate voltage corresponds to 7 gate voltage periods

GaMnAs in spintronics: arXiv:1310.1944

Intrinsic AHE in TM FMs 2004

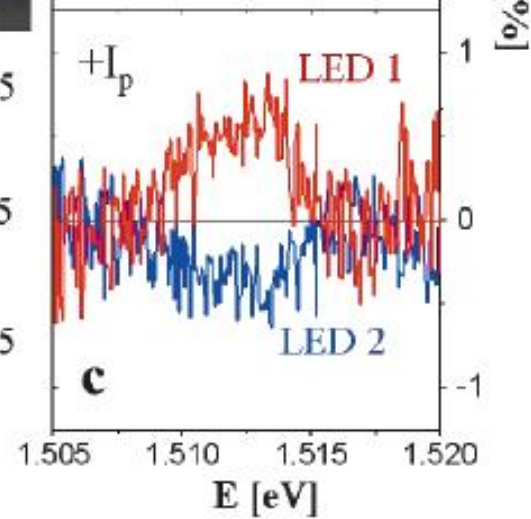
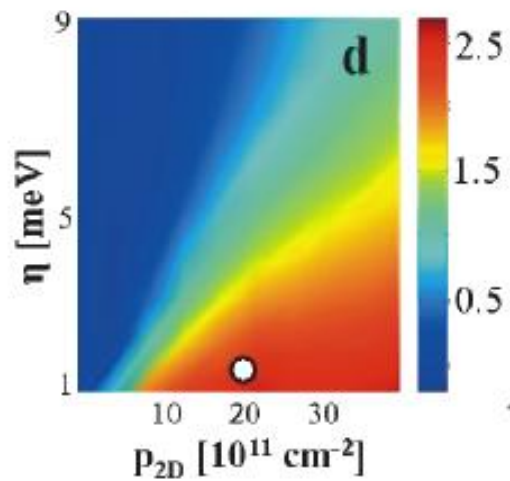
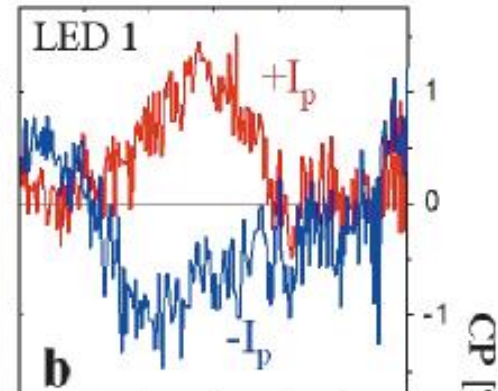
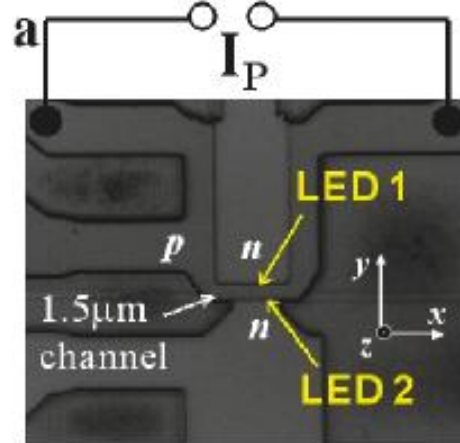
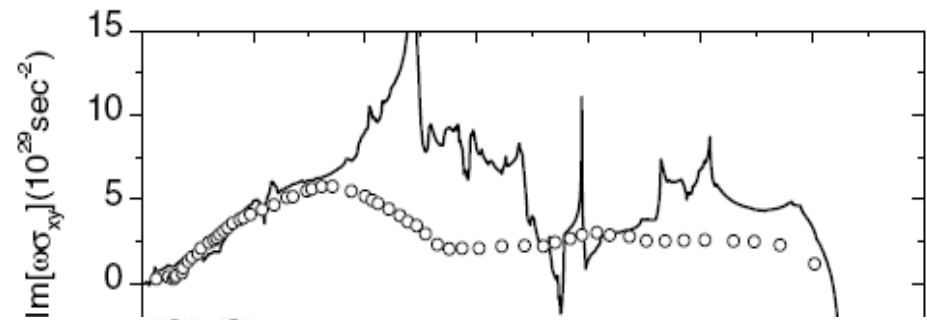
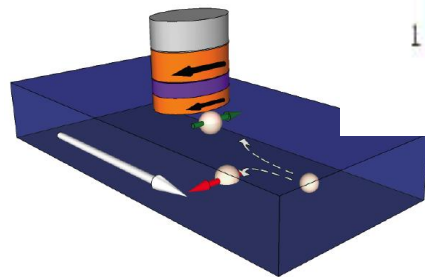
GaMnAs

AHE 1881 \leftrightarrow intrinsic AHE 2002

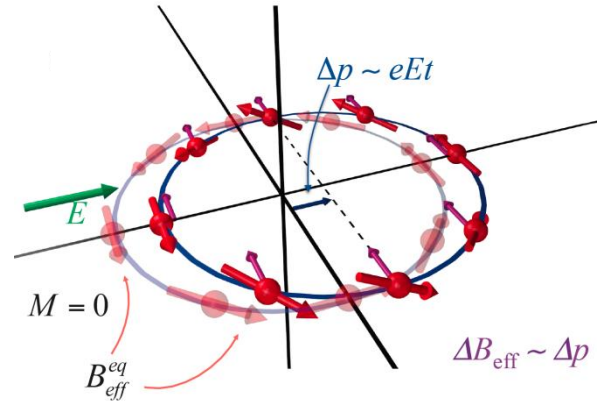
intrinsic SHE in p-GaAs 2004

intrinsic SHE in n

SHE-STT MTJ 2012



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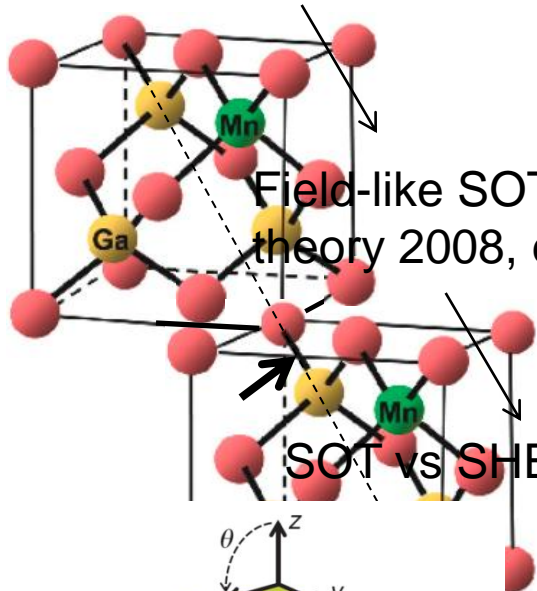


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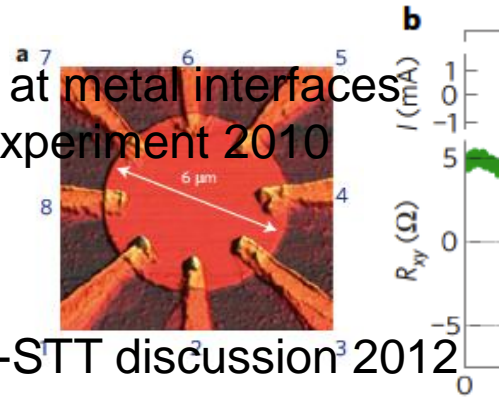


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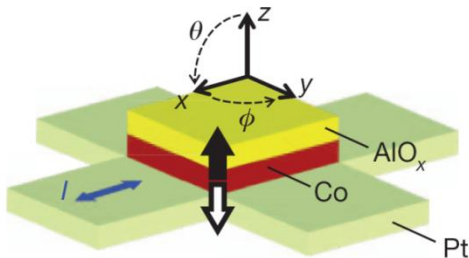
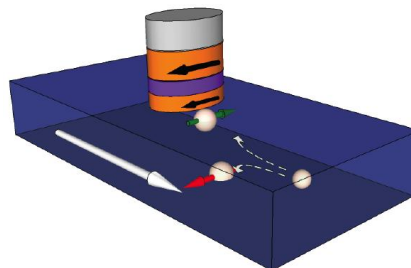
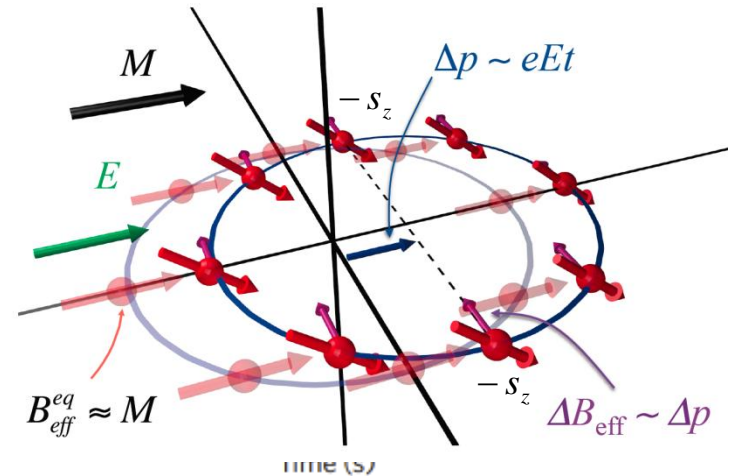
Field-like SOT theory 2005 ↔ experiment 2009 ↔ intrinsic anti-damping SOT



Field-like SOT at metal interfaces
theory 2008, experiment 2010

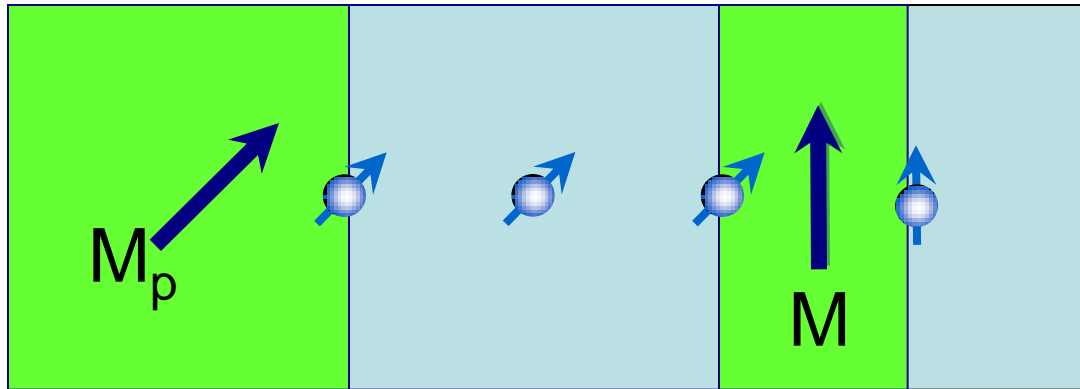


SOT vs SHE-STT discussion 2012

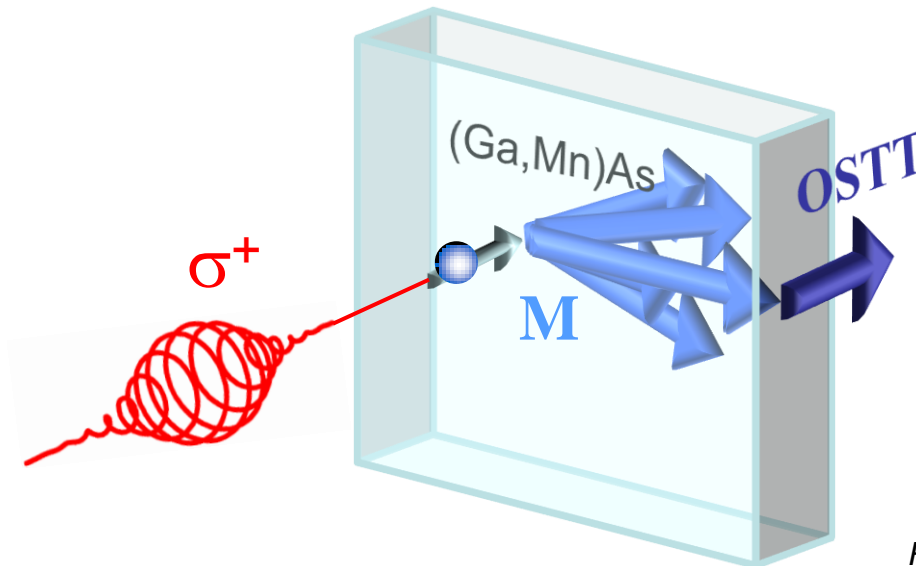


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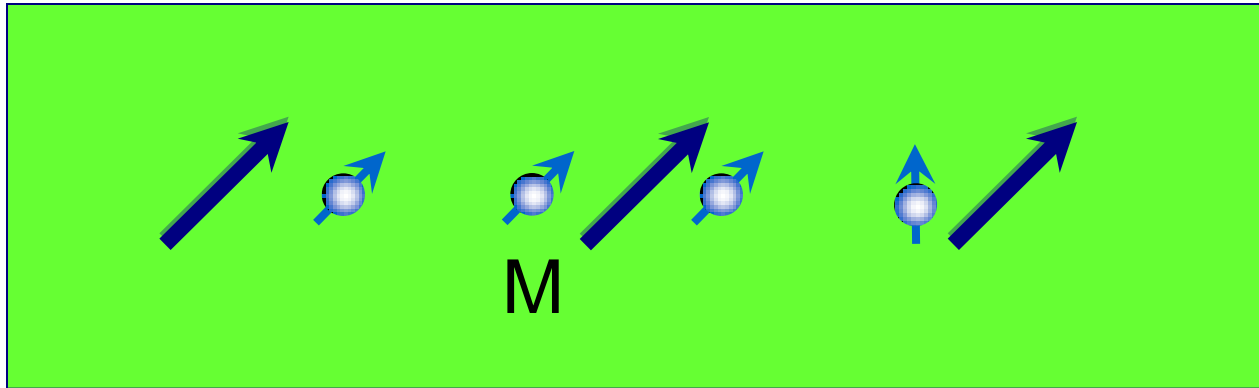
Electrical spin-transfer torque



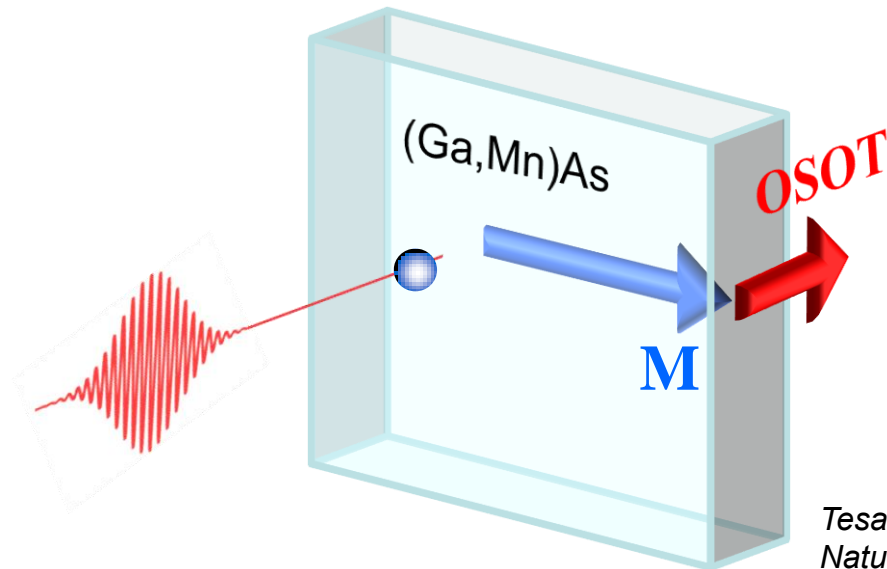
Optical spin-transfer torque



Electrical spin-orbit torque



Optical spin-orbit torque



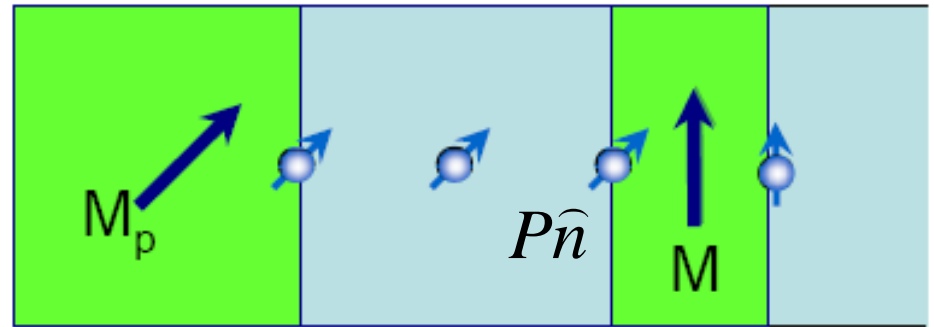
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Steady-state carrier spin polarization $\vec{s} \rightarrow$ torque $\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt}$

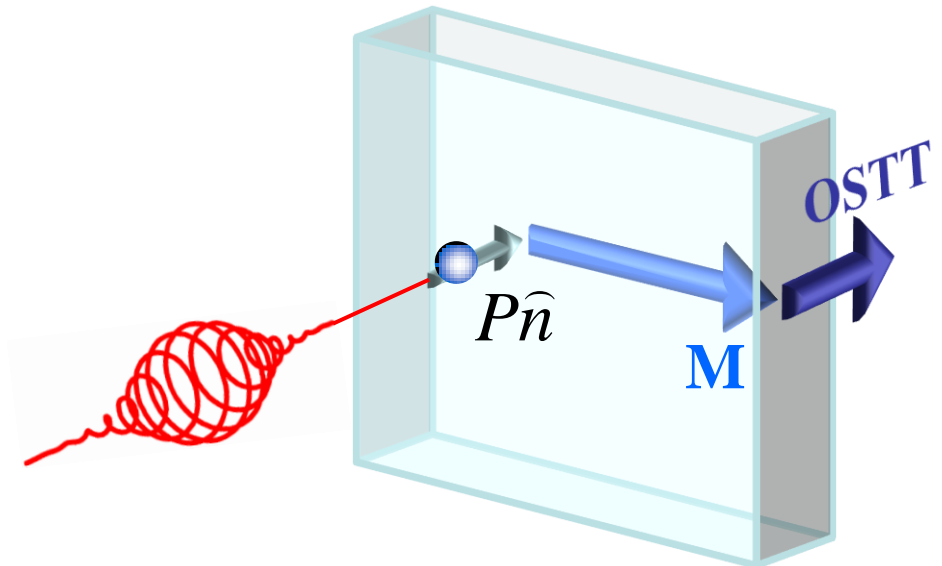
$$\frac{d\langle\vec{\sigma}\rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar}\langle[\vec{\sigma}, H]\rangle \quad \vec{s} = \langle\vec{\sigma}\rangle$$

QM averaging in non-equilibrium

Electrical spin injection



Optical spin injection



Spin-transfer torque

$$H = H_0 + H_{ex}$$

$$\downarrow H_{ex} = J\vec{M} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

Steady state

$$0 = \frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \frac{J}{\hbar}\vec{s} \times \vec{M} + P\hat{n}$$

External

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

Steady-state carrier spin polarization $\vec{s} \rightarrow$ torque $\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt}$

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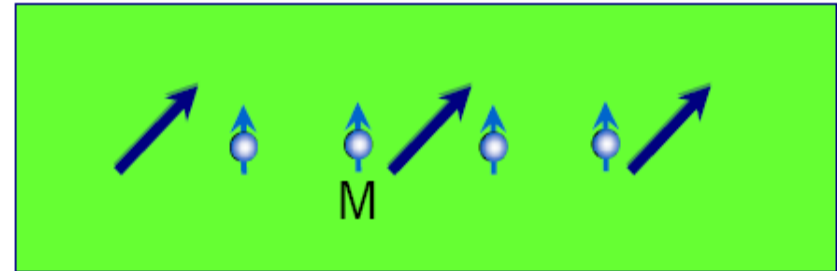
$$H = H_0 + H_{ex} + H_{so}$$



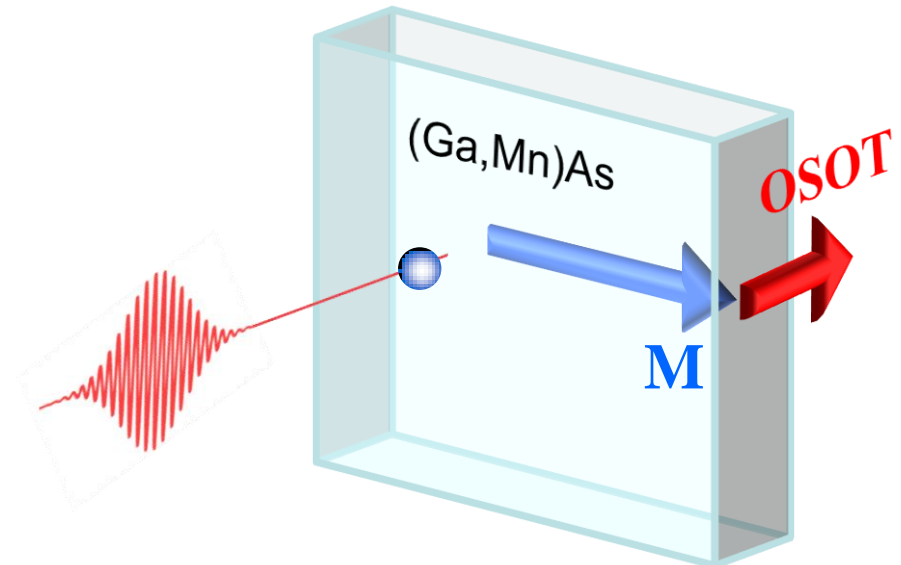
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Optical spin injection



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$\vec{s} = \langle\vec{\sigma}\rangle$ Linear response: eigenstates of H
& non-equilibrium distribution
Electrical drift and relaxation

Spin-orbit torque

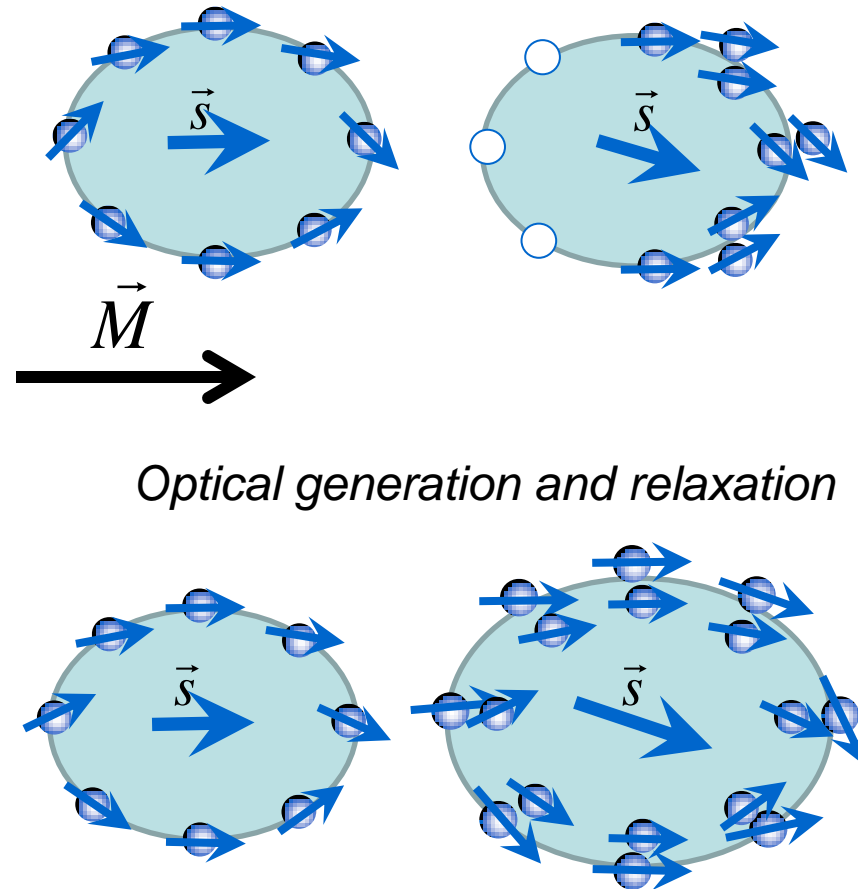
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\downarrow \downarrow Internal
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Steady state

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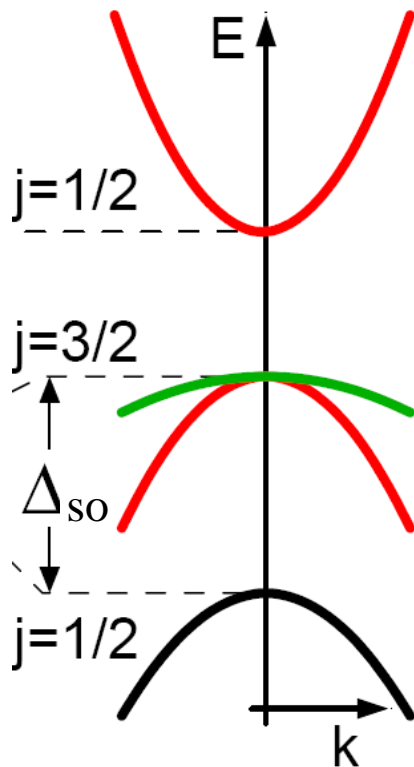
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Optical spin torques in ferromagnetic semiconductor (Ga,Mn)As

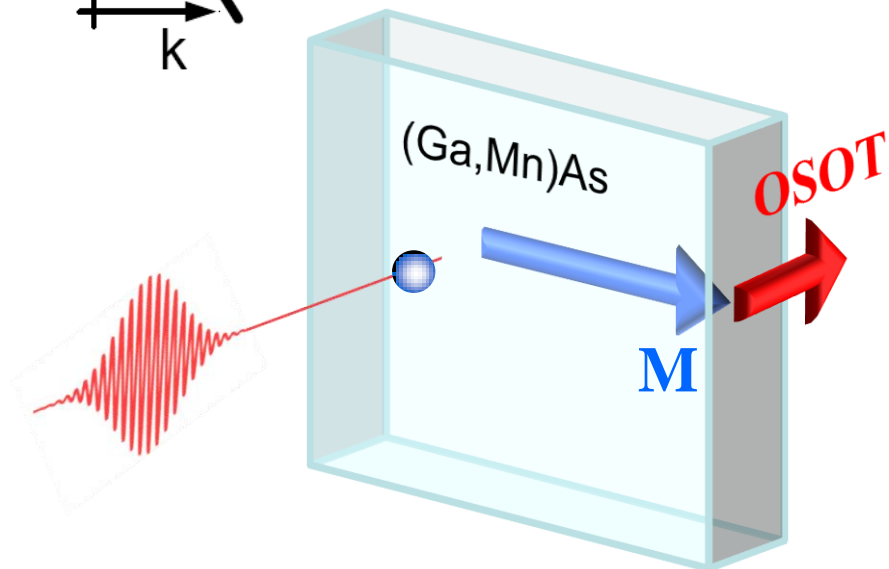
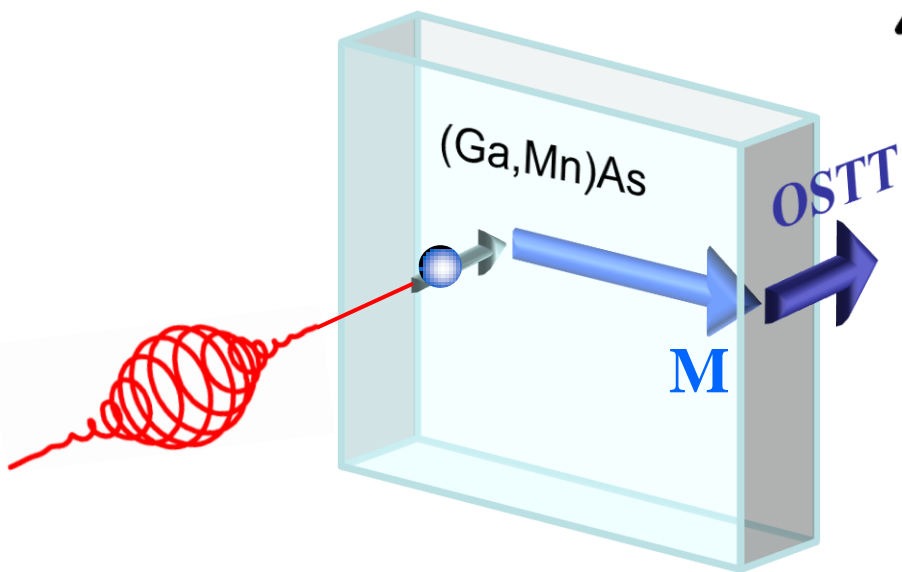
Optical spin-transfer torque

Long spin-lifetime
→ photo-electrons

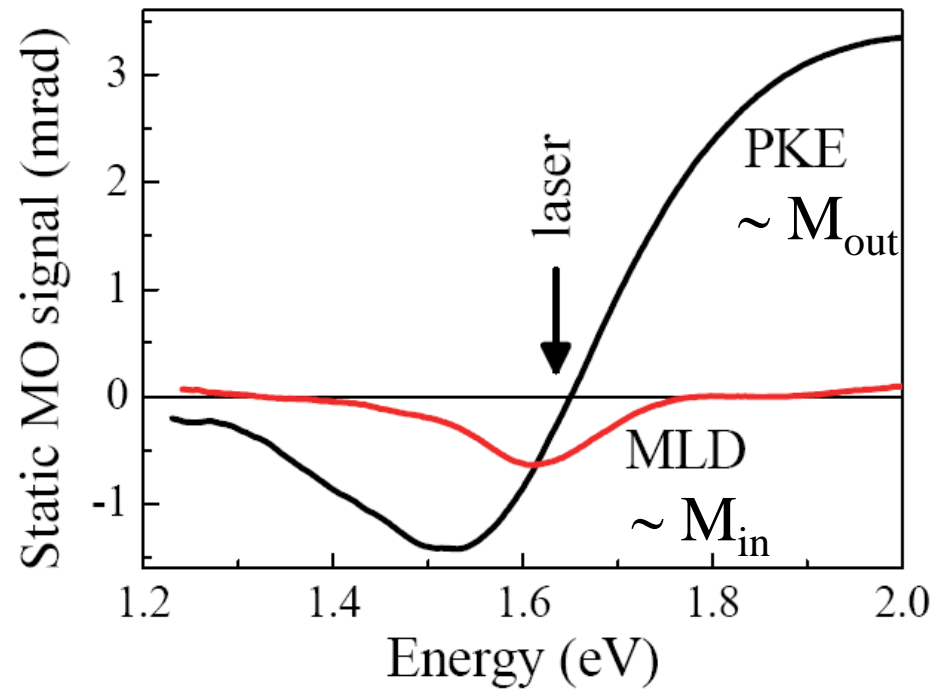
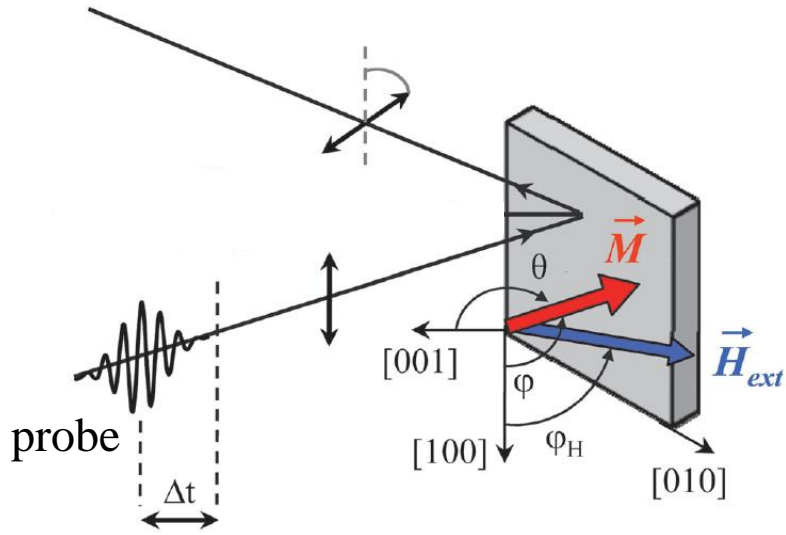


Optical spin-orbit torque

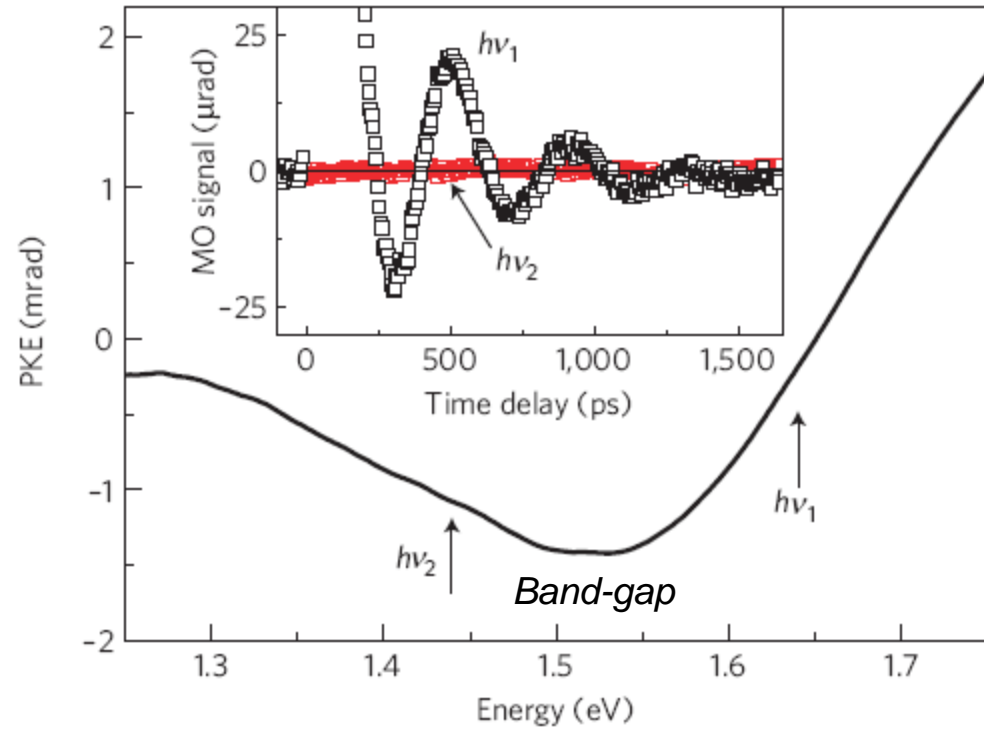
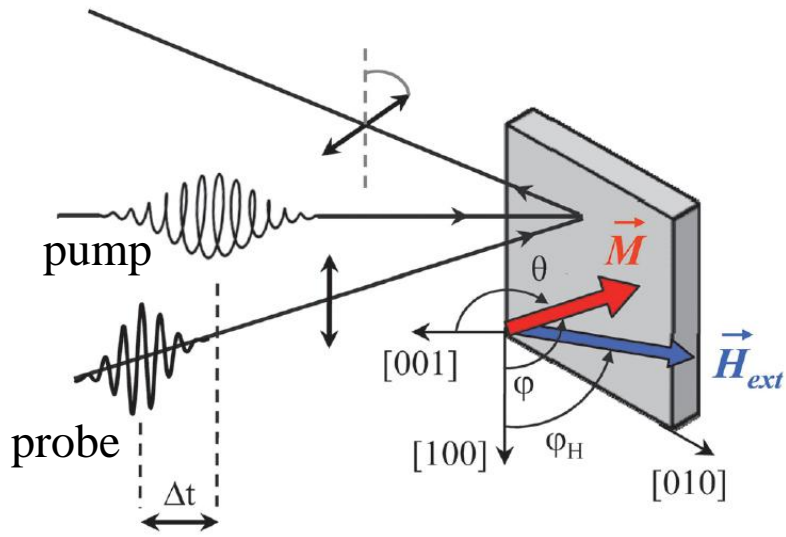
Strong spin-orbit coupling
→ photo-holes



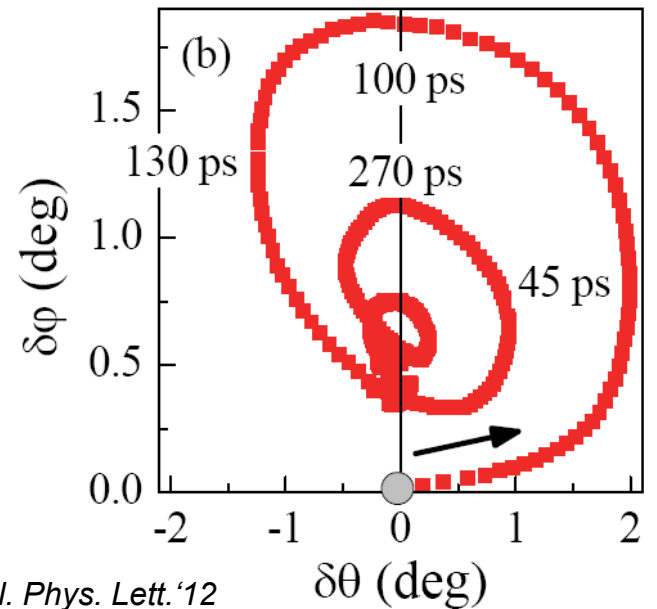
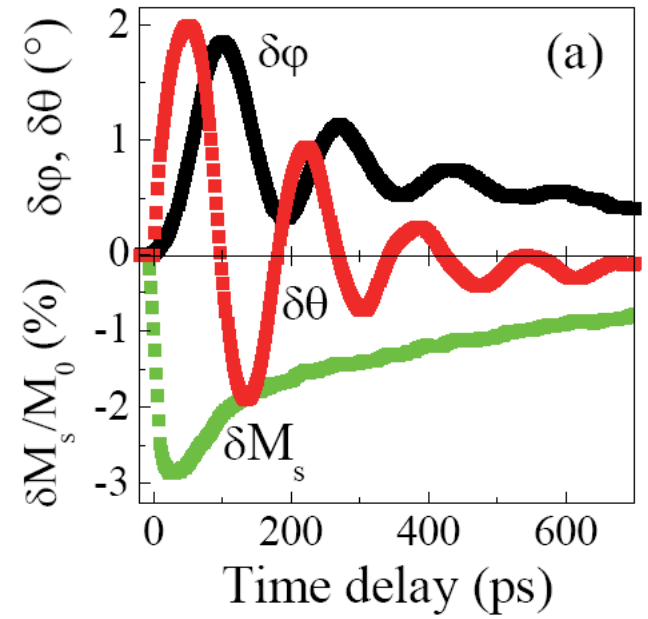
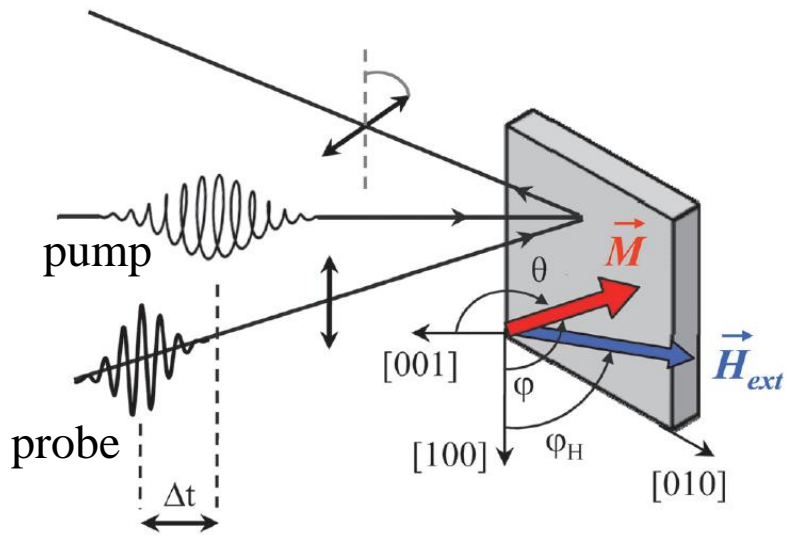
Magneto-optical parameters of (Ga,Mn)As



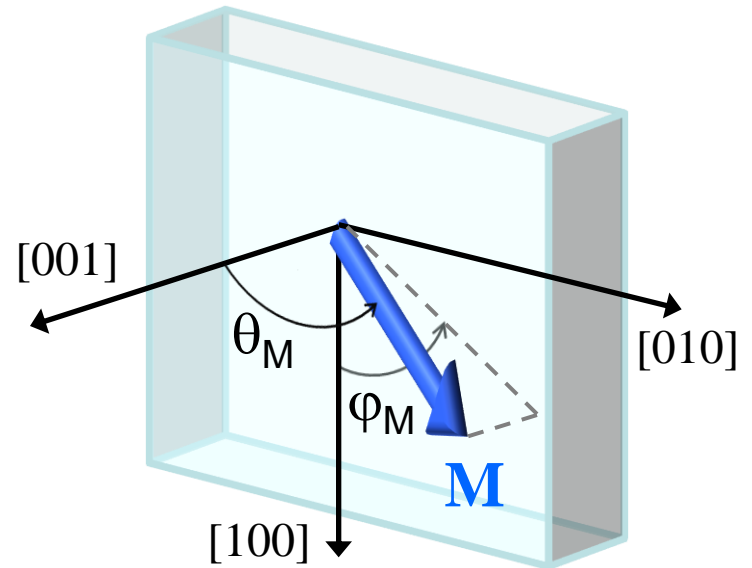
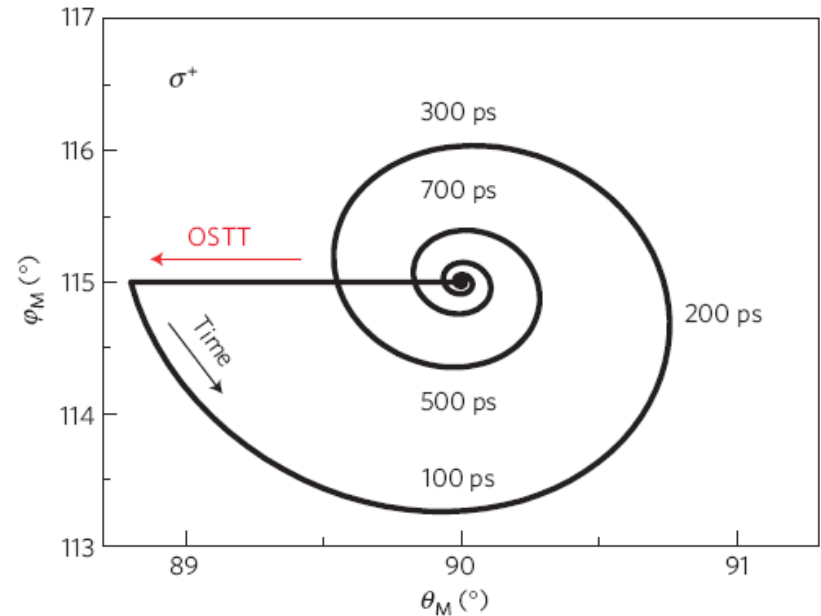
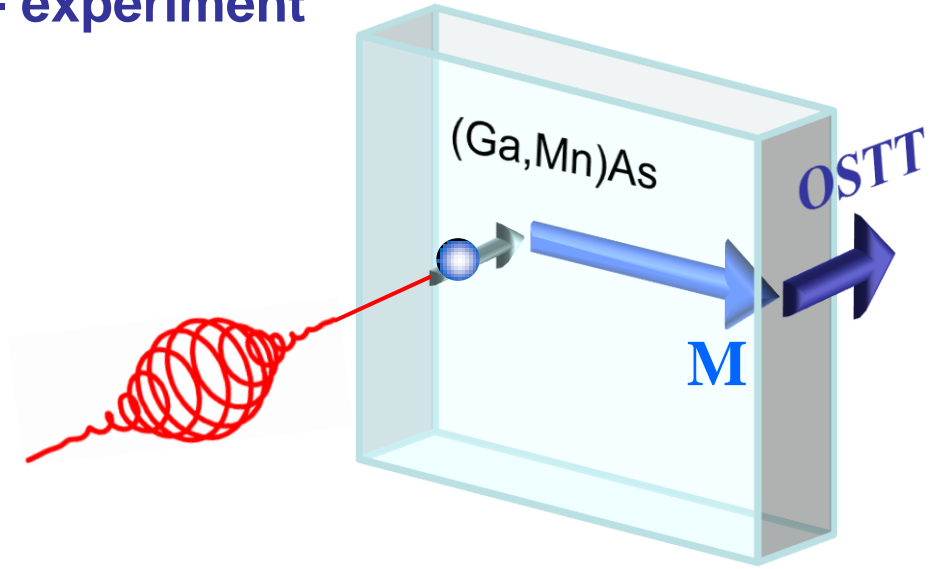
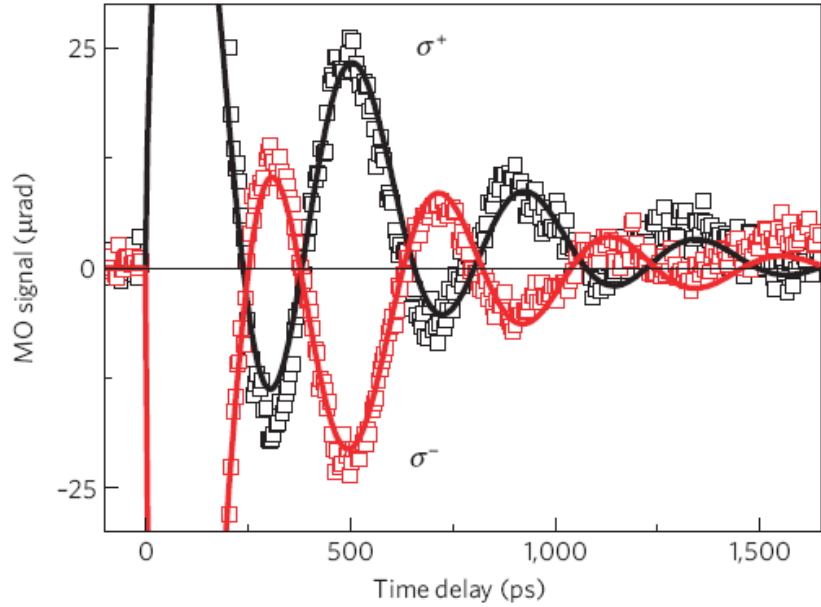
Pump-and-probe magneto-optical signals in (Ga,Mn)As



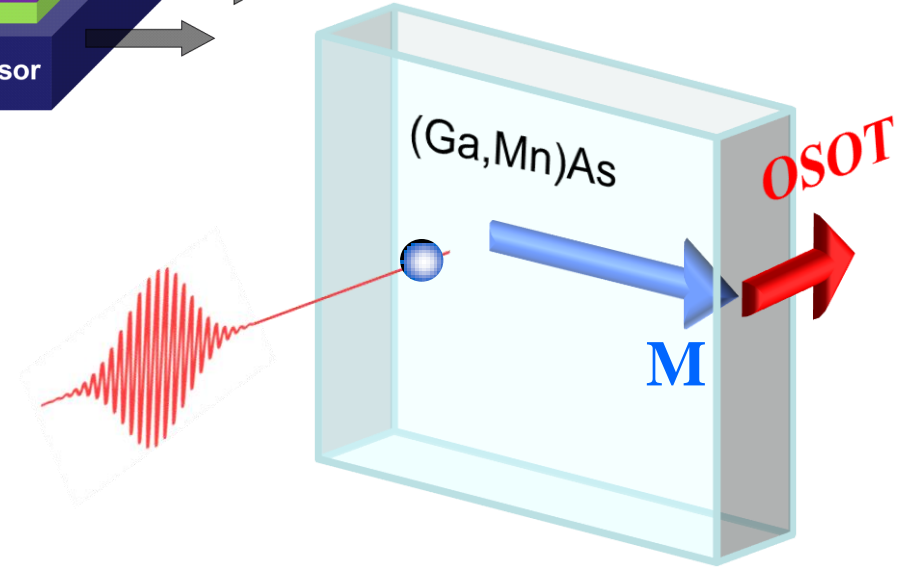
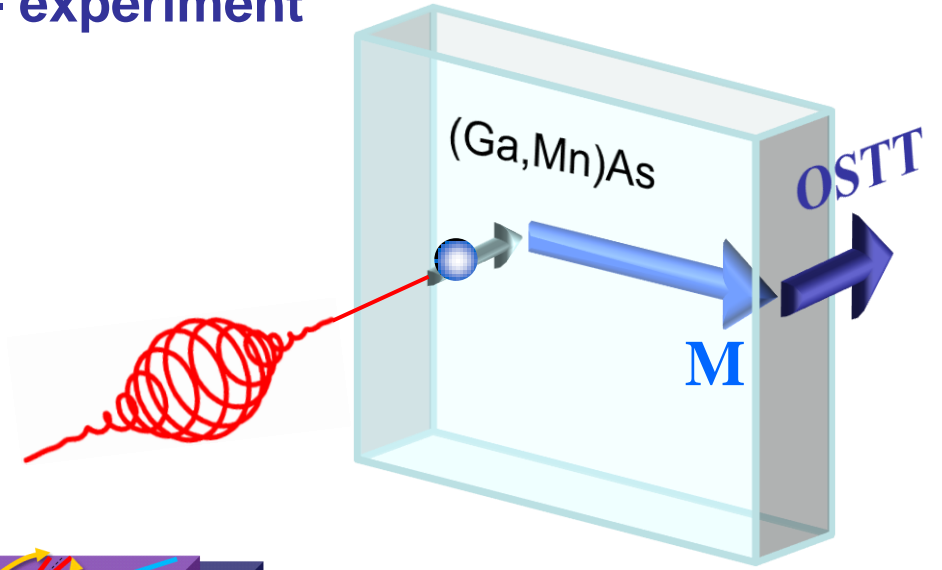
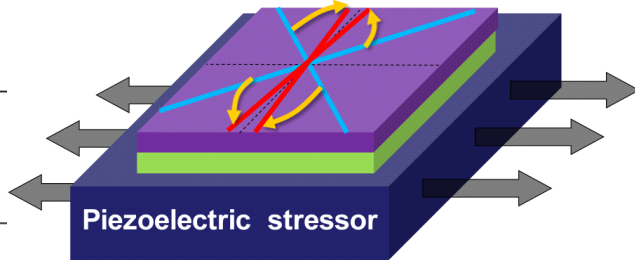
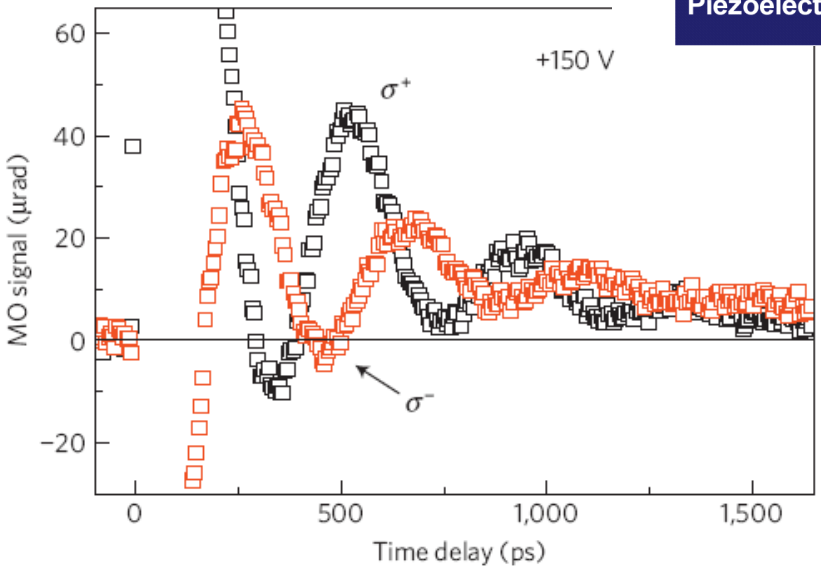
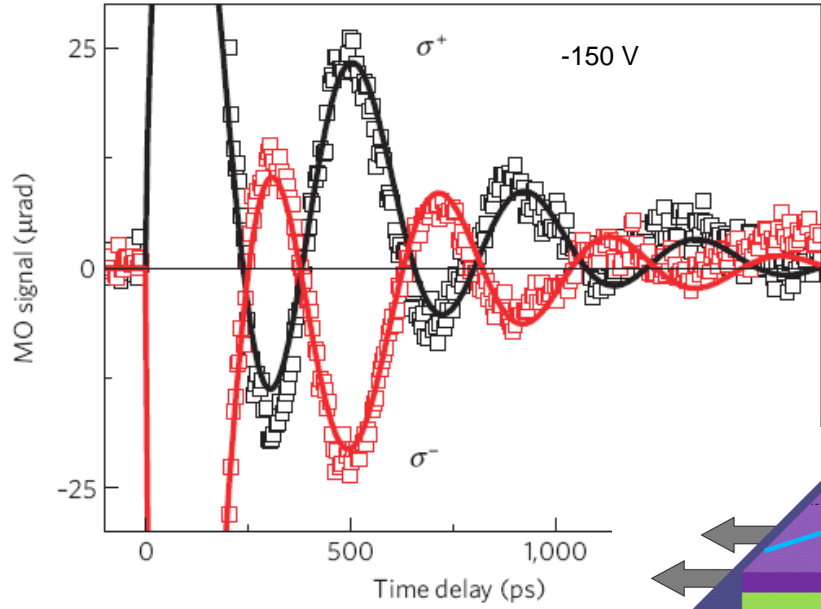
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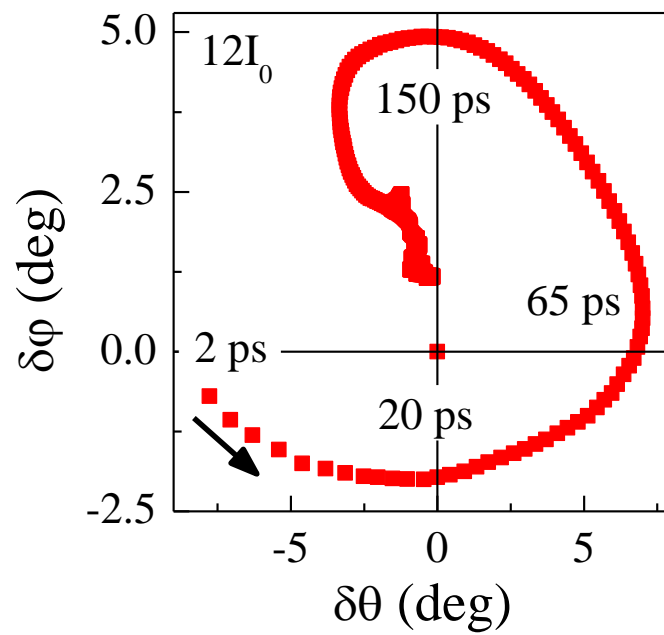
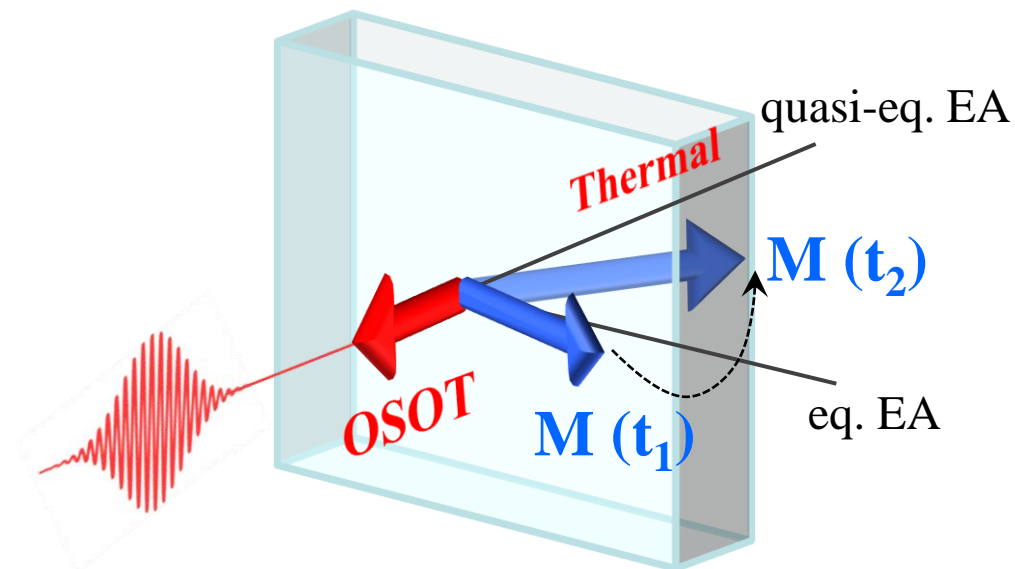
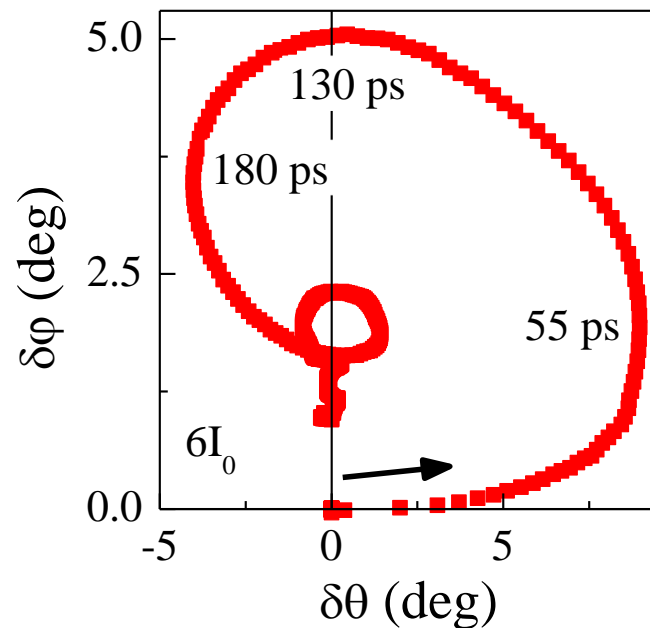
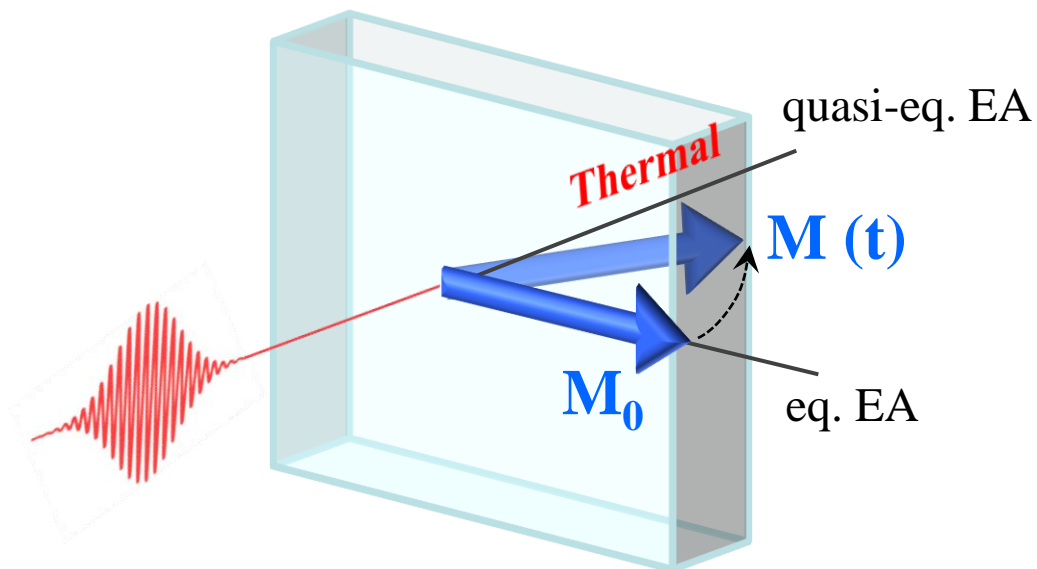
Optical spin-transfer torque - experiment



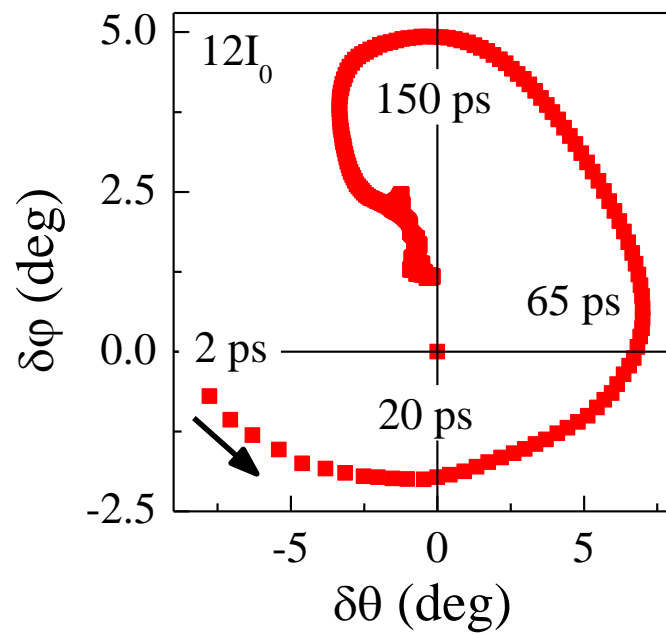
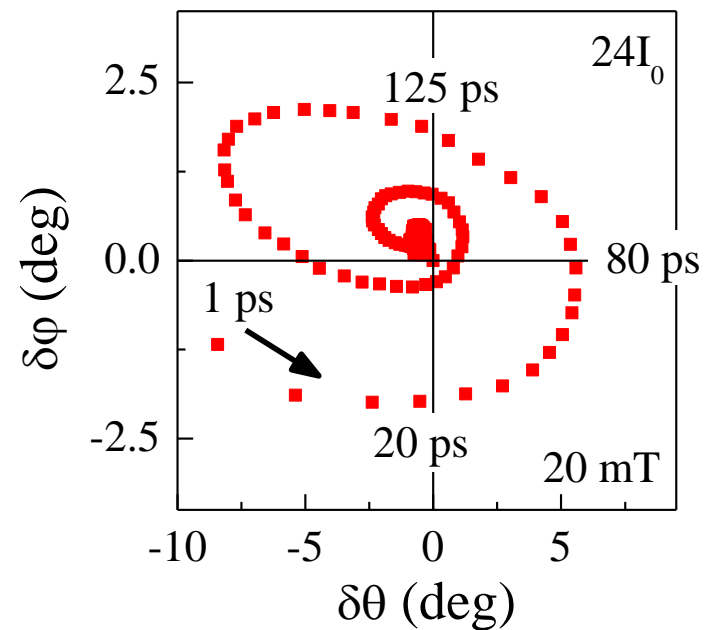
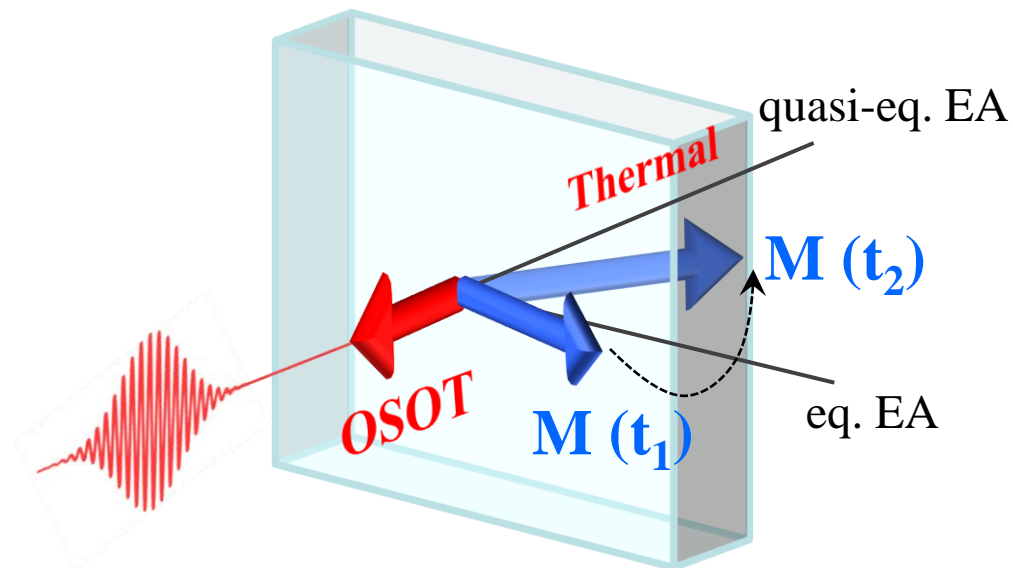
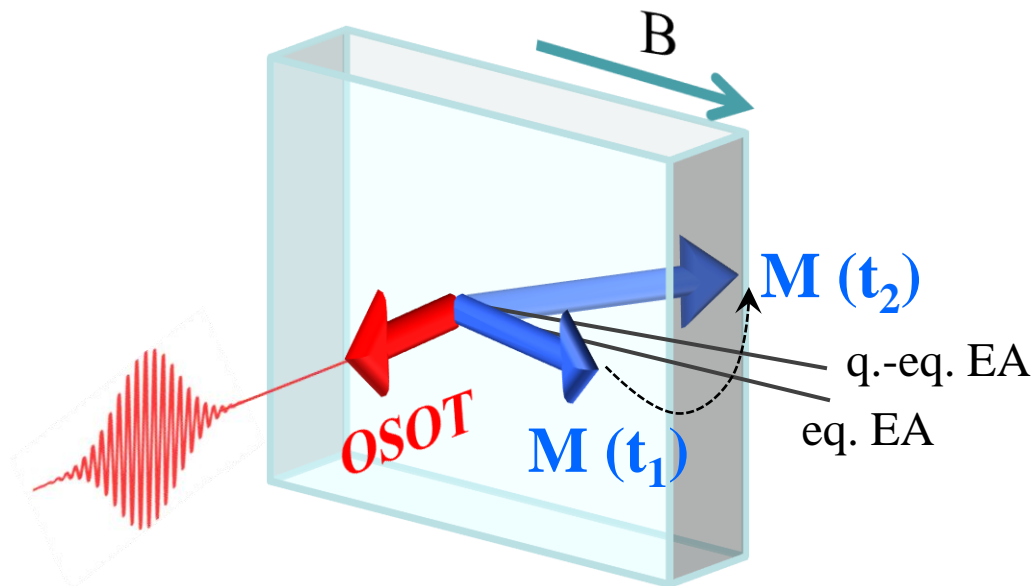
Optical spin-transfer torque - experiment



Optical spin-orbit torque - experiment

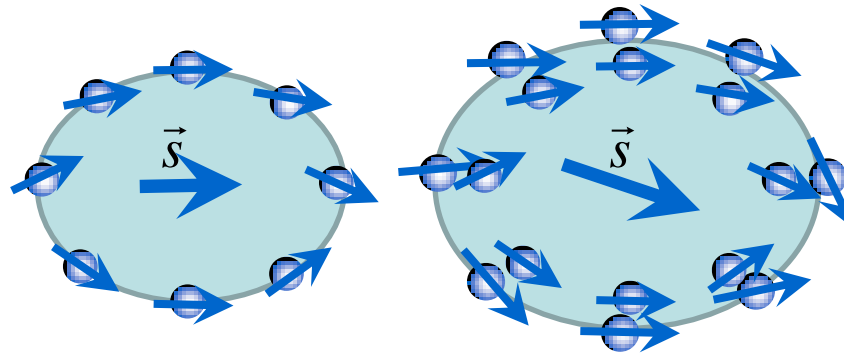


Optical spin-orbit torque - experiment



Optical spin-orbit torque - theory

Optical generation and relaxation



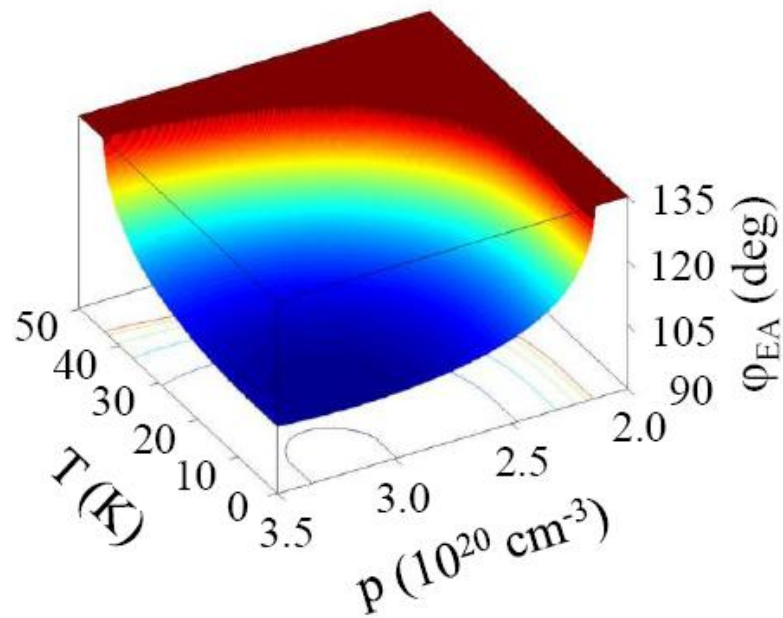
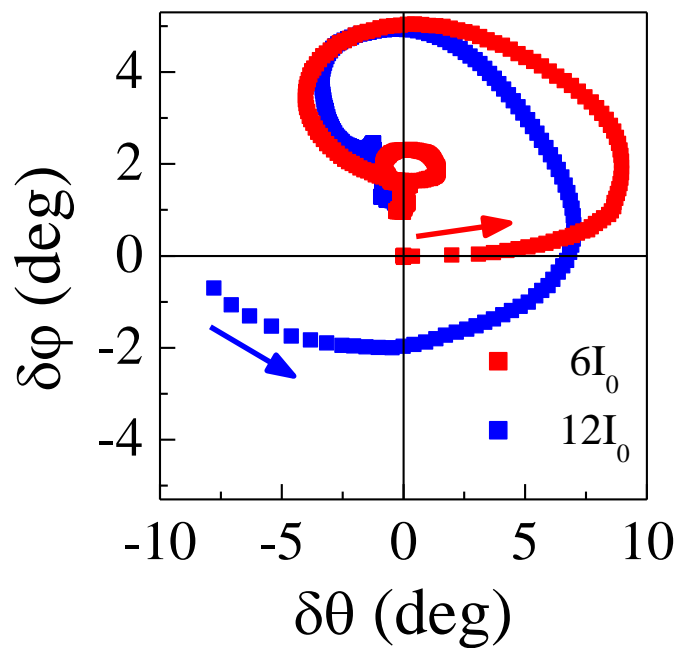
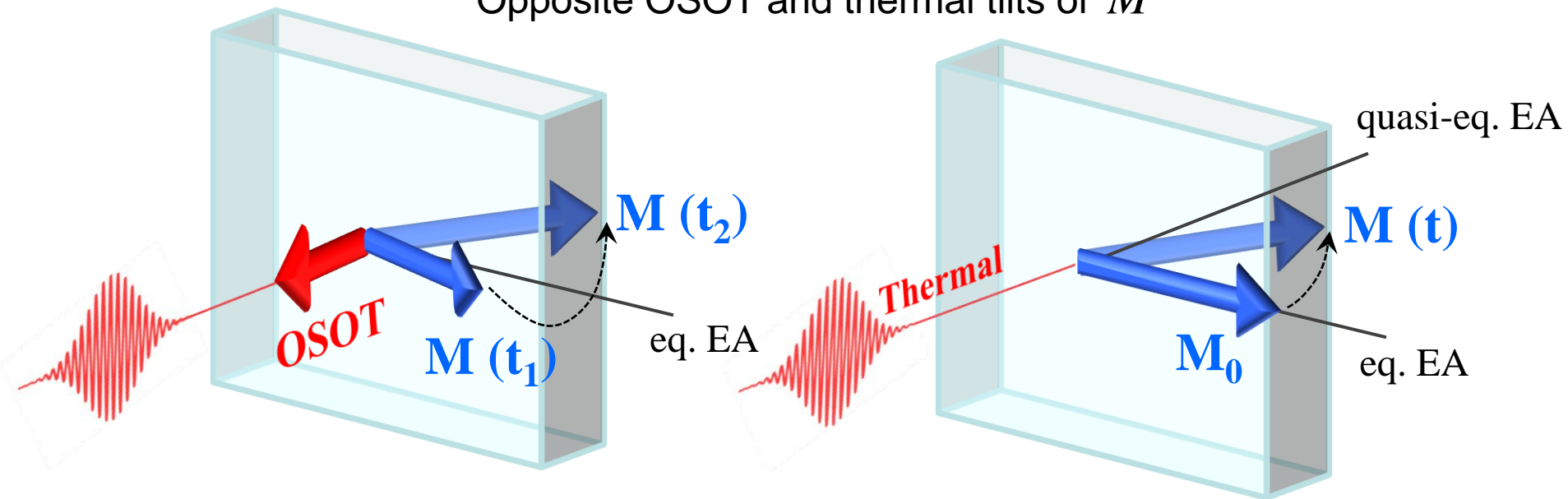
$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = \frac{J}{\hbar} \vec{M} \times \vec{s} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [\vec{\sigma}, H_{so}] \rangle$$

$$H_{ex} = J \vec{M} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}_{an} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{M}} \sum_a \int d\mathbf{k} \epsilon_{a,\vec{k}} f_{a,\vec{k}} = -\sum_a \int d\vec{k} \langle a, \vec{k} | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \vec{M}} | a, \vec{k} \rangle f_{a,\vec{k}} \\ &= -\sum_a \int d\vec{k} \langle a, \vec{k} | J \vec{\sigma} | a, \vec{k} \rangle f_{a,\vec{k}} = -J \vec{s}. \end{aligned}$$

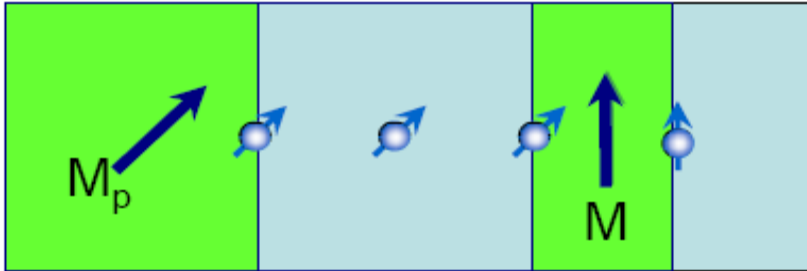
Photo-hole spin-density \leftrightarrow hole-density-dependent magnetic anisotropy field

Opposite OSOT and thermal tilts of \vec{M}



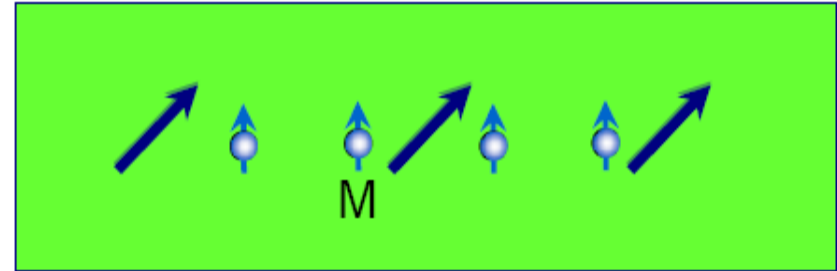
Electrical spin-transfer torque

Non-uniform magnetic structure



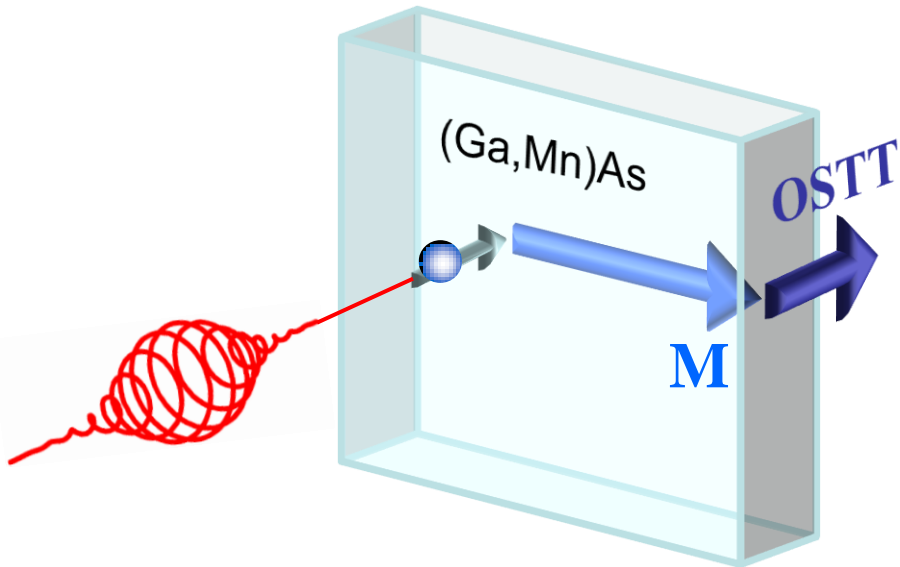
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Broken inversion-symmetry magnet



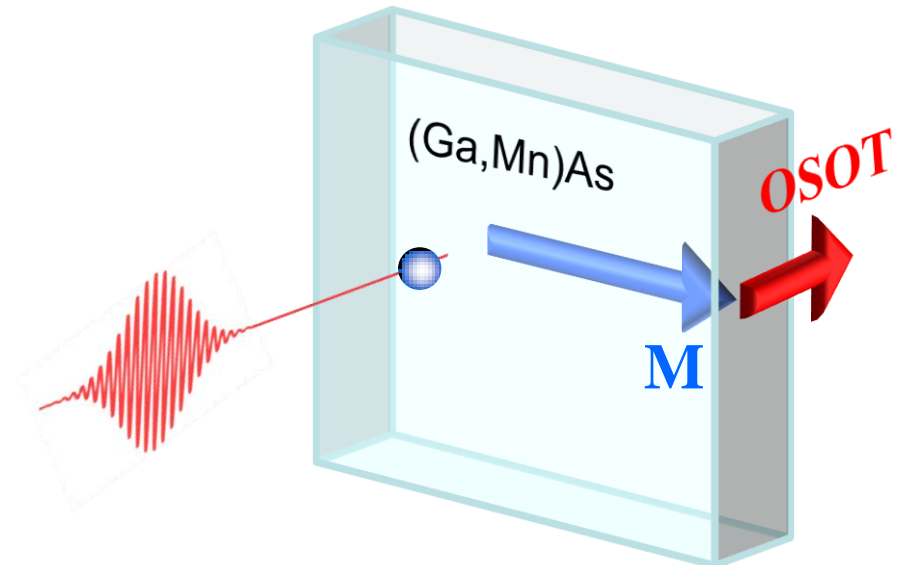
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AFM semiconductors: prospect for room-T magnetic-semiconductor spintronics

TJ, Novák, et al. PRB '11, Cava Viewpoint, Physics '11, Máca, TJ et al. JMMM '12, Wadley, TJ, et al. Nature Commun. '13

II-VI	FM T _C (K)	AFM T _N (K)
MnO		122
MnS		152
MnSe		173
MnTe		323
EuO	67	
EuS	16	
EuSe		5
EuTe		10

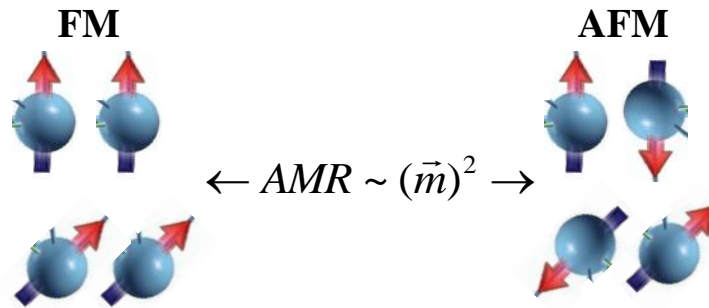
I-VI-III-VI	FM T _C (K)	AFM T _N (K)
CuFeO ₂		11
CuFeS ₂		825
CuFeSe ₂		70
CuFeTe ₂		254

III-V	FM T _C (K)	AFM T _N (K)
FeN		100
FeP		115
FeAs		77
FeSb		100-220
GdN	72	
GdP		15
GdAs		19
GdSb		27

II-V-IV-V	FM T _C (K)	AFM T _N (K)
MnSiN ₂		490

I-II-V	FM T _C (K)	AFM T _N (K)
Ia=Li, Na,.. Ib=Cu II=Mn V=Sb,As, P		> room T
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Antiferromagnetic metals

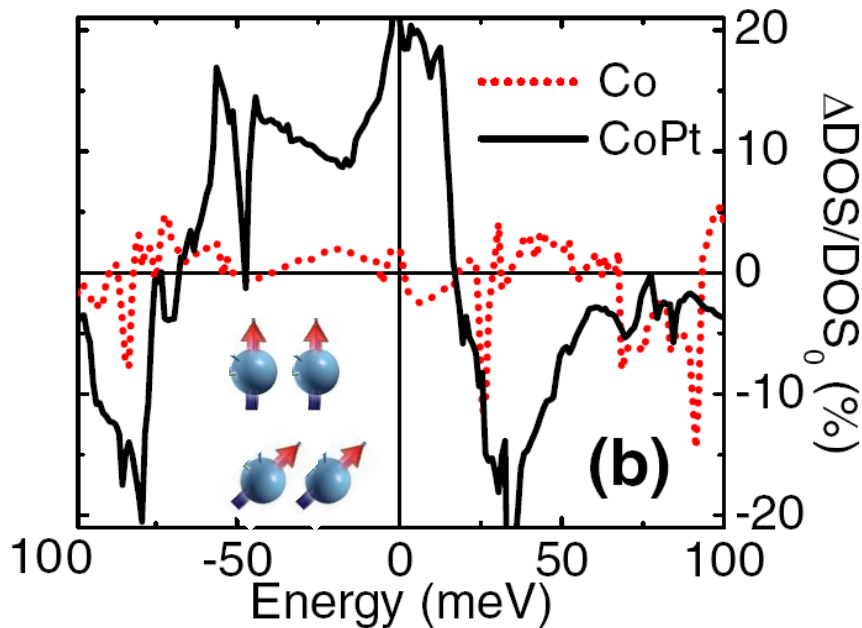


Spin-orbit induced anisotropic electronic structure: DFT

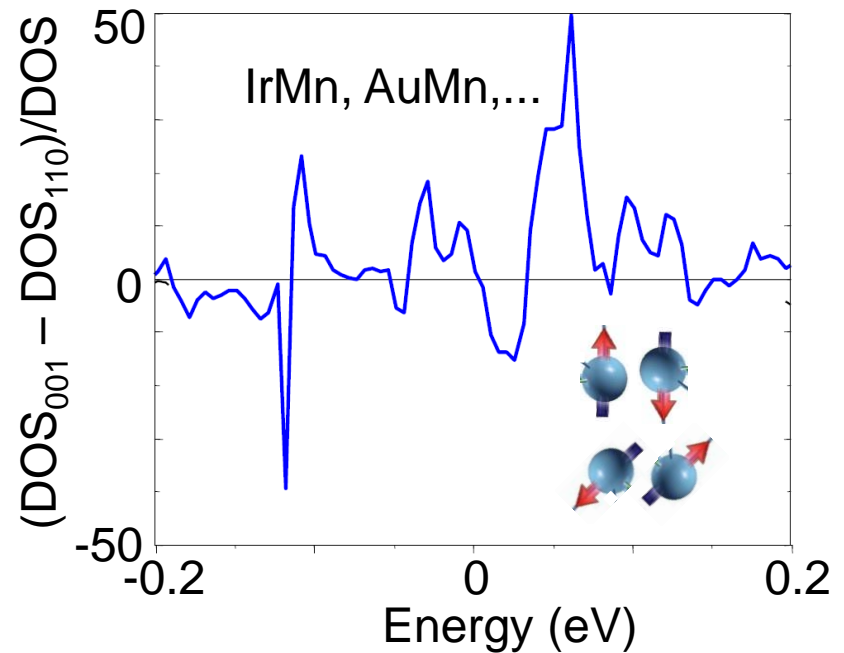
Ferromagnets

calculations

Antiferromagnets

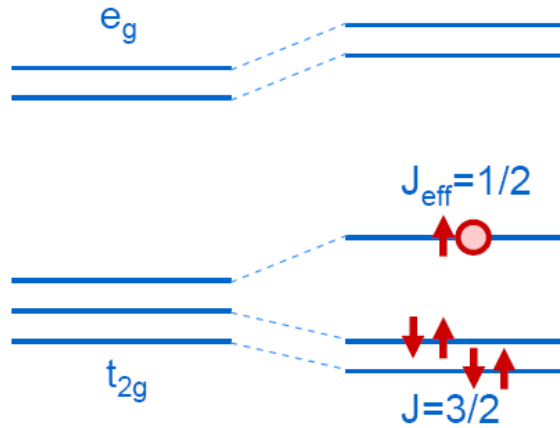
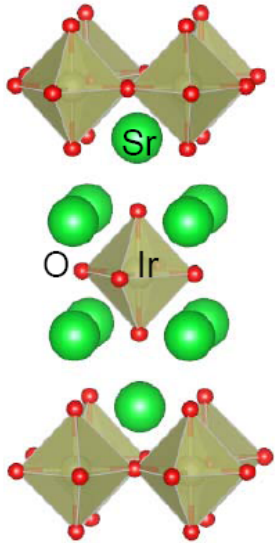


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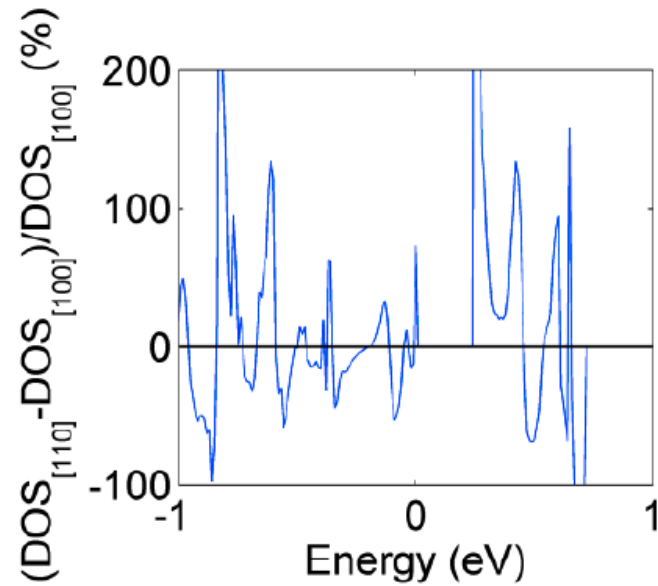
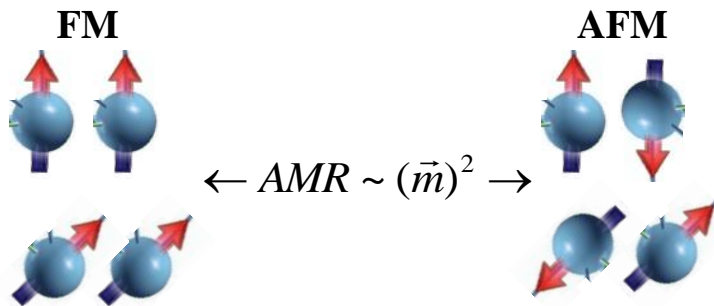
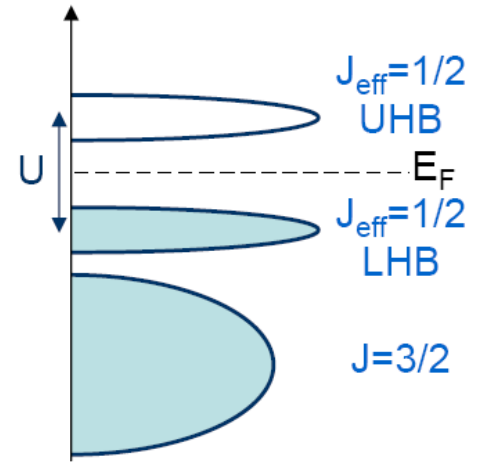
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Spin-orbit-coupled Mott AFM semiconductor Sr_2IrO_4

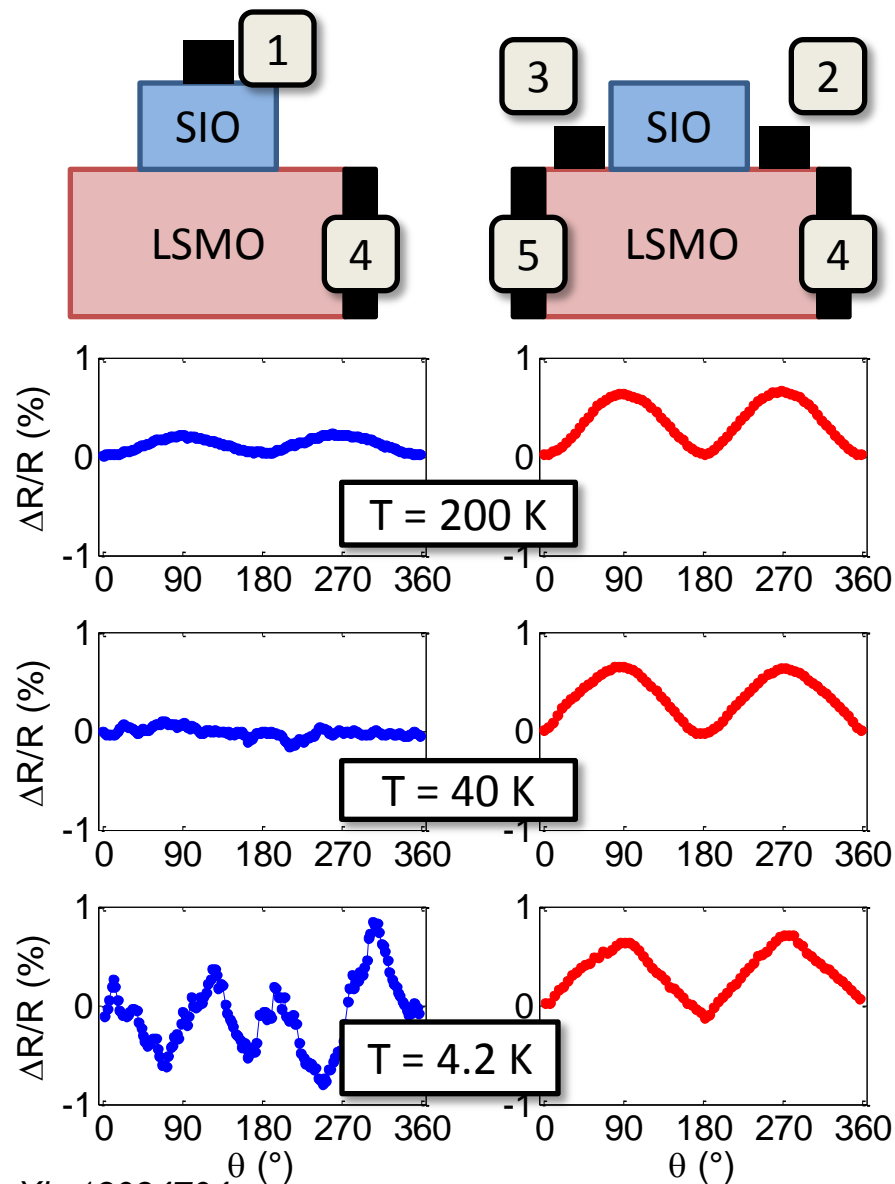
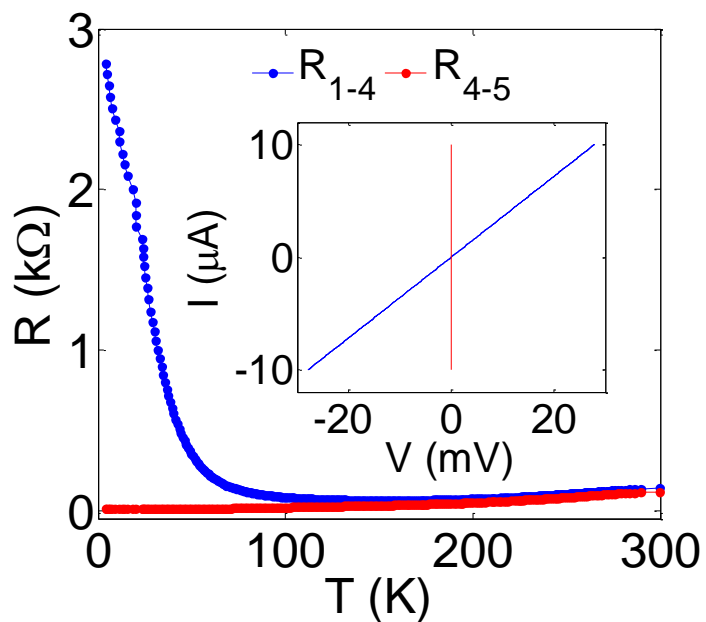
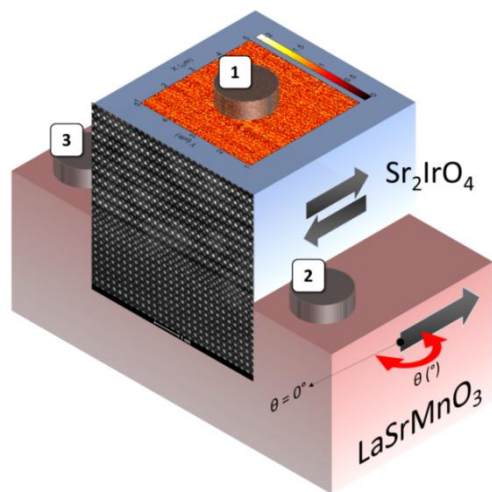


Spin-orbit coupling

Electron correlations



Field-rotation Ohmic AMR of Sr_2IrO_4 AFM semiconductor



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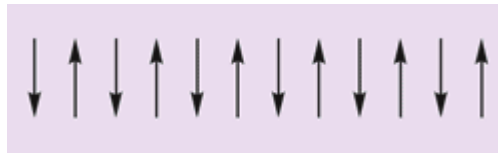
Ordered $M \neq 0$: good for manipulation by magnetic field and detection by stray fields,

Magnetic field not employed in advanced spintronics



perturbed by $< \sim T$
produces $< \sim T$ nearby stray field perturbation
High T_C not well compatible with semiconductor band structure

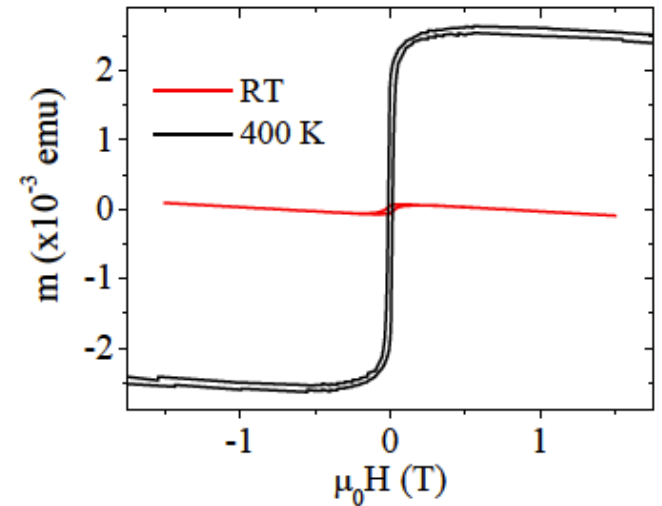
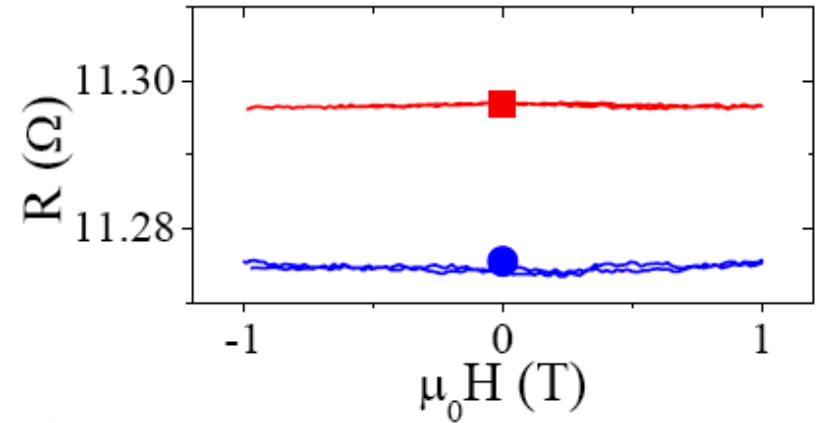
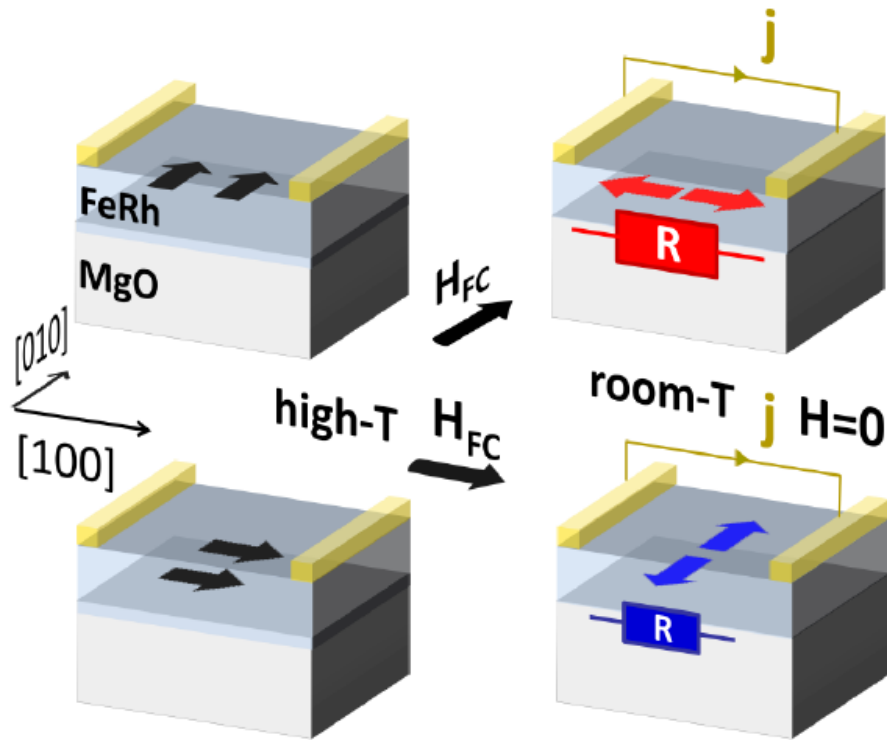
Antiferromagnets:



Ordered $M = 0$: bad for manipulation by magnetic field and detection by stray fields,
insensitive to $< \sim 100T$ perturbation
produces no stray field perturbation
High T_N well compatible with semiconductor band structure

AFM-alone room-T memory resistor

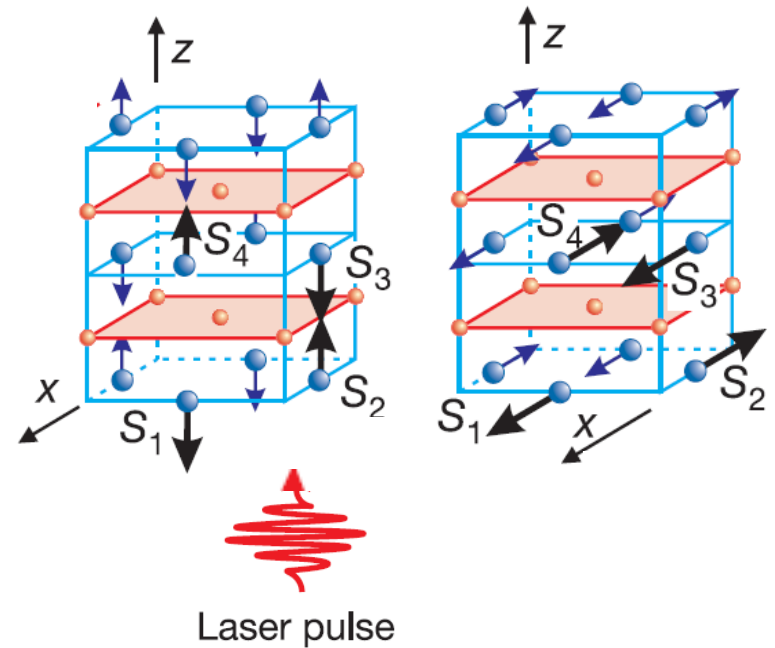
Insensitive to magnetic field and no stray field



Laser-induced ultrafast spin reorientation in the antiferromagnet TmFeO_3

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