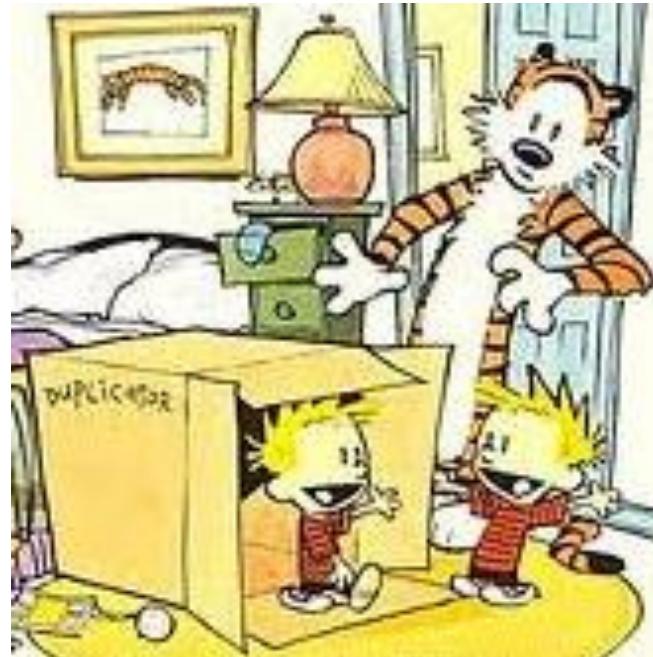
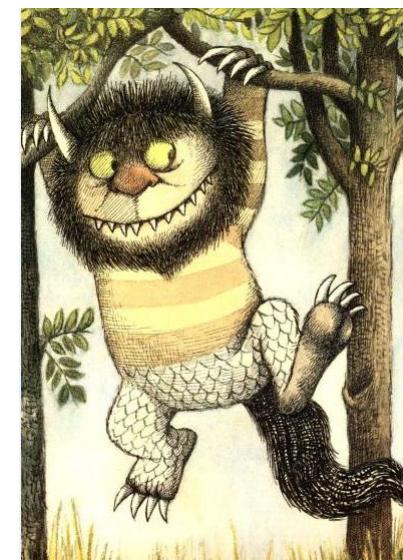


# Damped expectations for the second generation: controlling the chaos









# Theorist



Theorist



Experimentalist

or





REALLY?

YEP. THE WORLD DIDN'T TURN COLOR UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE 1930S, AND IT WAS PRETTY GRAINY COLOR FOR A WHILE, TOO.





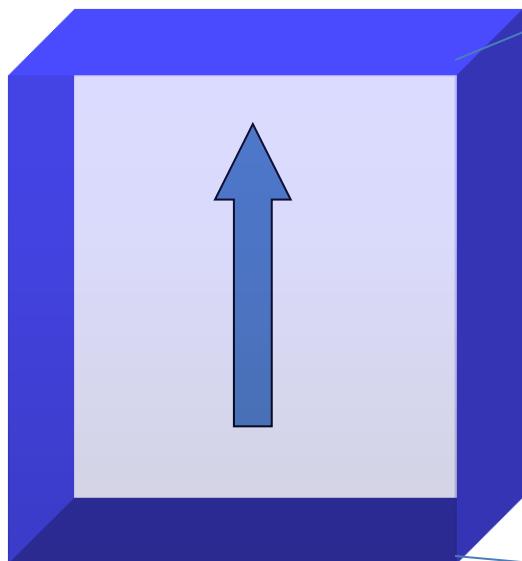
Wow, you're  
working on your  
report already?  
It's not due until  
Thursday!

Yeah, I know ...  
Mom says the  
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are starting to  
work.

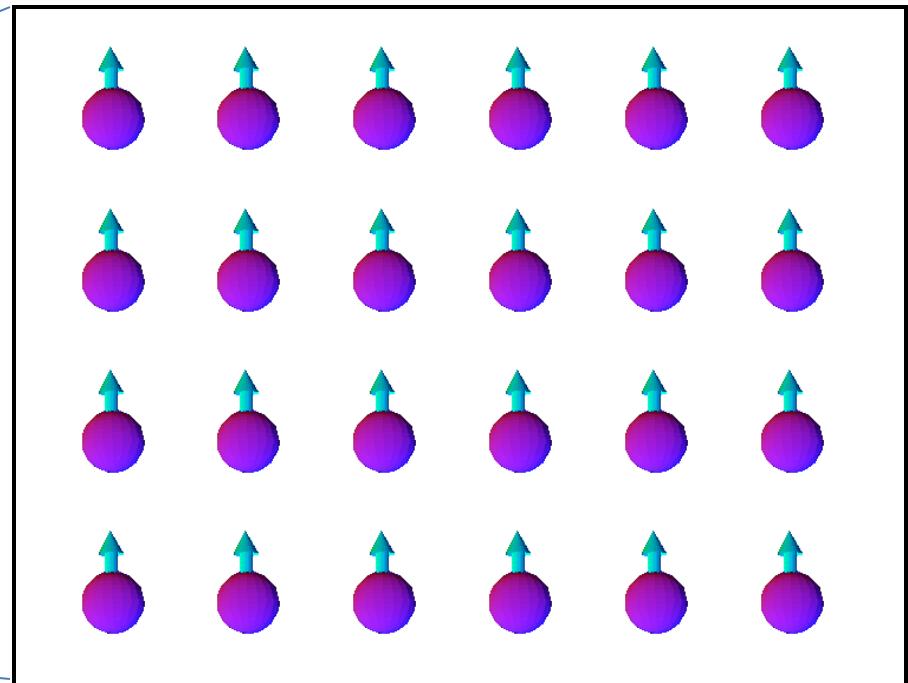
I thought we  
could go outside  
and play ... it's  
snowing ...  
Calvin?

What? Oh, sorry,  
I wasn't listening.  
I really have to  
finish this.

total magnetization



macroscopic picture

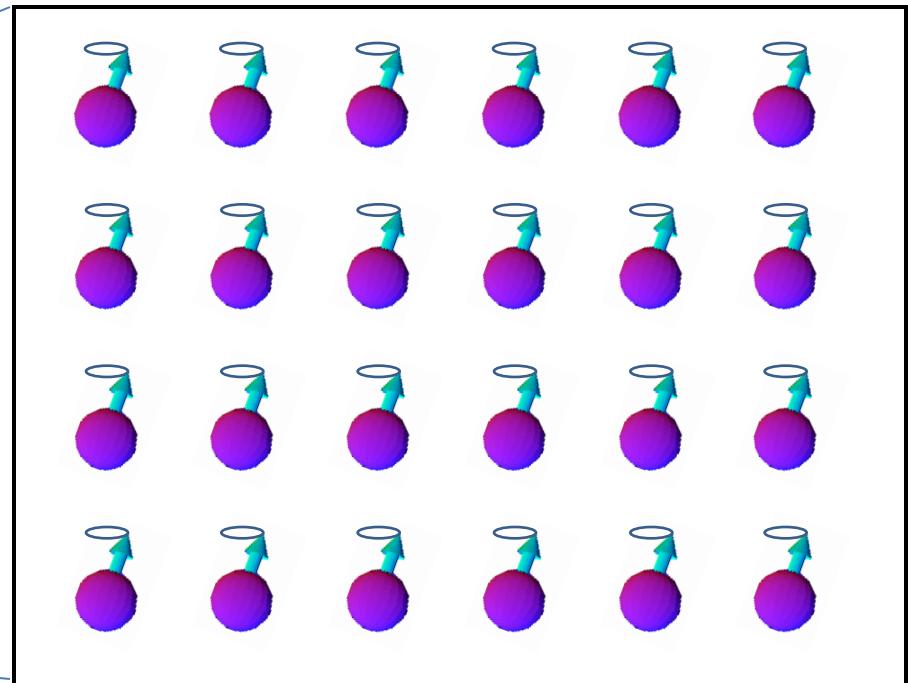


microscopic picture

total magnetization



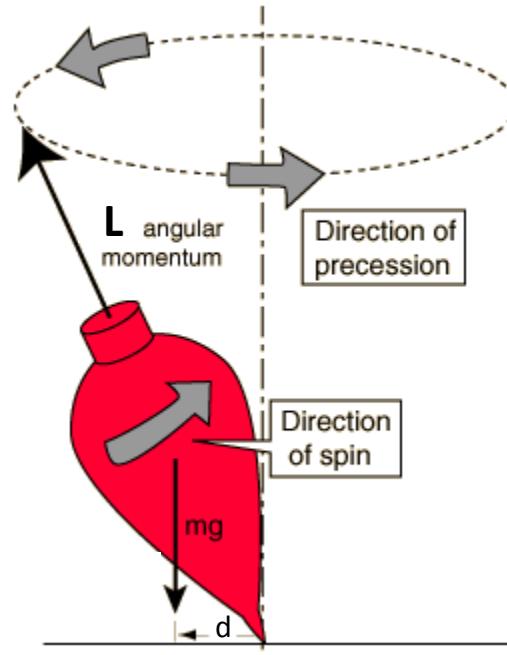
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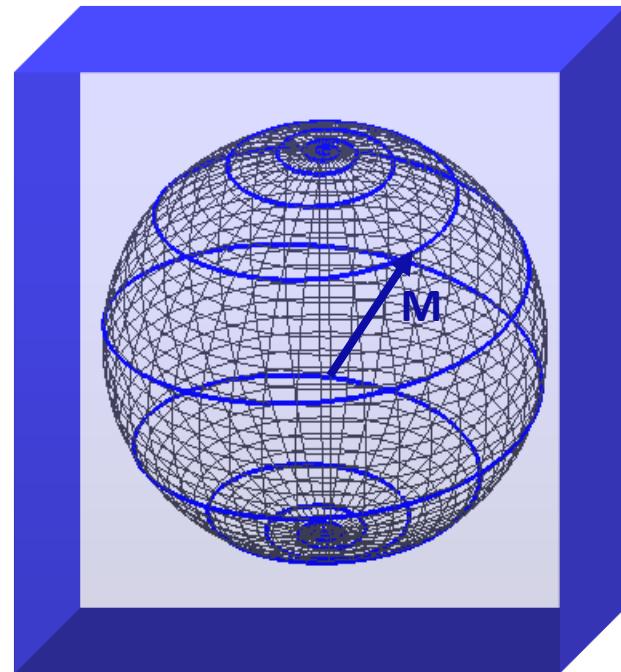
# Field driven magnetodynamics

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{L} / dt &= \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{mg} && \text{precession} \\ &+ \alpha \hat{\mathbf{L}} \times \dot{\mathbf{L}} && \text{damping} \end{aligned}$$



**G**

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{M} / dt &= -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} && \text{precession} \\ &+ \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} && \text{damping} \end{aligned}$$



**H**

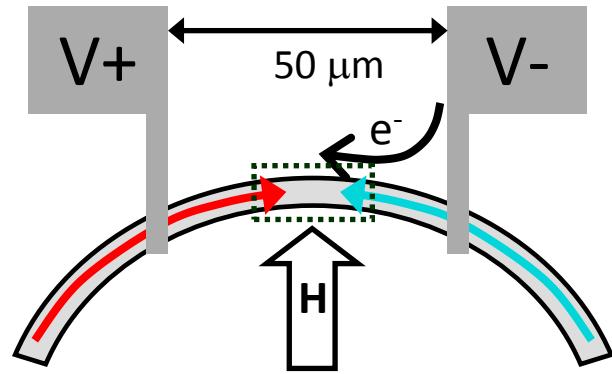
# Equation of Motion (damped-driven oscillator)

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}}$$

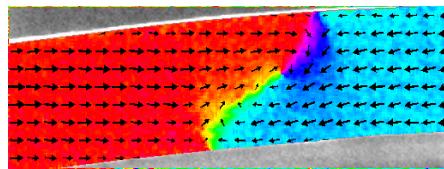
precession

damping

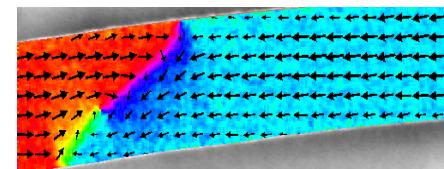
# Current-driven magnetodynamics



Before current



After current



# Current driven magnetodynamics

Wide domain wall

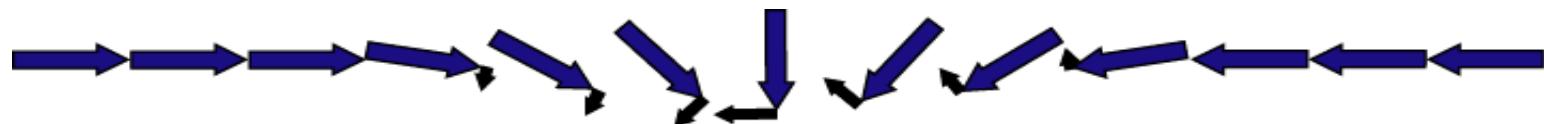
Adiabatic spin-transfer torque



Electron flow



If spins follow magnetization direction



Reaction torque on magnetization



Domain wall translates



$$\mathbf{v}_s = \frac{-P\mu_B j}{eM_s}$$

# Equation of Motion

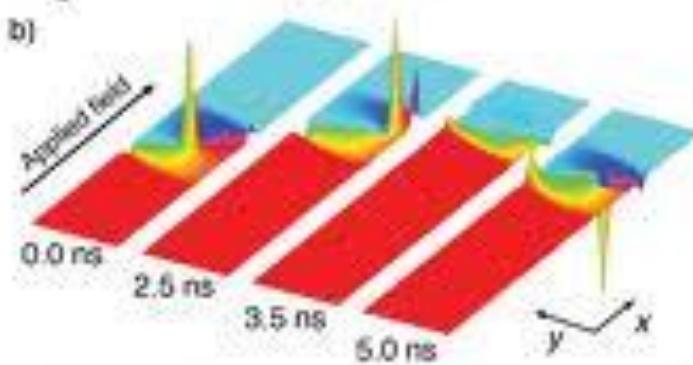
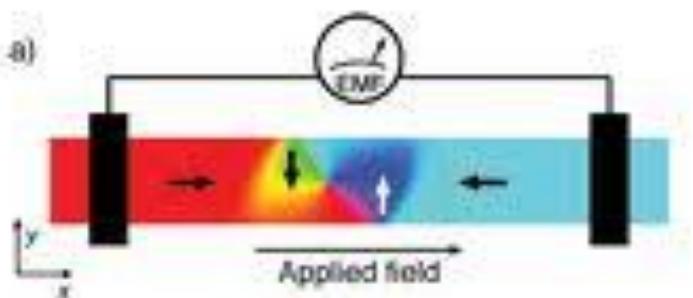
$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} + -(\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

Field ( $H$ ) driven terms      Current ( $v_s$ ) driven terms

precession      adiabatic spin torque

damping      non-adiabatic spin torque

The diagram illustrates the components of the equation of motion for magnetization  $\dot{\mathbf{M}}$ . The equation is split into two main categories: 'Field ( $H$ ) driven terms' (left, green box) and 'Current ( $v_s$ ) driven terms' (right, purple box). The 'Field ( $H$ ) driven terms' include 'precession' (indicated by a brace over  $-\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H}$ ) and 'damping' (indicated by a brace over  $\alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}}$ ). The 'Current ( $v_s$ ) driven terms' include 'adiabatic spin torque' (indicated by a brace over  $-(\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$ ) and 'non-adiabatic spin torque' (indicated by a brace over  $\beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$ ).

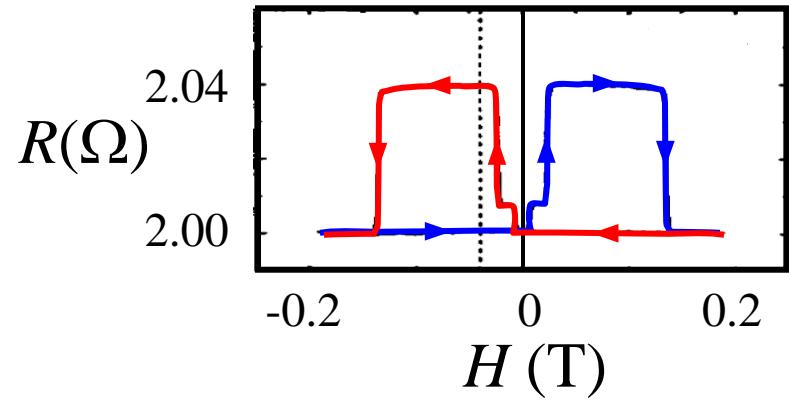
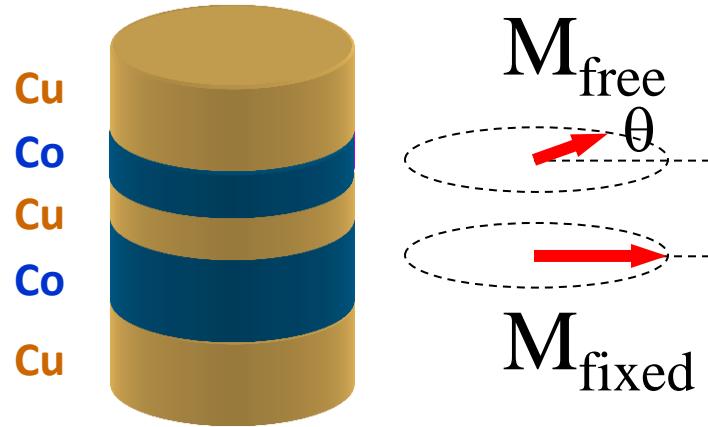


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# Magnetic state affects current

## Giant Magnetoresistance



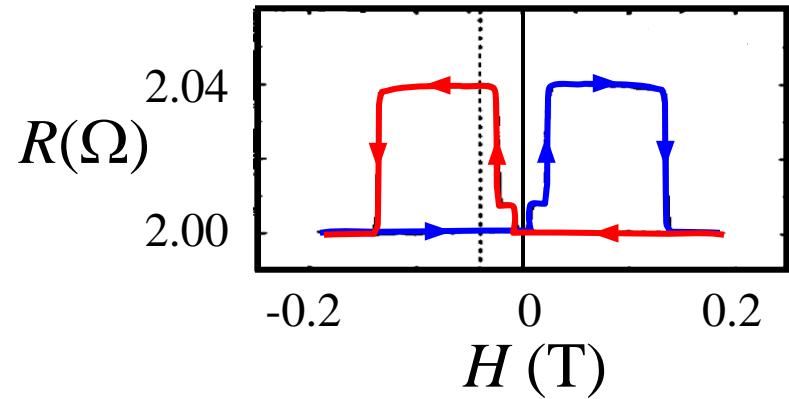
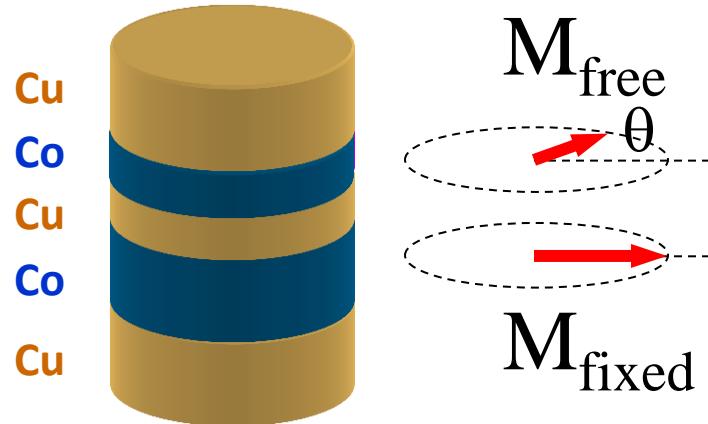
Albert Fert



Peter Grünberg

# Magnetic state affects current

## Giant Magnetoresistance



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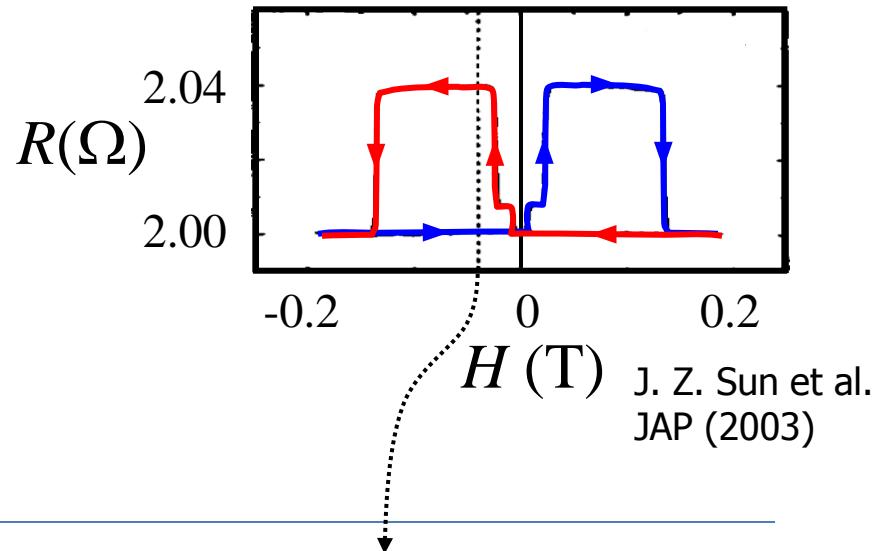
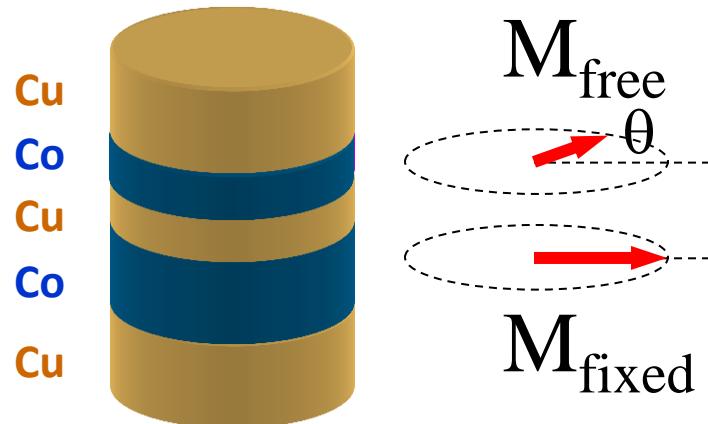
Nobel prize  
2007



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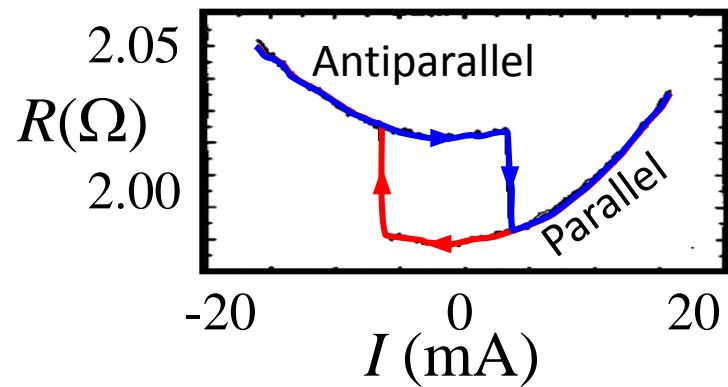
# Currents control magnetic state

## Giant Magnetoresistance



## Spin-Transfer Torque

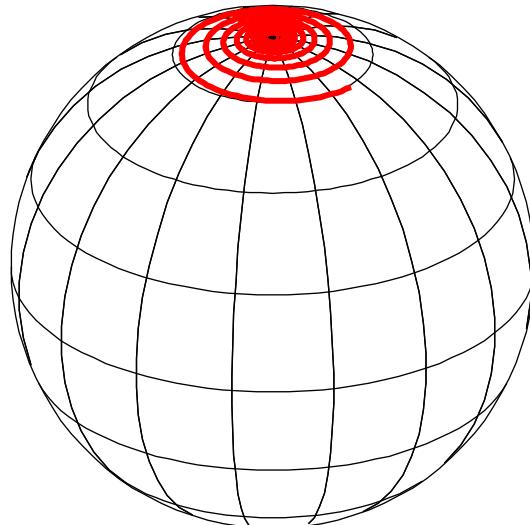
Spin currents can  
switch magnetization!



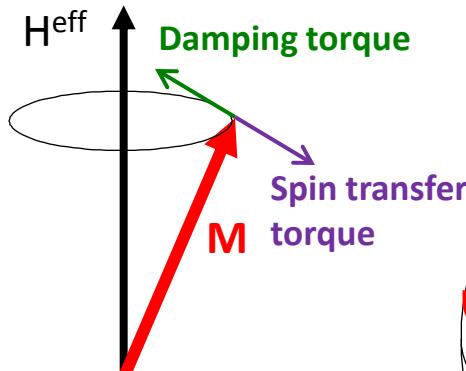
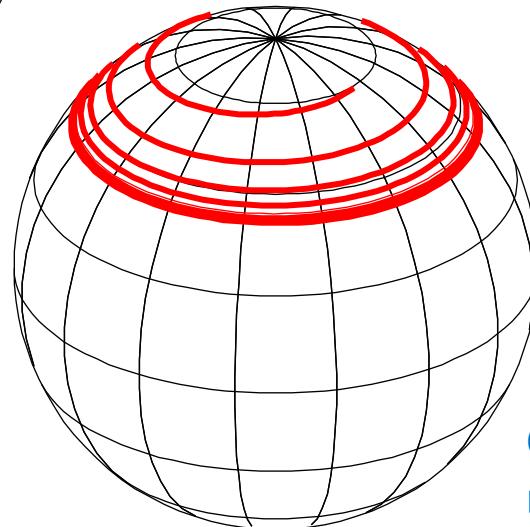
# Current-induced switching dynamics

Low current

→ damped motion

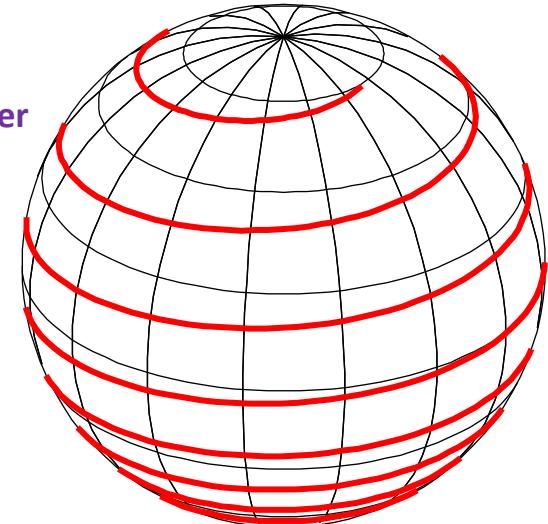


High current, high field  
→ stable precession



High current

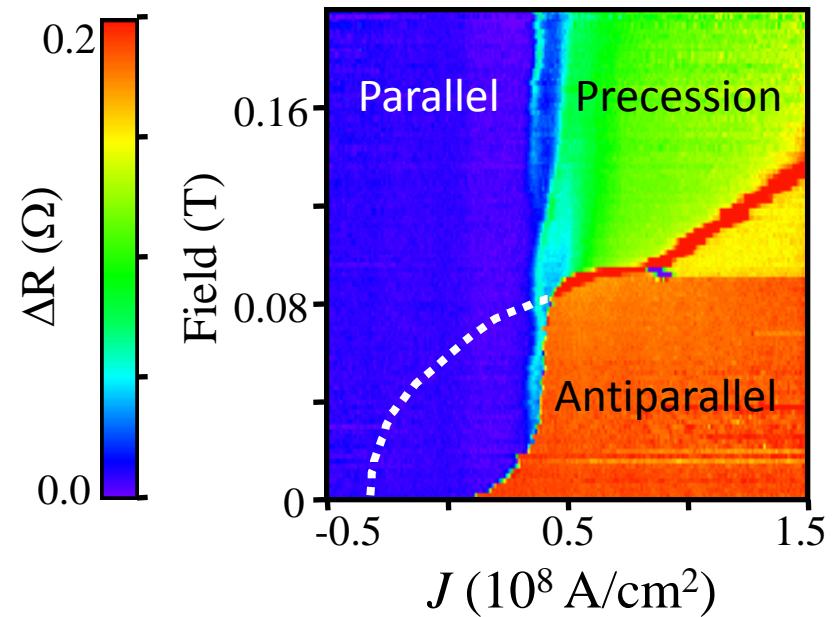
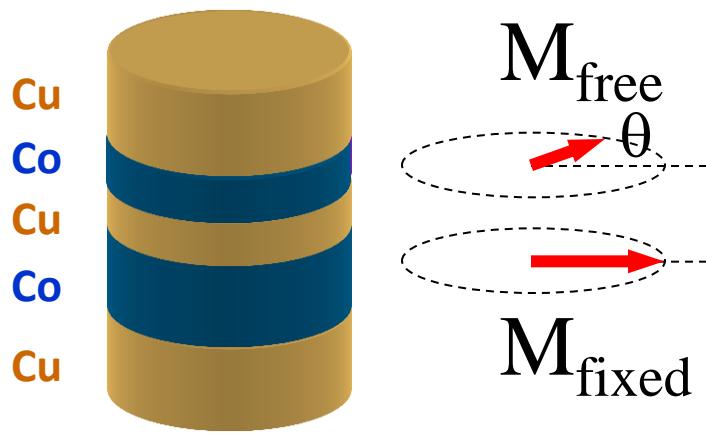
→ switching



Better MRAM

Current-tunable  
microwave oscillators

# Complex phase diagram



# Equation of Motion

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} + -(\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

**Field ( $H$ ) driven terms**

- well understood, conservative
- precession
- damping
- less well understood, dissipative

**Current ( $v_s$ ) driven terms**

- well understood, conservative
- adiabatic spin torque
- non-adiabatic spin torque
- less well understood, dissipative

# Equation of Motion

We want to understand the origin of these parameters

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} + -(\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

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precession

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non-adiabatic  
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# Equation of Motion

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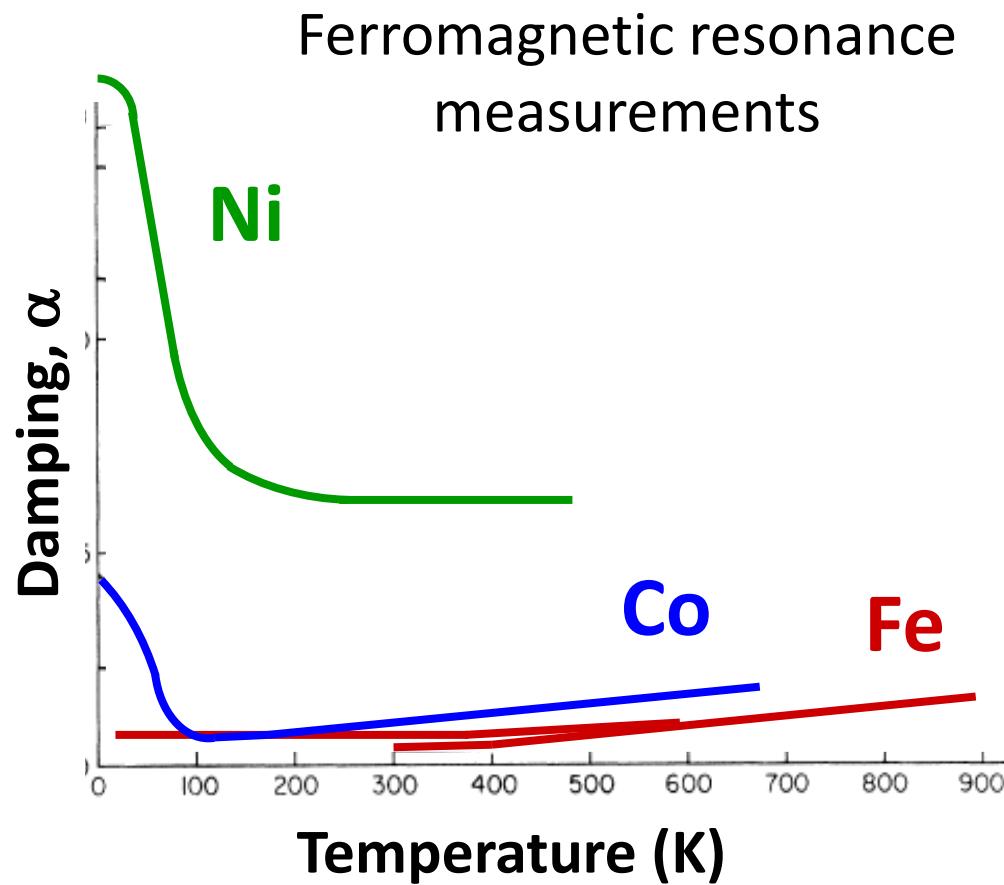
precession

damping

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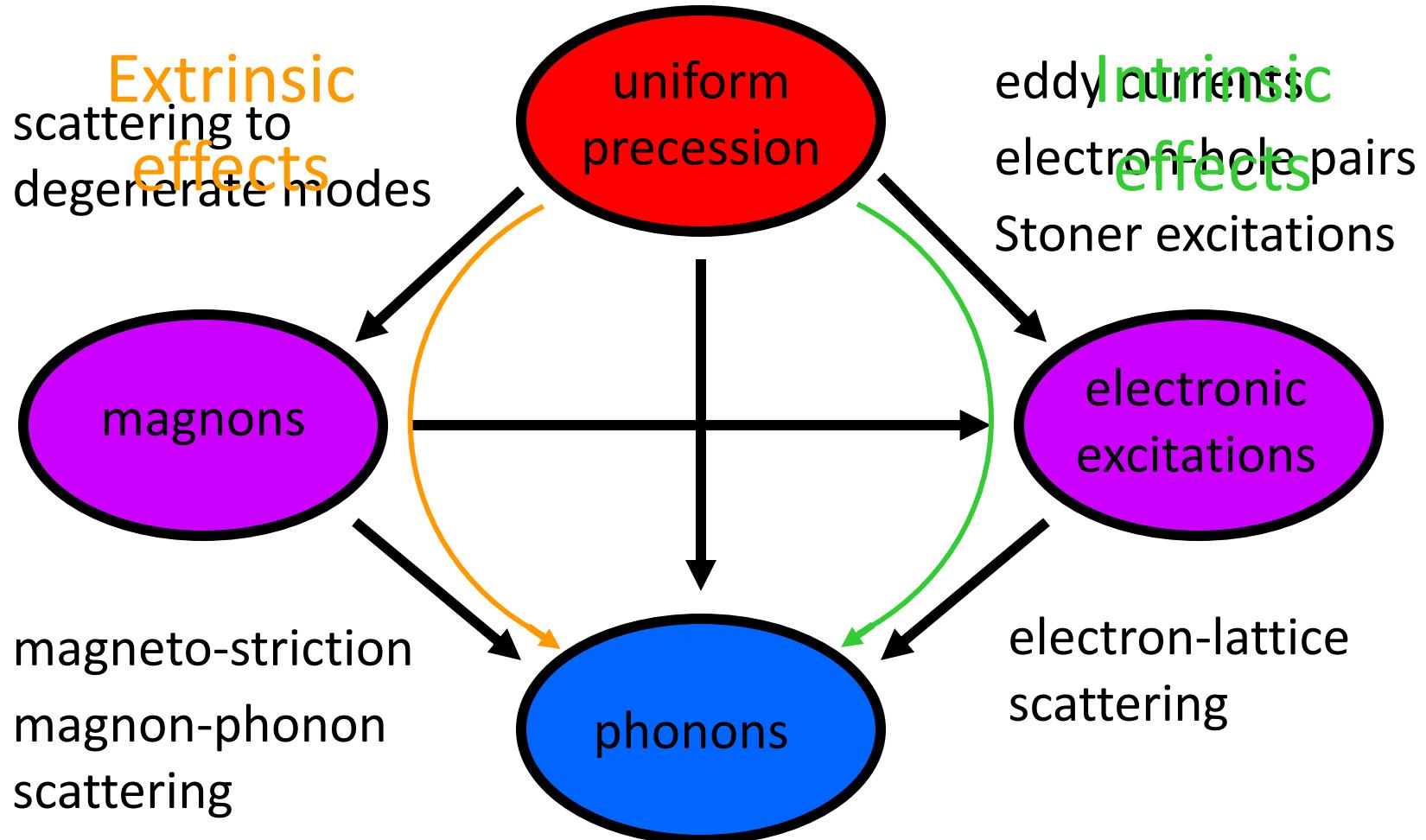
The diagram illustrates the equation of motion for magnetization  $\dot{\mathbf{M}}$ . The equation is framed by a dashed green rectangle. The first term,  $-\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H}$ , is labeled "precession" with a curly brace underneath. The second term,  $\alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}}$ , is labeled "damping" with a curly brace underneath. Above the equation, the text "well understood, conservative" is written, with a line pointing from it to the first term. Below the equation, the text "less well understood, dissipative" is written, with a line pointing from it to the second term.

# Motivating data



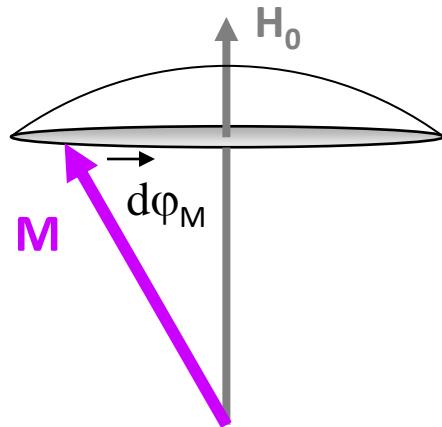
$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}}$$

# Coupling to the environment



# Effective Field Model

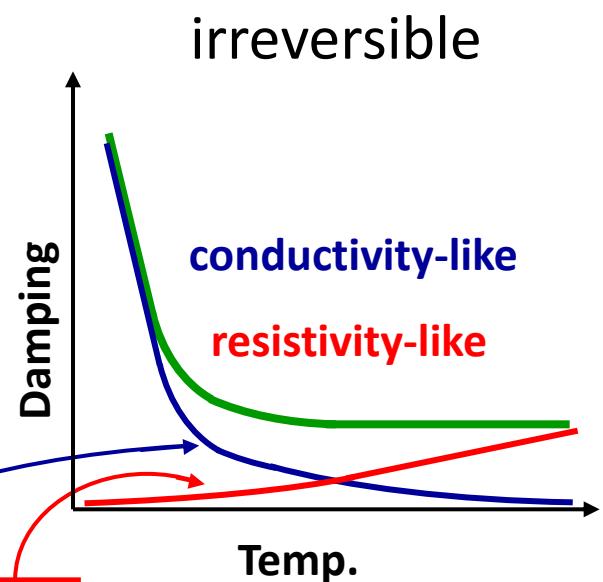
reversible  
magnetocrystalline  
anisotropy



$$\mu_0 H^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \varphi_M}$$

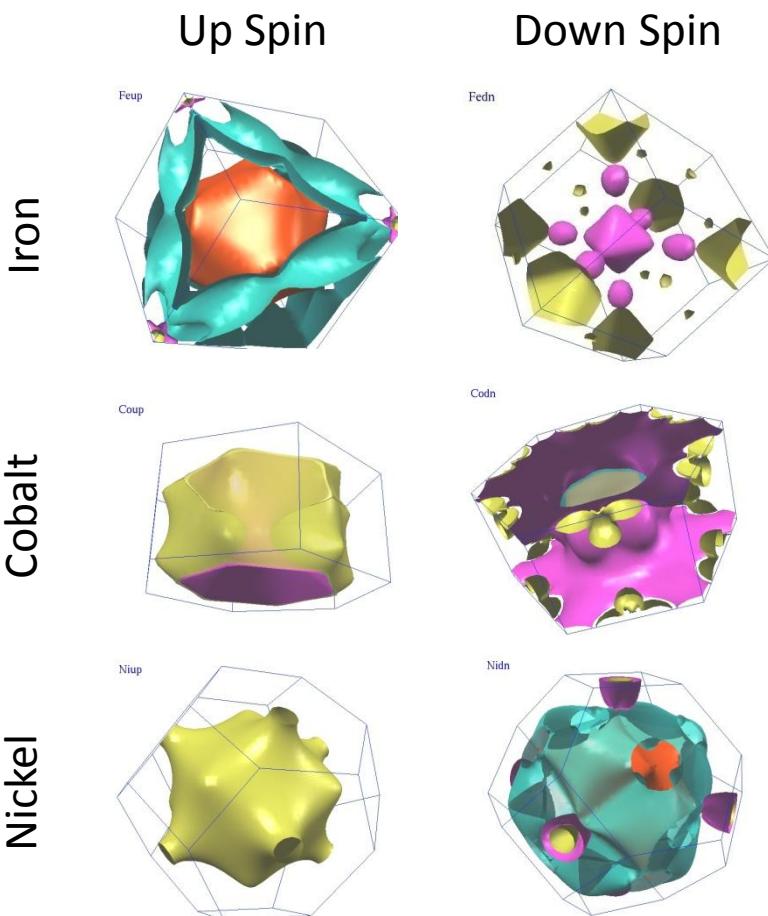
$$E = \sum_{nk} f_{nk} \varepsilon_{nk}$$

$$\mu_0 H^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M} \sum_{nk} \left[ f_{nk} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M} + \frac{\partial f_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M} \varepsilon_{nk} \right]$$

