



# Spintronic microwave and THz detectors: state-of-the art and future!

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# **Spintronic diodes**

Type of response
Resonant
Non-resonant - Broadband - Multimodes
Low-frequency

Regime of behavior
Passive
Active

Frequency response
MHz (ferromagnets)
GHz (ferromagnets)
THz (antiferromagnets)

## **Perspectives on spintronic diodes**





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The market doubled in 5 years.
The development of products for IoT will be a key challenge:
cost as low as possible
low energy consumption
nanoscale size
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## USD >1000 billion by 2027 Digital Twin

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Anything

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- A path to face this challenge...

□Spintronics, successful stories for sensors (i.e. GMR/TMR hard disk read heads, automotive...), memory (STT-MRAM), etc..

Anything Any Device

**D**low energy consumption

- **D**nanoscale size
- **Dhigh performance**

**The cost is expected to reduce thank to the STT-MRAMs** 



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Advances in Magnetics.

Overview of Spintronic Sensors With Internet of Things for Smart Living Xuyang Liu<sup>10</sup>, K. H. Lam<sup>1</sup>, Ke Zhu<sup>10</sup>, Chao Zheng<sup>10</sup>, Xu Li<sup>1</sup>, Yimeng Du<sup>1</sup>, Chunhua Liu<sup>10</sup>, and Philip W. T. Pong<sup>D1</sup> Remote controller Sensor field Sink Internet (Access point) Wireless spintronic sensor node, **Global positioning** Mobilizer system (GPS) Embedded processing Sensing unit Spintronic sensors Transceiver Electrical current sensing: Processor Multiple ZigBee, Bluctooth, Transmission and distribution A/D Wi-Fi, RFID, RFC lines monitoring; Converter LTE-A, etc. Vehicle detection: Storage unit Biodetection: **Power Unit** Energy Solar cells, vibration, fuel cells, acoustic noise, mobile harvesting unit supplier, scavenging energy from AC power line, etc. ......

**Computing STT-MRAM** Oscillators Spintronic energy harvesters







#### ARTICLES

Used for the characterization of the damping-like and field-like torques in MTJ

Measurement of the spin-transfer-torque vector in magnetic tunnel junctions

JACK C. SANKEY<sup>1</sup>, YONG-TAO CUI<sup>1</sup>, JONATHAN Z. SUN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN C. SLONCZEWSKI<sup>2\*</sup>, ROBERT A. BUHRMAN<sup>1</sup> AND DANIEL C. RALPH<sup>11</sup>

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# The detection sensitivity was too low for practical application in microwave detectors.

JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 106, 053905 (2009)

Sensitivity of spin-torque diodes for frequency-tunable resonant microwave detection

C. Wang,<sup>1</sup> Y.-T. Cui,<sup>1</sup> J. Z. Sun,<sup>2</sup> J. A. Katine,<sup>3</sup> R. A. Buhrman,<sup>1</sup> and D. C. Ralph<sup>1,a)</sup> <sup>1</sup>Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, USA <sup>2</sup>IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598, USA <sup>3</sup>Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, San Jose Res. Ctr., San Jose, California 95135, USA

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## Milestones

Interfacial perpendicular anisotropy (IPA)

Voltage controlled magnetocrystalline anisotropy (VCMA)





LETTERS PUBLISHED ONLINE: 11 JULY 2010 | DOI: 10.1038/NMAT2804

# A perpendicular-anisotropy CoFeB-MgO magnetic tunnel junction

S. Ikeda<sup>1,2\*</sup>, K. Miura<sup>1,2,3</sup>, H. Yamamoto<sup>1,2,3</sup>, K. Mizunuma<sup>2</sup>, H. D. Gan<sup>1</sup>, M. Endo<sup>2</sup>, S. Kanai<sup>2</sup>, J. Hayakawa<sup>3</sup>, F. Matsukura<sup>1,2</sup> and H. Ohno<sup>1,2\*</sup>



## Electrostatic interaction MgO/CoFeB $\rightarrow$ surface perpendicular anisotropy



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Type of response	Regime of behavior	Frequency response
Resonant	Passive	GHz (ferromagnets)

The detection in passive diodes can be improved with the additional support of the

- VCMA



# $\varepsilon < 500 \frac{V}{W}$

### Voltage-Induced Ferromagnetic Resonance in Magnetic Tunnel Junctions

Jian Zhu,<sup>1</sup> J. A. Katine,<sup>2</sup> Graham E. Rowlands,<sup>1</sup> Yu-Jin Chen,<sup>1</sup> Zheng Duan,<sup>1</sup> Juan G. Alzate,<sup>3</sup> Pramey Upadhyaya,<sup>3</sup> Juergen Langer,<sup>4</sup> Pedram Khalili Amiri,<sup>3</sup> Kang L. Wang,<sup>3</sup> and Ilya N. Krivorotov<sup>1</sup>

$$V_{\rm dc} = \frac{1}{2} I_{\rm ac} \Delta R_{\rm s} \cos(\Phi_{\rm s})$$

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$$V_{\rm dc} = \frac{1}{2} I_{\rm ac} \Delta R_{\rm s} \cos(\Phi_{\rm s}) + \frac{I_{\rm dc} \Delta R_{\rm dc}(I_{\rm ac})}{Nonlinear rectification effect}$$

Injection locking (zero field operation and room temperature)

- Auto-oscillator
- An ac input with a frequency close to the one of the auto-oscillator







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$V_{\rm dc} = \frac{1}{2} I_{\rm ac} \Delta R_{\rm s} \cos(\Phi_{\rm s}) +$	$-I_{\rm dc}\Delta R_{\rm dc}(I_{\rm ac})$ Nonlin	ear rectification effect

## Nonadiabatic stochastic resonance (field and low temperature)



APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 103, 082402 (2013)

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Nonlinear ferromagnetic resonance induced by spin torque in nanoscale magnetic tunnel junctions

X. Cheng, <sup>1,2</sup> J. A. Katine, <sup>2</sup> G. E. Rowlands, <sup>1</sup> and I. N. Krivorotov<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of California, Irvine, California 92697, USA <sup>2</sup>HGST, San Jose, California 95135, USA



## Nonlinear resonance (field and room temperature)





S. Miwa<sup>1†</sup>, S. Ishibashi<sup>1,2†</sup>, H. Tomita<sup>1</sup>, T. Nozaki<sup>1,2</sup>, E. Tamura<sup>1</sup>, K. Ando<sup>1</sup>, N. Mizuochi<sup>1</sup>, T. Saruya<sup>2‡</sup>, H. Kubota<sup>2</sup>, K. Yakushiji<sup>2</sup>, T. Taniguchi<sup>2</sup>, H. Imamura<sup>2</sup>, A. Fukushima<sup>2</sup>, S. Yuasa<sup>2</sup> and Y. Suzuki<sup>1,2</sup>\*

First demonstration that spintronic diodes overcome the thermodynamic limit of Schottky diodes





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## Vortex core expulsion (field and room temperature)







## Spin bolometer and injection locking (field and room temperature)







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## Injection locked spintronic diodes – ReLU-like activation function





## **Injection locked spintronic diodes - Degree of Rectification**





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## Spintronic diodes as receivers for demodulation of Frequency-shift keying!



Type of response	Regime of behavior	Frequency response
Broadband	Passive	GHz
Remote controller	Sensor field	
Global positioning system (GPS)	Mobilizer	

#### Embedded processing Sensing unit unit Transceiver Spintronic sensors Electrical current sensing: Processor Multiple ZigBee, Bluctooth, Transmission and distribution A/D Wi-Fi, RFID, RFC, lines monitoring; Converter LTE-A, etc. Vehicle detection; Storage unit Biodetection: **Power Unit** Energy Solar cells, vibration, fuel cells, acoustic noise, mobile harvesting unit supplier, scavenging energy from AC power line, etc

# • Spintronic energy harvesters

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# **Motivation – Energy Harvesting**

Thermal Power



# mature

# **Spin caloritronics**

Gerrit E. W. Bauer<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Eiji Saitoh<sup>1,3</sup> and Bart J. van Wees<sup>4</sup>

NATURE MATERIALS | VOL 11 | MAY 2012





# Electromagnetic Energy harvesting





# **Motivation – Energy Harvesting**



Tran et al. Micro and Nano Syst Lett (2017) 5:14 DOI 10.1186/s40486-017-0051-0 Micro and Nano Systems Letters

#### REVIEW



RF power harvesting: a review on designing methodologies and applications

Le-Giang Tran<sup>1</sup>, Hyouk-Kyu Cha<sup>2</sup> and Woo-Tae Park<sup>1,3\*</sup>



# **Motivation – Energy Harvesting**

### Hemour and Wu: Radio-Frequency Rectifier for Electromagnetic Energy Harvesting

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## The efficiency goes down for input power below 100 uW.

Low barrier Schottky diodes can be used for power below 10 uW.



JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 111, 123904 (2012)

## Spin-torque microwave detector with out-of-plane precessing magnetic moment

O. V. Prokopenko,<sup>1,a)</sup> I. N. Krivorotov,<sup>2</sup> E. Bankowski,<sup>3</sup> T. Meitzler,<sup>3</sup> S. Jaroch,<sup>4</sup> V. S. Tiberkevich,<sup>4</sup> and A. N. Slavin<sup>4</sup>







Type of response	Regime of behavior	Frequency response
Broadband	Passive	MHz-GHz

### PHYSICAL REVIEW APPLIED 11, 014022 (2019)

### Experimental Demonstration of Spintronic Broadband Microwave Detectors and Their Capability for Powering Nanodevices

Bin Fang,<sup>1</sup> Mario Carpentieri,<sup>2</sup> Steven Louis,<sup>3</sup> Vasyl Tiberkevich,<sup>4</sup> Andrei Slavin,<sup>4</sup> Ilya N. Krivorotov,<sup>5</sup> Riccardo Tomasello,<sup>6</sup> Anna Giordano,<sup>7</sup> Hongwen Jiang,<sup>8</sup> Jialin Cai,<sup>1</sup> Yaming Fan,<sup>1</sup> Zehong Zhang,<sup>1</sup> Baoshun Zhang,<sup>1</sup> Jordan A. Katine,<sup>9</sup> Kang L. Wang,<sup>10</sup> Pedram Khalili Amiri,<sup>10,11</sup> Giovanni Finocchio,<sup>7,\*</sup> and Zhongming Zeng<sup>1</sup>







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Detection voltage almost independent of the input frequency within the broadband response





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DATA SHEET

### SMS7630-061: Surface Mount, 0201 Zero Bias Silicon Schottky Detector Diode



Schottky diode Area > 10 um<sup>2</sup> Spintronic diode Area < 0.1 um<sup>2</sup>





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### Theranostics 2018, Vol. 8, Issue 4





2018; 8(4): 1005-1026. doi: 10.7150/thno.22573

Review

# Black Phosphorus and its Biomedical Applications

Jane Ru Choi<sup>1</sup>∗<sup>⊠</sup>, