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## Spin(calori)tronics with magnons

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  - a) Bulk spin correlations
  - b) Onsager relations

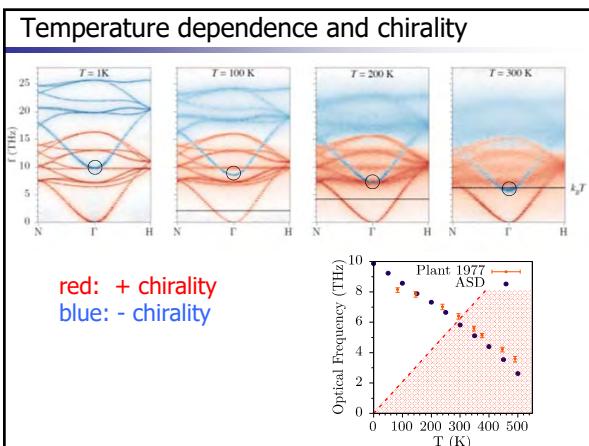
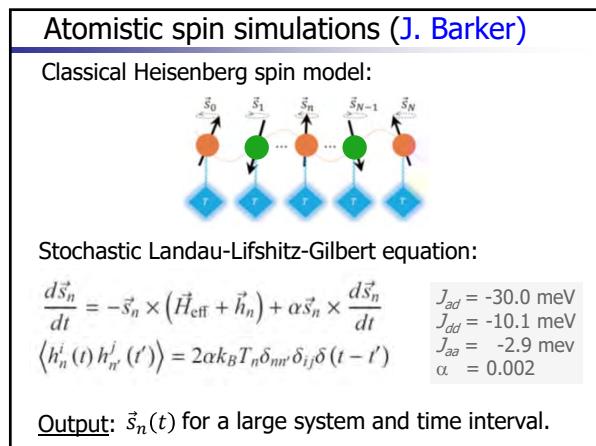
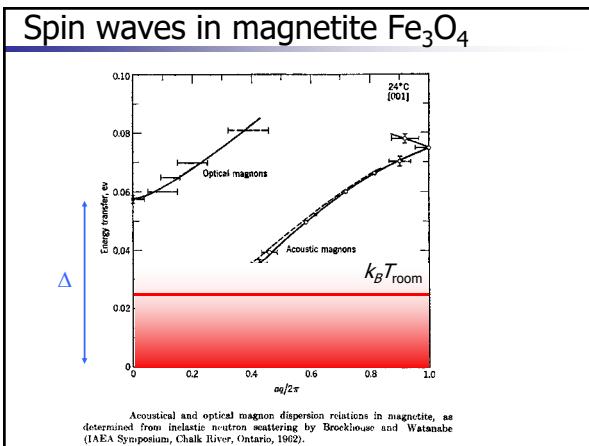
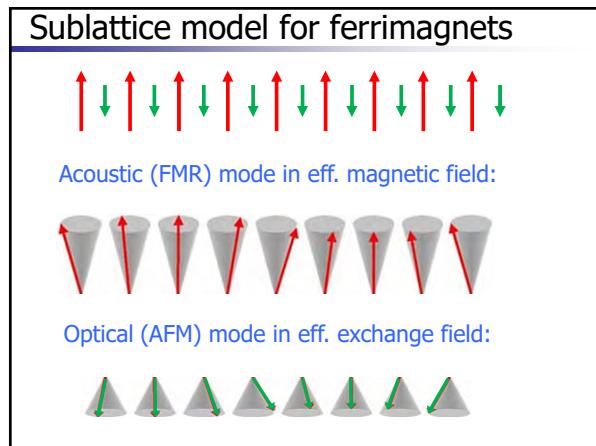
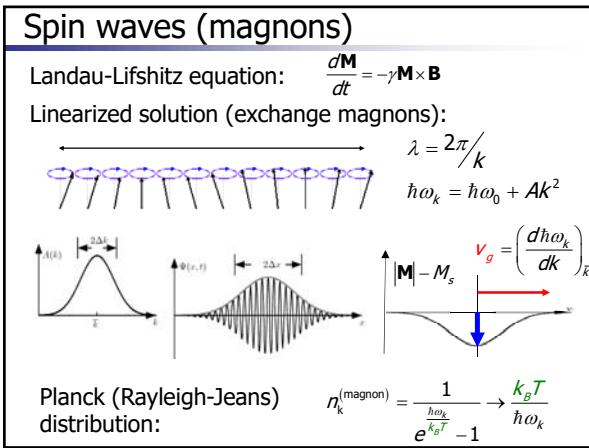
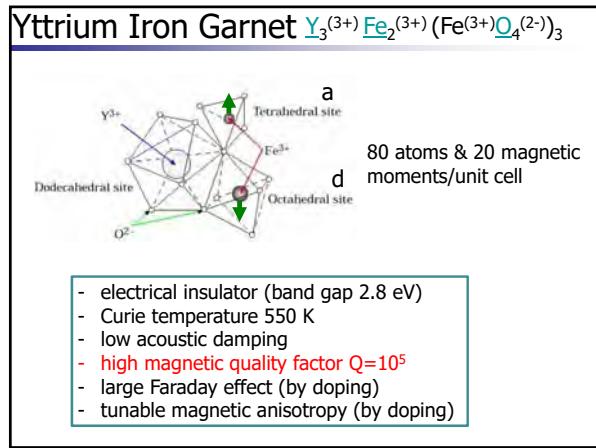
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### Yttrium Iron Garnet $\text{Y}_3^{(3+)}\text{Fe}_2^{(3+)}(\text{Fe}^{(3+)}\text{O}_4^{(2-)})_3$

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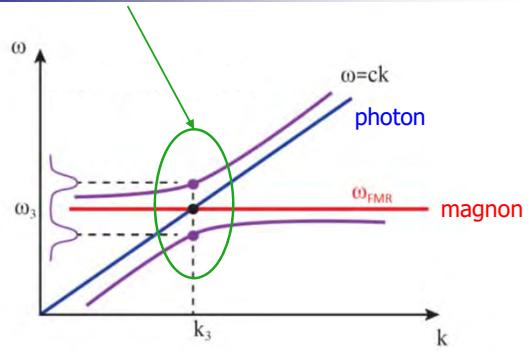


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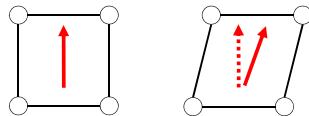


## Magnon-polaritons



## Spin mechanics

Magnetic anisotropy couples magnetic and lattice order

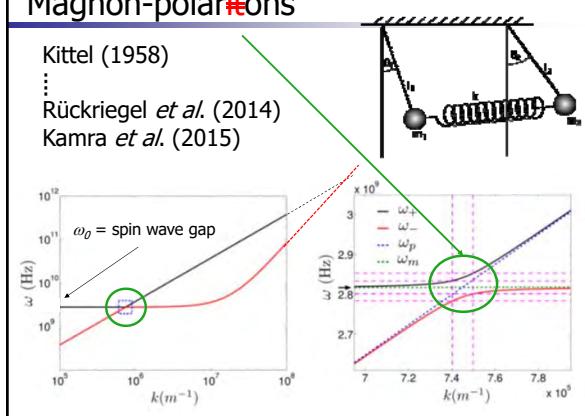


### Dynamics

- thermalization of lattice and spin
- magnon-phonon drift
- hybridized states (Kittel, 1958)

## Magnon-polaritons

Kittel (1958)  
Rückriegel *et al.* (2014)  
Kamra *et al.* (2015)



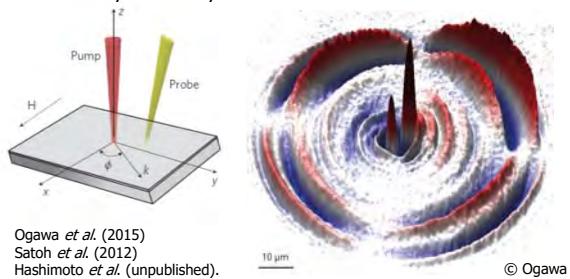
## Pump & probe spectroscopy

### Femto-second optical excitation



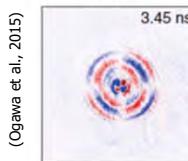
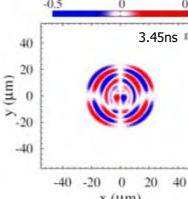
Excitation by – Inverse Faraday effect  
– Heat

Detection by – Faraday or Kerr rotation

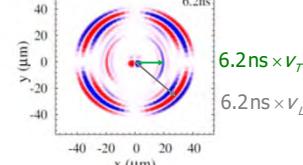
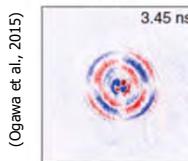
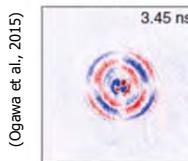


## Snapshots

### Theory



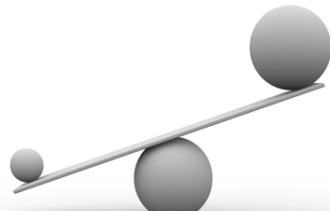
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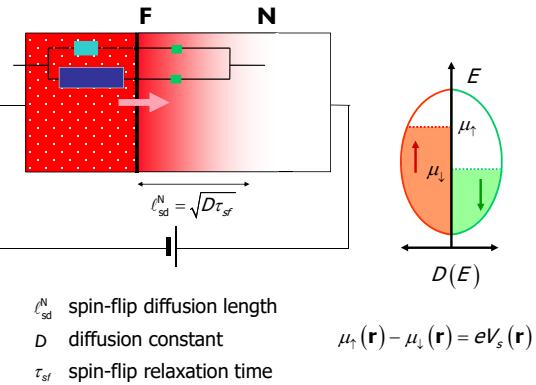
Shen & GB (2015)

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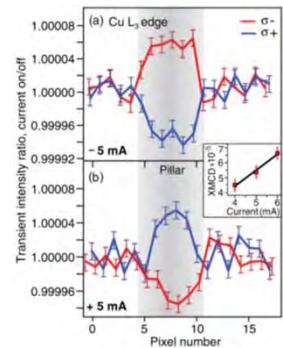
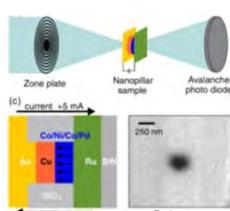
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## Spin-accumulation and spin-current



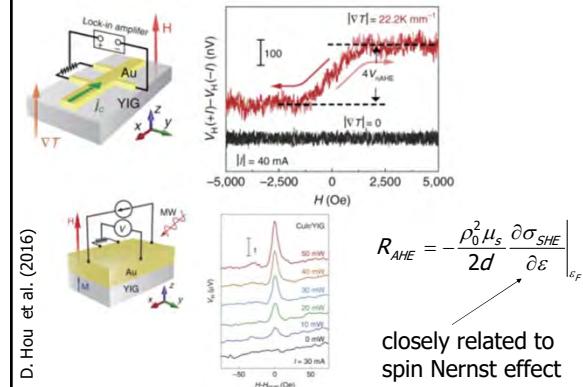
## Current-induced spin accumulation by XMCD



Kukreja et al., PRL (2015)

[Also: Li et al., PRL (2016)]

## Spin accumulation AHE



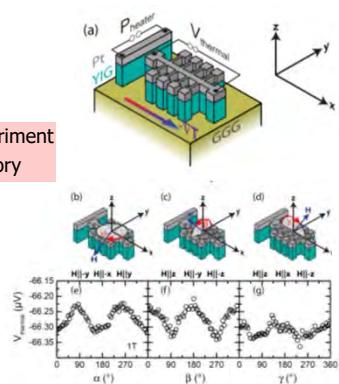
## Spin Nernst effect

S. Meyer et al. (2016)

$$J_{s,SH} = \theta_{\text{spin Hall}} J_c |_{\nabla T=0}$$

$$J_{s,SN} = \theta_{\text{spin Nernst}} J_c |_{\nabla V=0}$$

$$\frac{\theta_{\text{spin Hall}}}{\theta_{\text{spin Nernst}}} = \begin{cases} -0.5 & \text{experiment} \\ -0.9 & \text{theory} \end{cases}$$



spin Nernst  
magnetothermo-  
power

## Scattering in metals

### spin conserving



direct

exchange

Legend
electrons
magnons
phonons
impurities
photon

diffusion

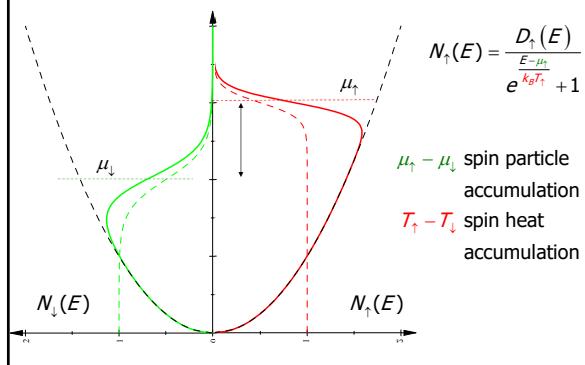
thermalization

dissipation

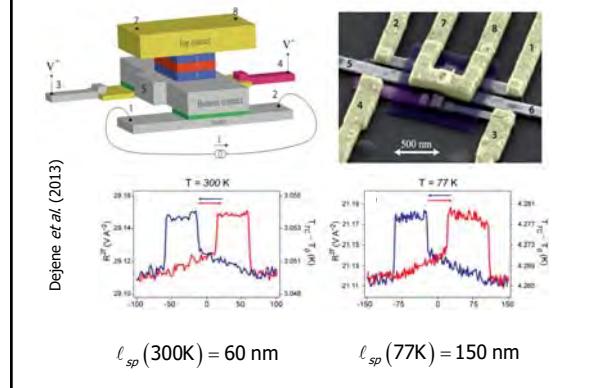


spin-flip

## Spin and heat accumulation

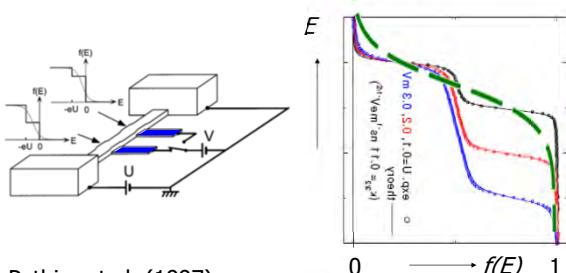


## Spin temperature and heat accumulation



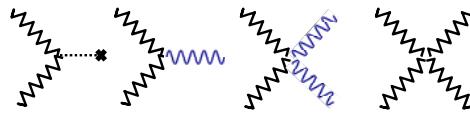
## Weakly interacting limit

Distribution functions in Al at low  $T$ :

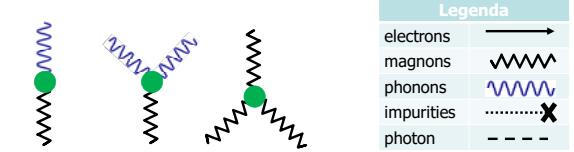


## Magnon scattering in insulators

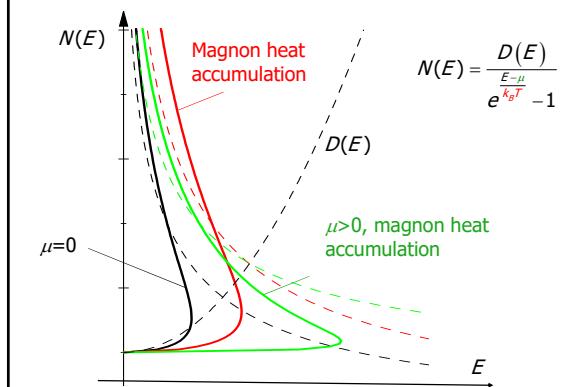
magnon conserving



magnon non-conserving ( $\sim \alpha$ )



## Magnon accumulation



## Quantum statistics

$$\lambda_T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi A}{k_B T}}$$

magnon thermal wave length  
quantum statistics when

$$n_{\text{equil.}}^{(\text{magnon})} = \sum_k \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\omega_k - \mu_m}{k_B T}} - 1} \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_T^3}$$

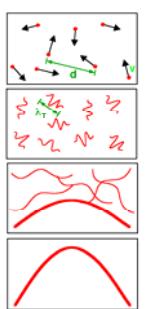
Pumped system:  $n_{\text{excited}}^{(\text{magnon})} > n_{\text{equil.}}^{(\text{magnon})}$

$$n_{\text{excited}}^{(\text{magnon})} \approx \sum_k \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\omega_k - \mu_m}{k_B T}} - 1} + n_c$$

$\mu_m$  magnon chemical potential

magnon condensate fraction  $n_c \neq 0$  when

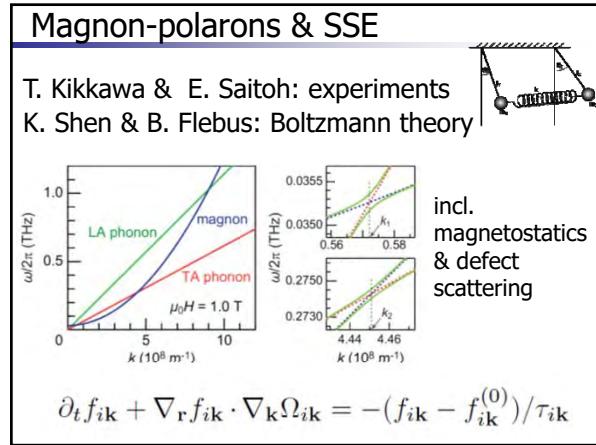
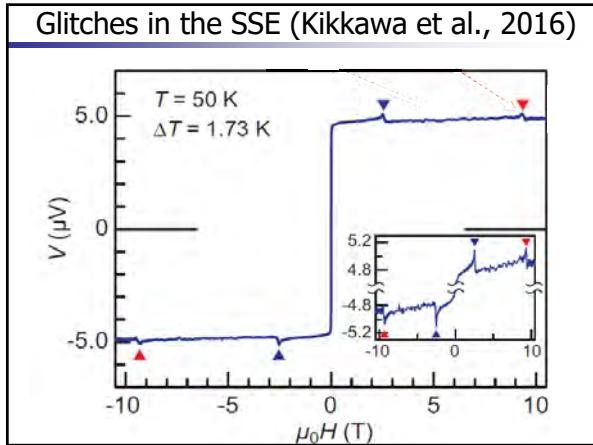
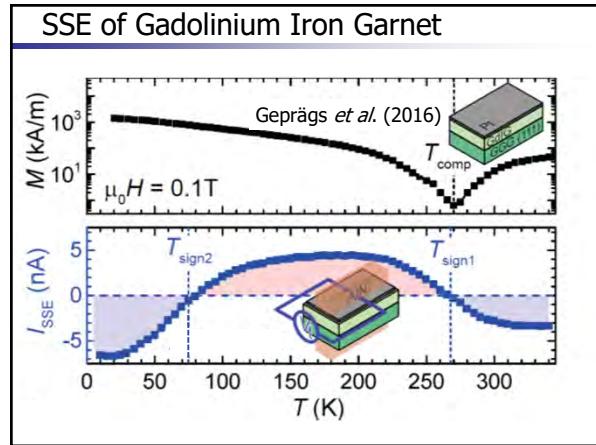
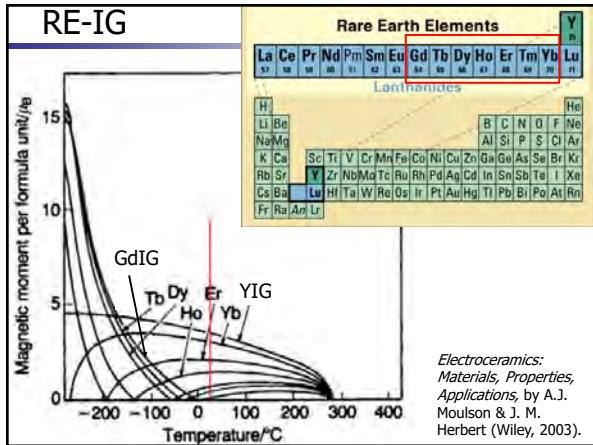
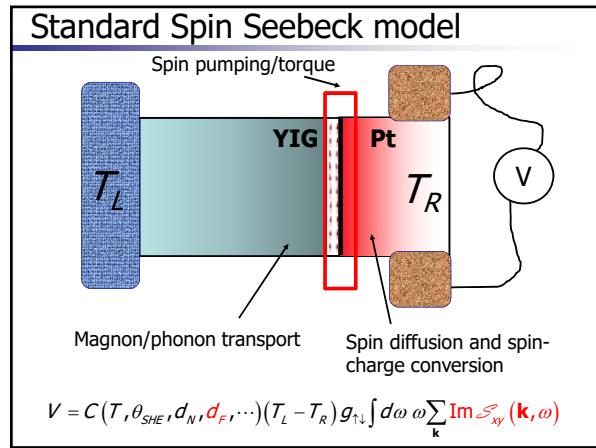
$$\frac{k_B T}{A} < 6.626 n_{\text{excited}}^{(\text{magnon})}$$



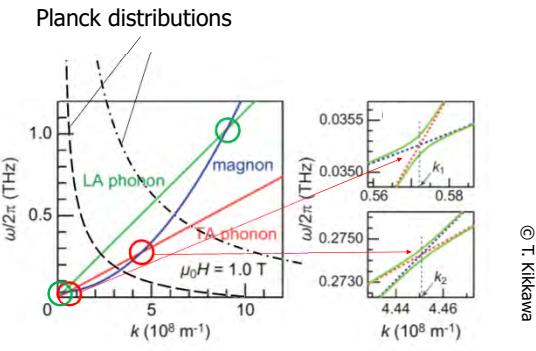
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*Introducing the SpinCat*

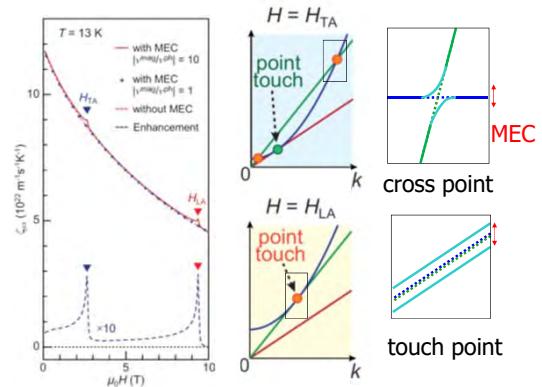
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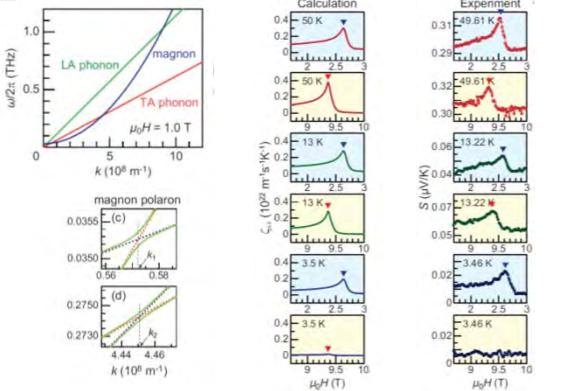
Magnon-polaron occupation



### Cross versus touch (Kikkawa et al. 2016)



Magnon-polarons in YIG (Kikkawa et al., 2016)



## Interface response matrix

The diagram illustrates the four spin-dependent transport effects:

- spin conductance**: Represented by a green arrow labeled  $J_s$ .
- spin Seebeck effect**: Represented by a blue arrow labeled  $J_Q$ .
- heat conductance**: Represented by a red arrow pointing upwards.
- spin Peltier effect**: Represented by a blue arrow pointing downwards.

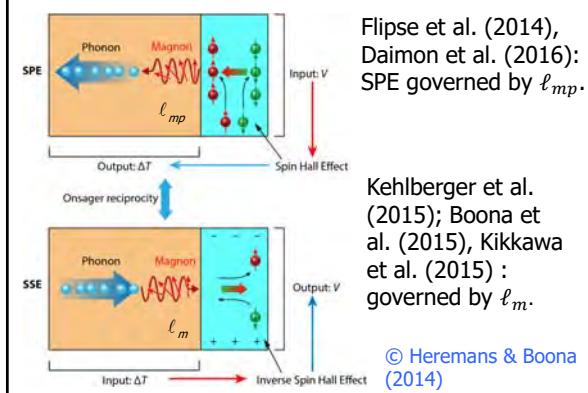
The diagram also shows the relationship between these effects and the parameters  $T_m, \mu_m$  and  $T_N, \mu_s$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_s \\ J_Q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{ss} & L_{SQ} \\ L_{QS} & L_{QQ} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\mu_s - \mu_m)/2e \\ (T_m - T_N)/T \end{pmatrix}$$

Reference: [Xia et al. \(2015\)](#), [Guine et al. \(2015\)](#)

Xiao *et al.* (2015)  
Duine *et al.* (2015)

## Spin Seebeck/Peltier diffuse regime



RT (Duine et al., 2015; Cornelissen et al., 2016)

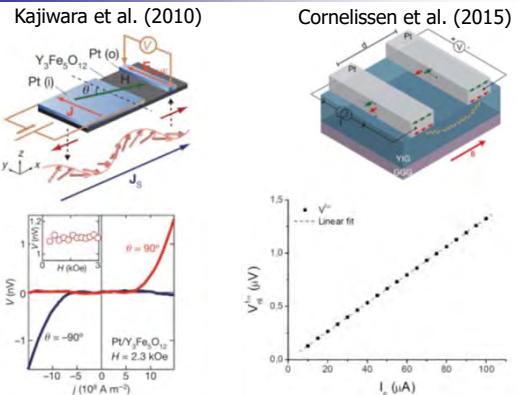
thermal wave length	$\lambda_T = \sqrt{4\pi A / (k_B T)} \approx 1\text{ nm}$	@RT
thermalization length	$\ell_{mn} \sim T^{-3.5} \approx 1-10\text{ nm}$	
heat relaxation length	$\ell_{mp} \sim T^{-3} \approx 1-10\text{ nm}$	
spin relaxation length	$\ell_m \sim 1/\sqrt{\alpha} \approx 1-10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$	

$d_F < \lambda_T$	wave interference	Yan et al. (2016)
$d_F < \ell_{mm}$	non-interacting magnons	
$\lambda_T < d_F$	Boltzmann equation	
$\ell_{mm}, \lambda_T < d_F$	diffusion equation	
$\lambda_T, \ell_{mm} < d_F < \ell_{mp}, \ell_m$	constant distribution	
$\ell_{mp}, \ell_m < d_F$	diffuse bulk transport	Cornelissen et al. (2016)

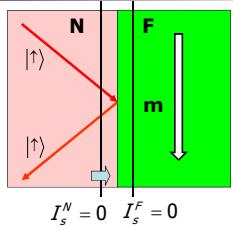
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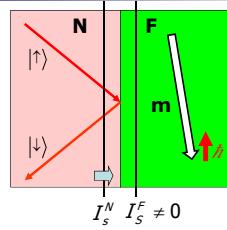
## Self-oscillation vs. magnon injection



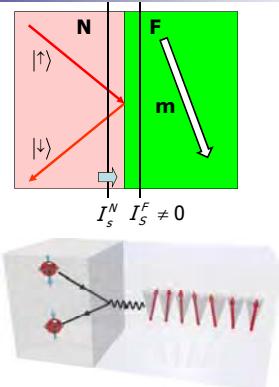
## Collinear spin configuration



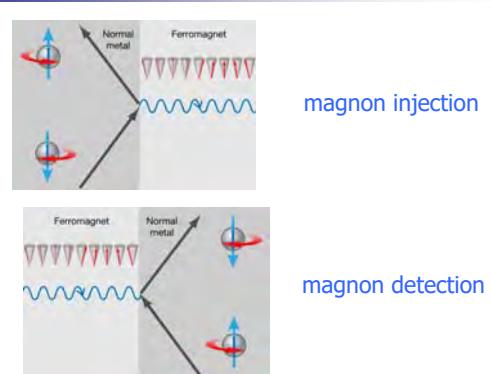
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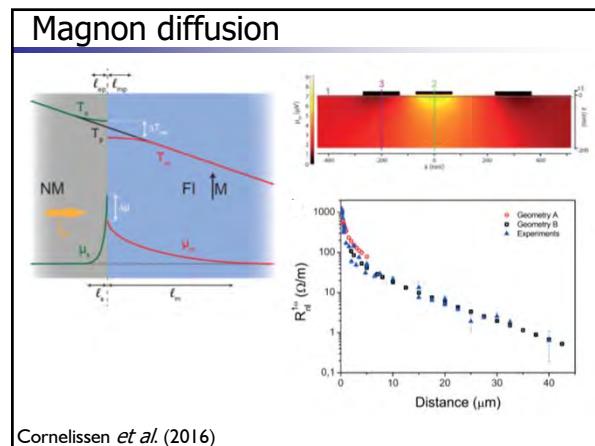
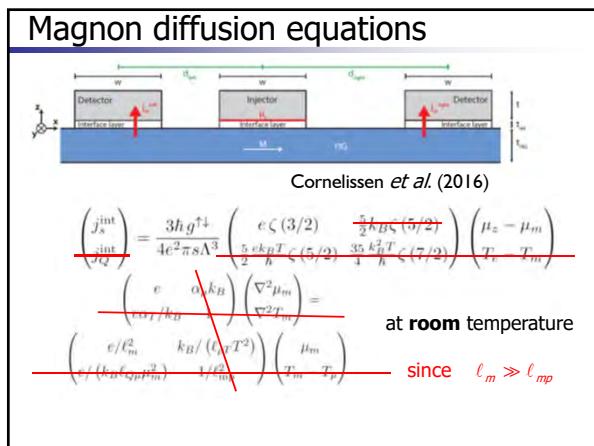
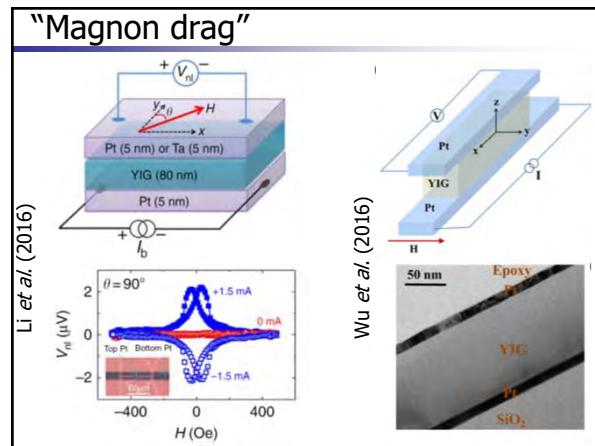
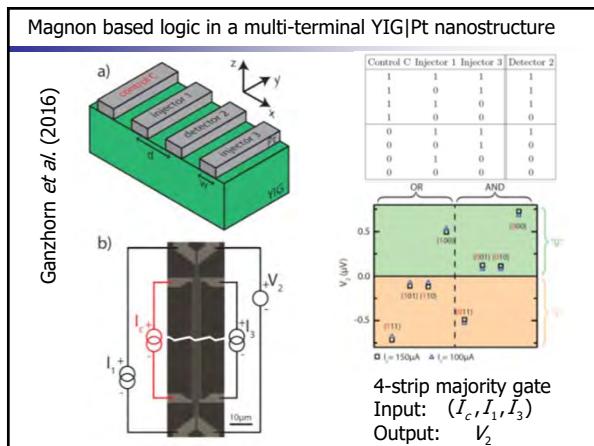
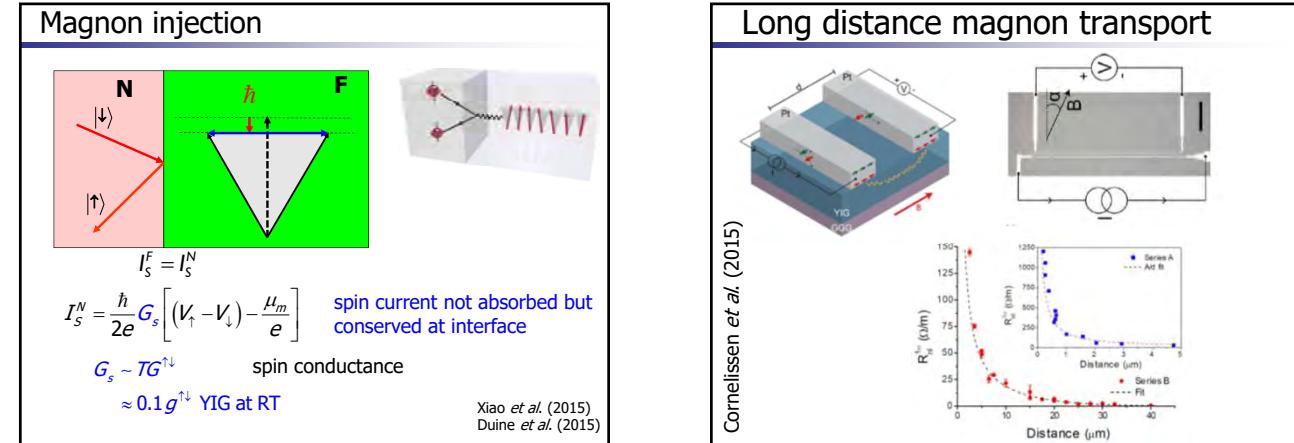


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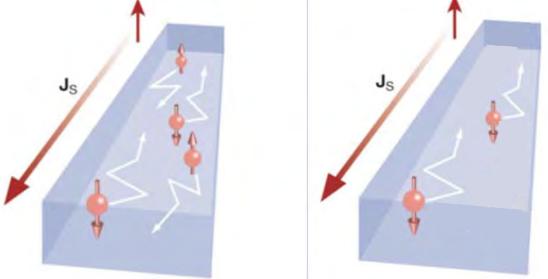


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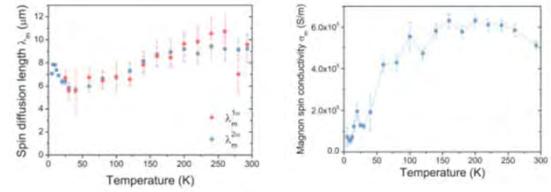




### How to interpret magnon spin currents?



### Low temperature



Cornelissen & van Wees (2016)

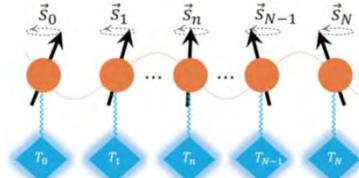
However:  $\ell_{mm} \sim T^{-3.5}$   
 $\ell_{mp} \sim T^{-3}$

Magnons become non-interacting and ballistic at (not so) low T ...

### Ballistic (but not quantum) magnons



### Atomistic spin model (P. Yan, 2016)



Heisenberg  
spin model  
lattice  
temperature  
profile

$$\frac{d\vec{s}_n}{dt} = -\vec{s}_n \times (\vec{H}_{\text{eff}} + \vec{h}_n) + \alpha \vec{s}_n \times \frac{d\vec{s}_n}{dt}$$

$$\langle h_n^i(t) h_{n'}^j(t') \rangle = 2\alpha k_B T_n \delta_{n'n} \delta_{ij} \delta(t-t')$$

stochastic  
LLG equation  
classical FDT

### Linearized LLG equation

Fluctuating diffusion equation:  $(i + \alpha) \frac{d\psi_n}{dt} = - \sum_{m=0}^N (JQ_{nm} + H\delta_{nm}) \psi_m + h_n(t)$

$\phi_k = \sum_{n=0}^N P_{kn}^{-1} \psi_n$   $P_{kn}$  amplitude of free magnon  $k$  at site  $n$ .

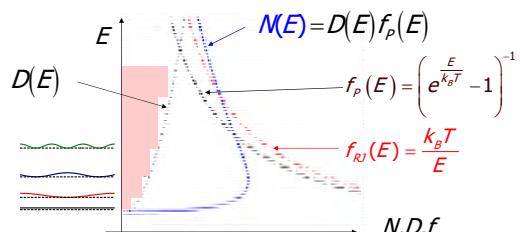
$$(i + \alpha) \frac{d\phi_k}{dt} + \omega_k \phi_k = \eta_k(t)$$

$$\langle \eta_k^*(t) \eta_{k'}(t') \rangle = 4\alpha k_B T_{kk'} \delta(t-t')$$

$$T_{kk'} = \sum_{n=0}^N P_{nk} P_{n k'} T_n$$

temperature matrix

### Equilibrium magnon distribution



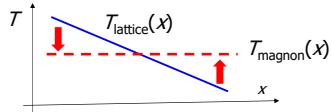
magnon density:  $\rho_{M,n} = \sum_k |P_{k,n}|^2 \frac{k_B T}{\hbar \omega_k}$   
 $\langle \varepsilon_k \rangle = k_B T$

## Non-equilibrium steady state

$$\rho_{M,n} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi_n \psi_n^* \rangle \quad \text{magnon density at site } n$$

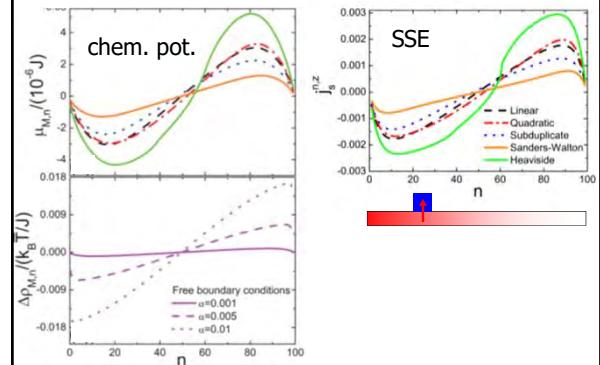
$$= 2 \sum_{kk'} P_{nk} P_{nk'} k_B \mathcal{T}_{kk'} \frac{\alpha^2 (\omega_k + \omega_{k'})}{\alpha^2 (\omega_k + \omega_{k'})^2 + (\omega_k - \omega_{k'})^2}$$

$\mathcal{T}_{kk} = \bar{T}$  magnon temperature constant to leading order in  $\alpha$  for antisymmetric (linear)  $T_{nr}$



$$\rho_{M,n} \equiv \sum_k (P_{nk})^2 k_B \mathcal{T}_{kk} / (\omega_k - \mu_{M,n})$$

## Transverse SSE and chemical potential



## Take-home messages

- ① Ferromagnets  $\neq$  ferrimagnets at temperatures possibly much below  $T_{curie}$
- ② Magnons can be strongly coupled to phonons and photons.
- ③ Phonons can be important for magnon transport.
- ④ The magnon chemical potential describes the spin accumulation in magnetic insulators not only in the diffuse regime.

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