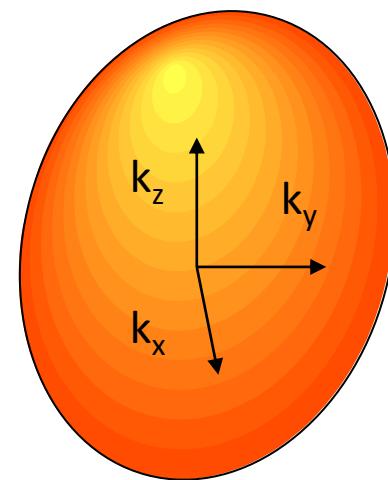


# Fermi Surfaces

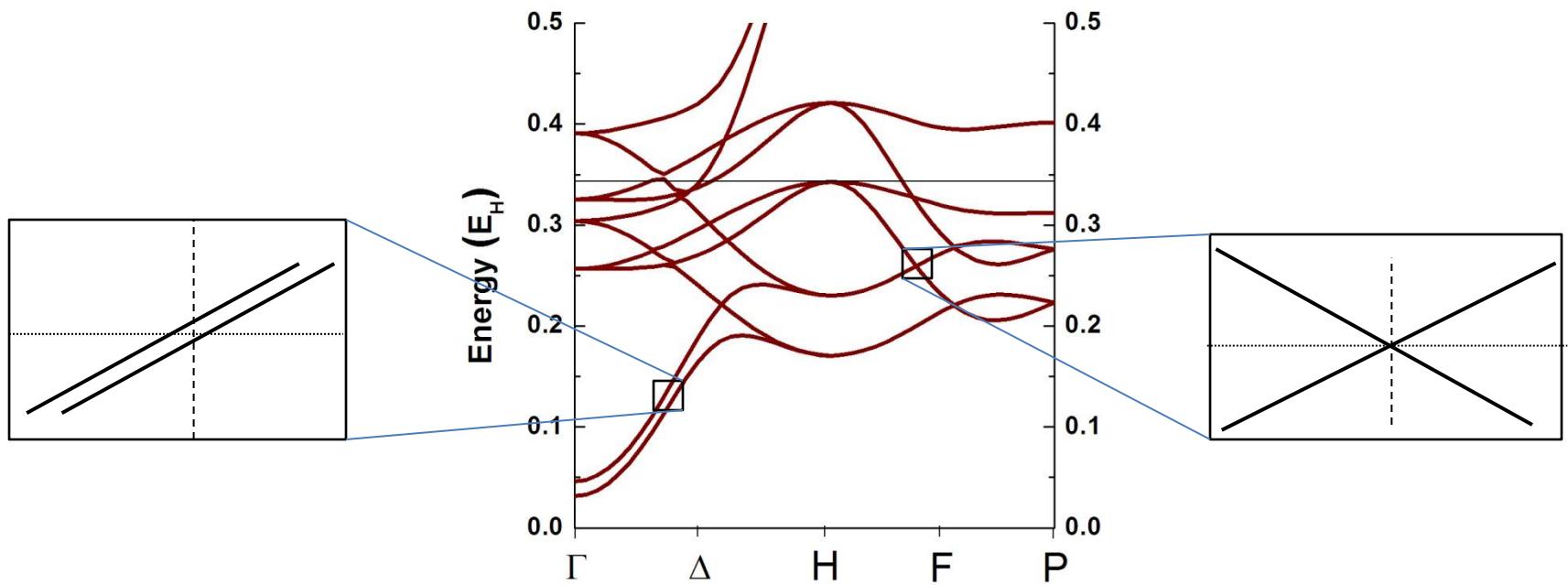
## Real Fermi Surfaces



## Representative Fermi Surfaces

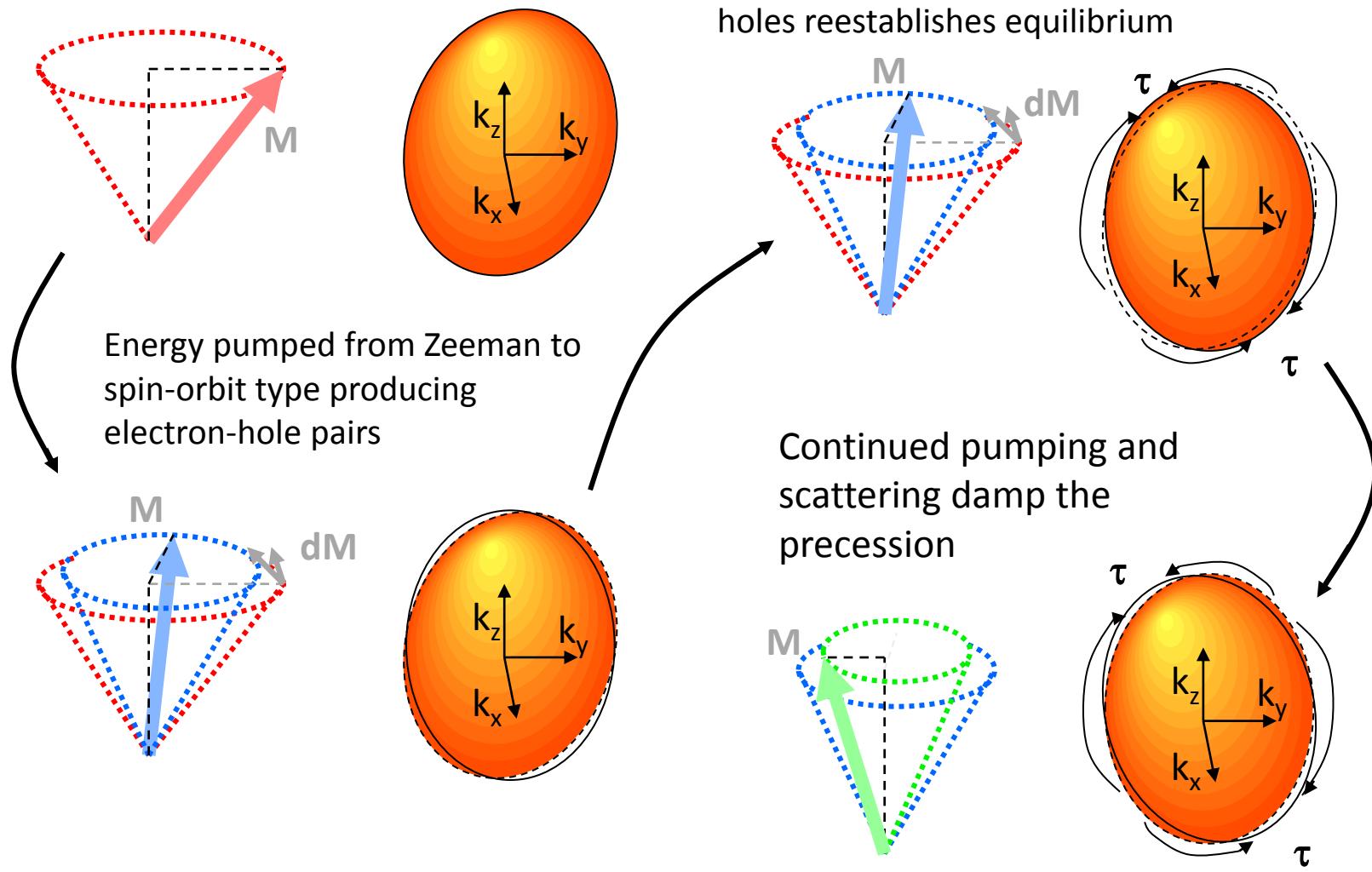


# Band Structure



$$H \varphi_{nk} = \varepsilon_{nk} \varphi_{nk}$$

# Breathing Fermi Surface : $H_{\text{SO}}(t) = -\xi \ell \cdot s(t)$

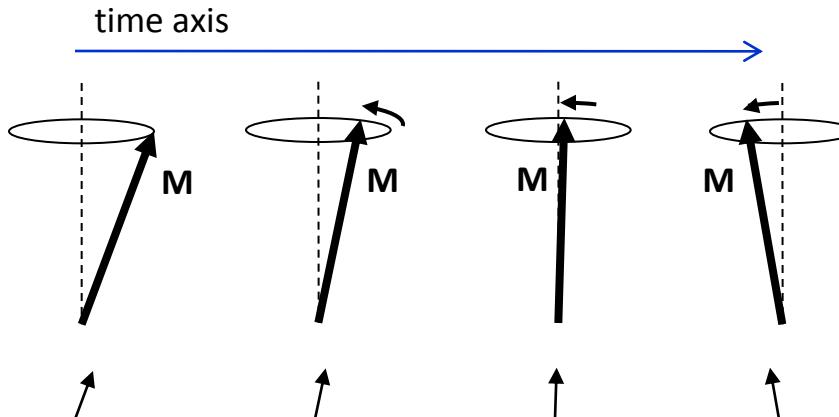


# State energies change with precession

Spin-orbit energy depends on spin direction ( $\sigma$ )

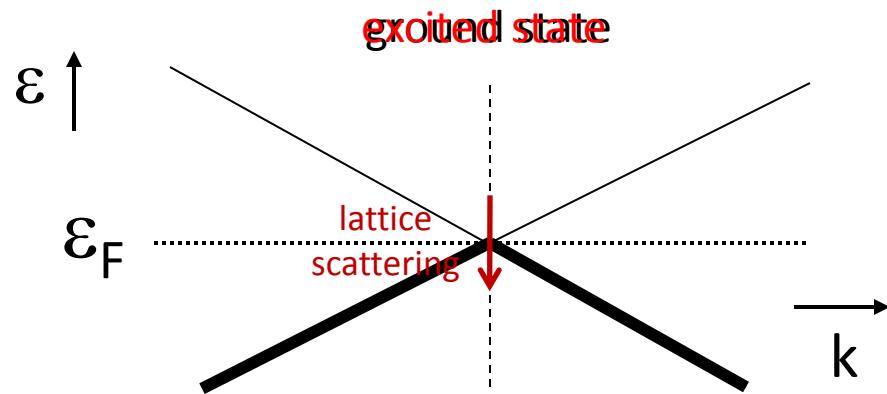
$$H_{so} \approx -\xi \sum_{nk} \ell_{nk} \cdot \sigma_{nk} (\hat{m})$$

Representative spin:

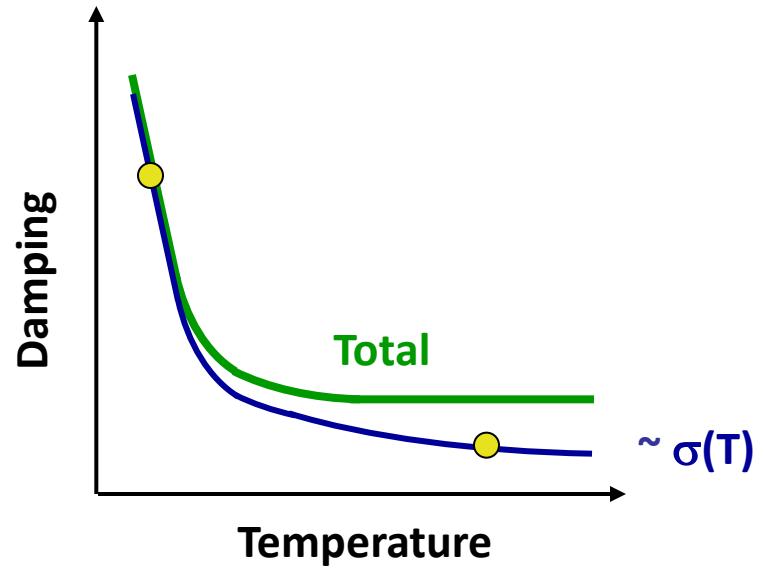
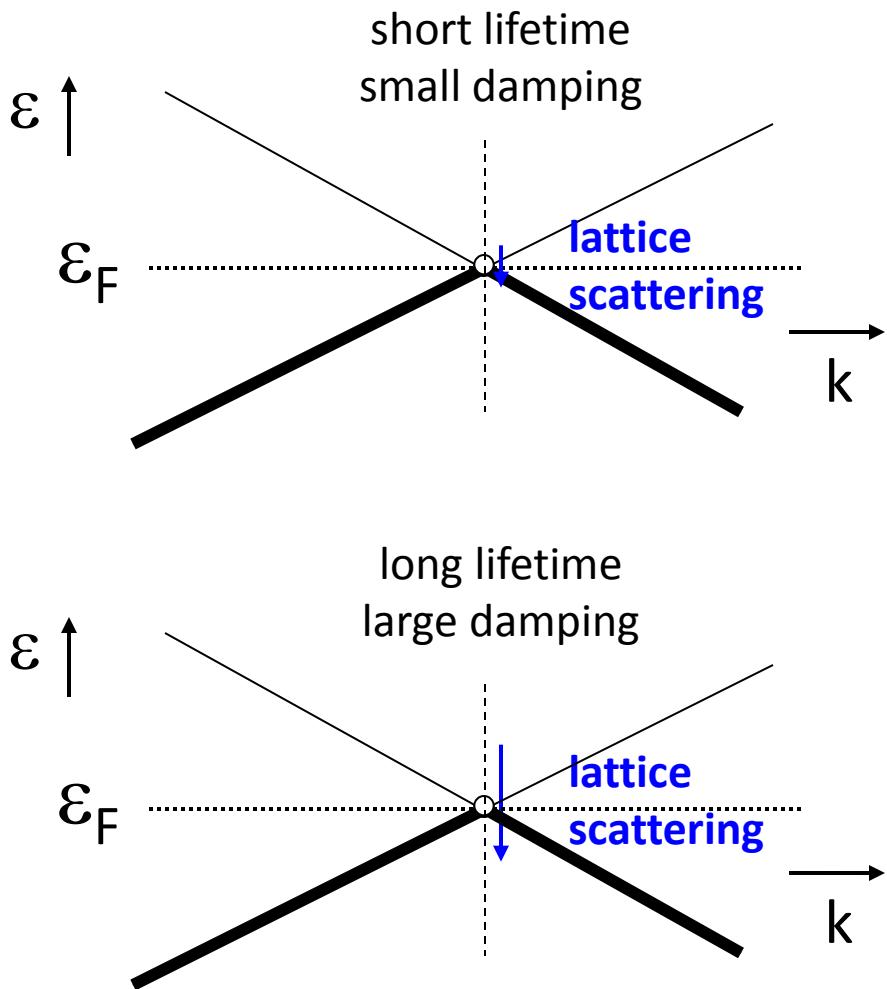


Generation of electron-hole pairs due to energy changes – **breathing Fermi surface**

$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M} \sum_{nk} f_{nk} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M}$$



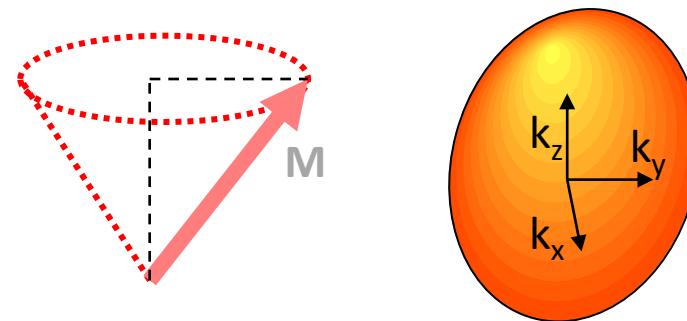
Conductivity-like term *decreases* as scattering rate increases



The **breathing** Fermi surface contribution

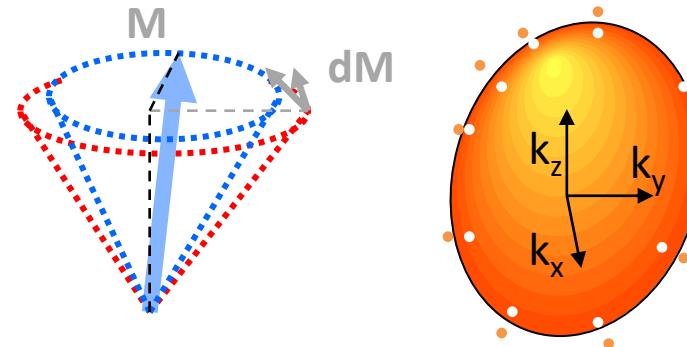
# Bubbling Fermi Surface : $V(t) = H_{\text{so}}(t) - H_{\text{so}}$

$$V(0) = 0$$



The effective perturbation generates electronic excitations over the Fermi surface, reducing the Zeeman energy.

$$V(t) = H_{\text{so}}(t) - H_{\text{so}}(0)$$



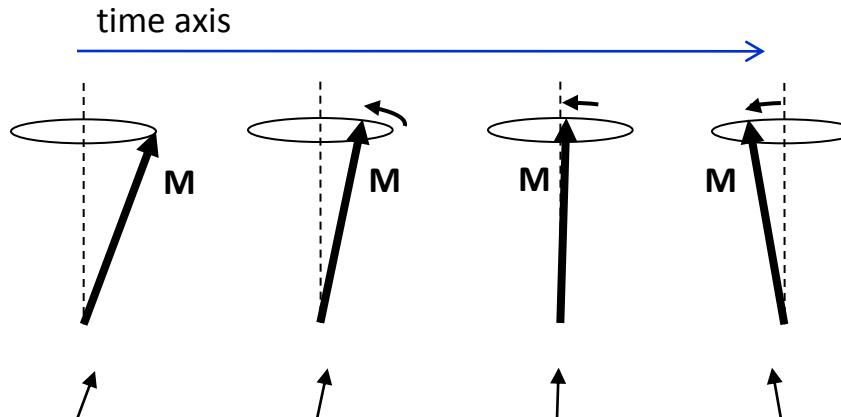
Electron-electron and electron-lattice scattering restores equilibrium.

# State populations change with precession

Eigenstates depend  
on spin direction ( $\sigma$ )

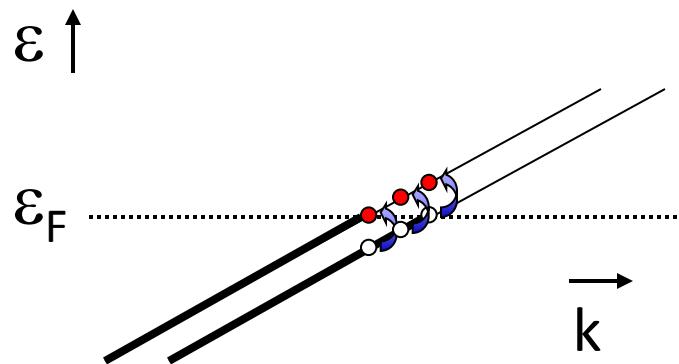
$$V_{so} = H_{so}(\hat{m}) - H_{so}(\hat{z})$$

Representative spin:

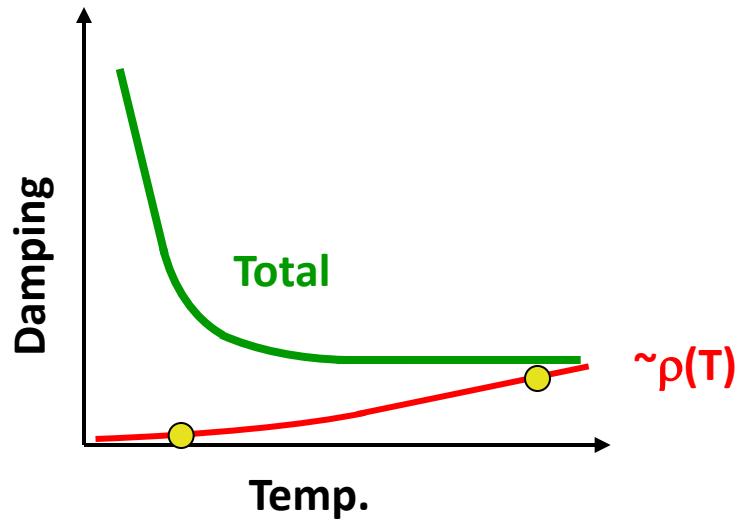
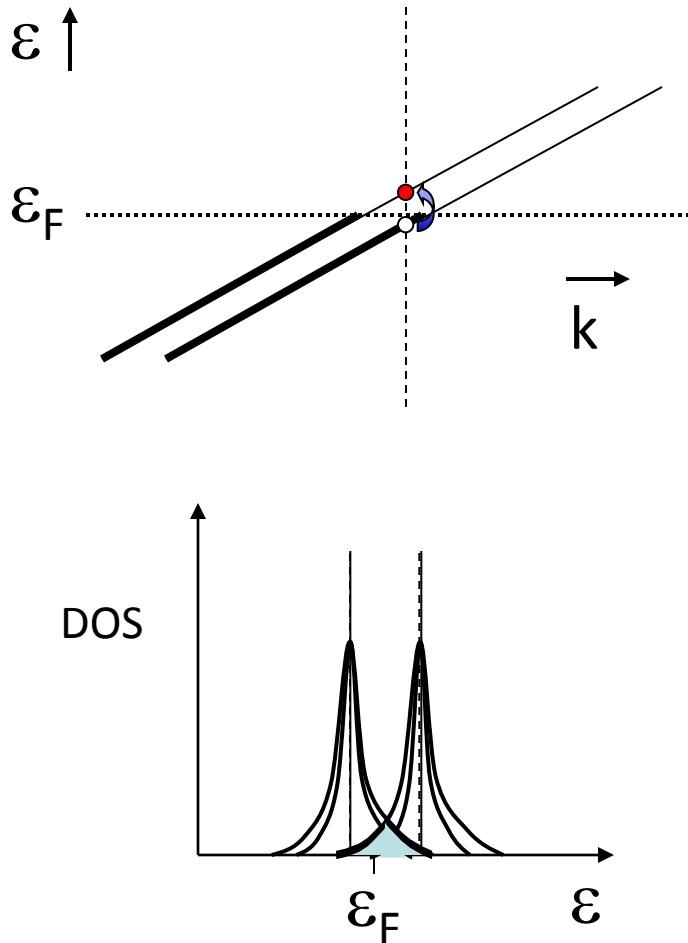


Generation of electron-  
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Resistivity-like term *increases* as scattering rate increases



The **bubbling** Fermi surface contribution

# Qualitative prediction

$$\mu_0 H^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M_s} \sum_{nk} \left[ f_{nk} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M} + \frac{\partial f_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M} \epsilon_{nk} \right]$$

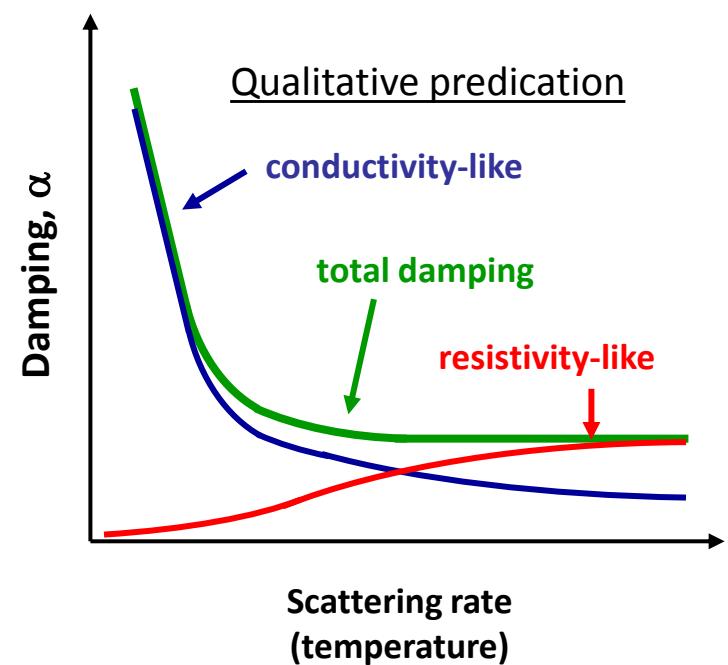
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conductivity-like ‘breathing’ terms

$$\mu_0 H_{(1)}^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M_s} \sum_{nk} f_{nk} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M}$$

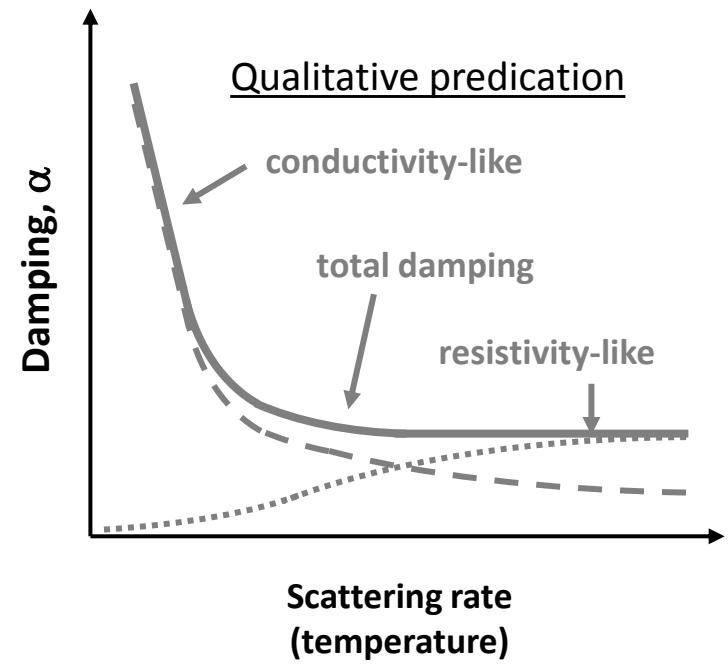
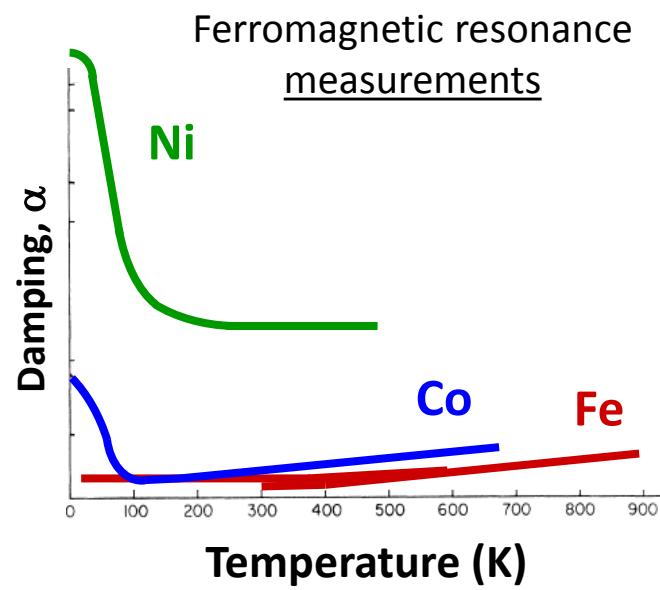
Resistivity-like ‘bubbling’ terms

$$\mu_0 H_{(2)}^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M_s} \sum_{nk} \frac{\partial f_{nk}}{\partial \varphi_M} \epsilon_{nk}$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}}$$

# Qualitative match with experiment



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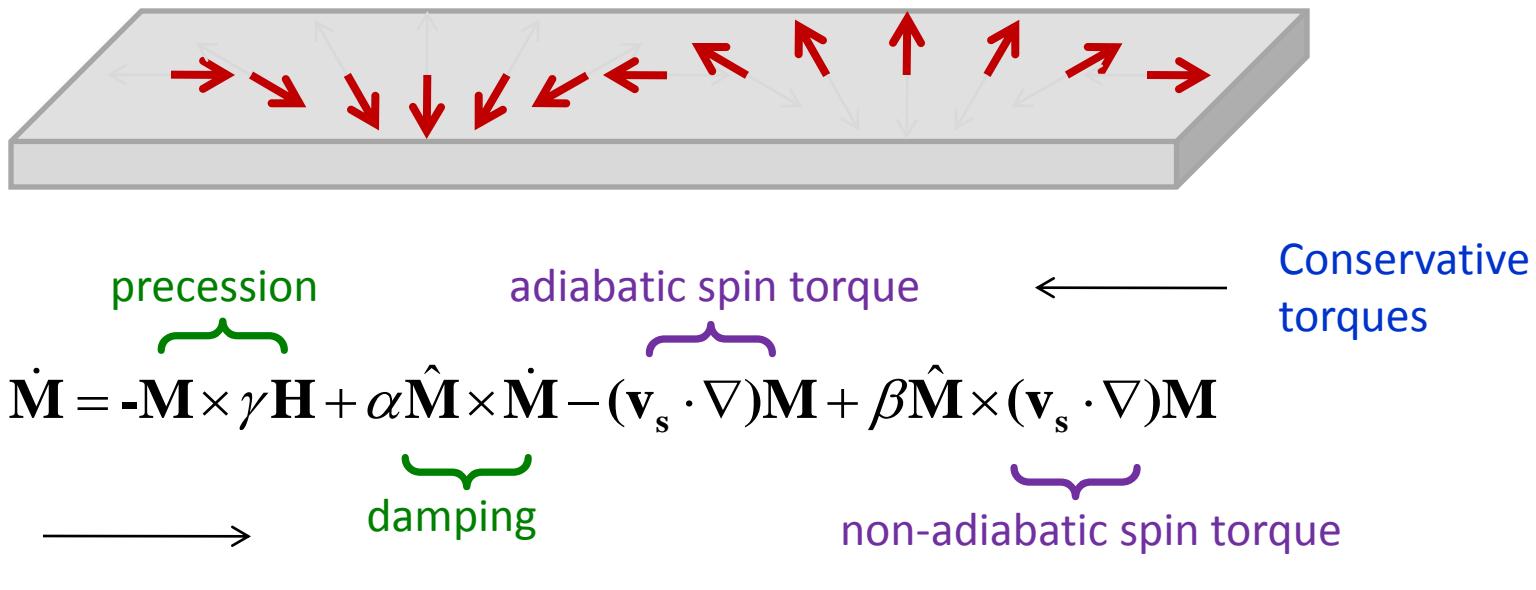
# Equation of Motion

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} =$$

# Non-adiabatic STT as extension of damping

$$\alpha \propto \text{Im } \chi(\omega, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0})$$

$$\beta \propto \text{Im } \chi(\omega = 0, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{E})$$



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Rotation in time: 

precession on  
current off



precession

adiabatic spin torque

Conservative torques

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} - (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

Dissipative torques

damping

non-adiabatic spin torque

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$\alpha$ : all Fermi level electrons contribute

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Dissipative torques

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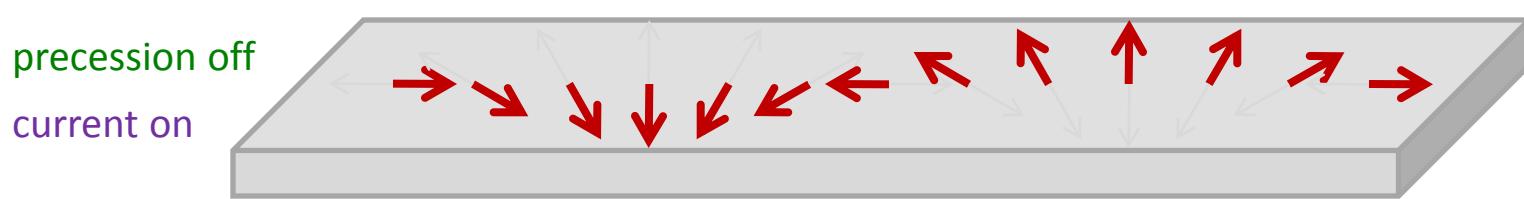
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Rotation in space:  $\rightarrow$



$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} - (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

Conservative torques

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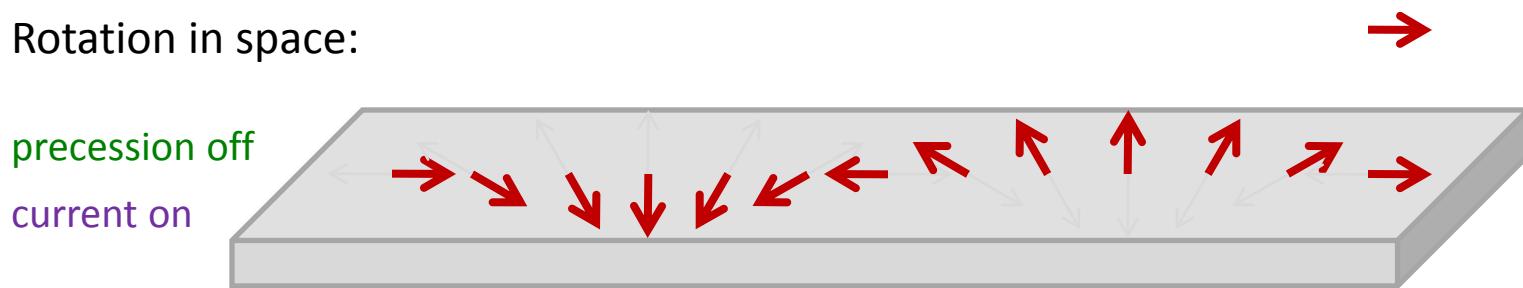
$\alpha$ : all Fermi level electrons contribute

$\beta$ : Fermi level electron contributions are weighted by their velocity

$$\alpha = \sum_{nk} \alpha_{nk}$$

$$\beta = \sum_{nk} \alpha_{nk} \frac{\mathbf{v}_{nk}}{\mathbf{v}_s}$$

Rotation in space:



$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} - (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

precession      adiabatic spin torque      Conservative torques  
damping      non-adiabatic spin torque  
Dissipative torques

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$$\frac{d\hat{s}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \hat{s}}{\partial t} + \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{s}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = -\mathbf{M} \times \gamma \mathbf{H} + \alpha \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times \dot{\mathbf{M}} - (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{M}} \times (\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M}$$

precession
adiabatic spin torque
← Conservative torques

Dissipative torques →
damping
non-adiabatic spin torque

# Qualitative Summary

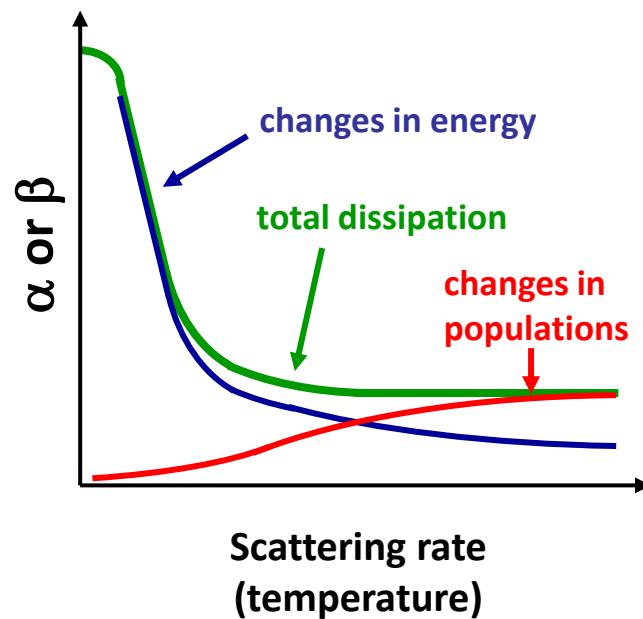
Dissipation occurs through the spin-orbit interaction and electron-lattice scattering

$\alpha$ : precession dissipation parameter

$\beta$ : spin-transfer torque dissipation parameter

conductivity-like breathing terms

resistivity-like bubbling terms



$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi_M} \sum_{nk} f_{nk} \epsilon_{nk}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{s}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \hat{s}}{\partial t} + \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{s}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$$

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Newton's apple tree  
England



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Thanks for the chaotic  
upbringing



**END**

# Damped expectations for the second generation





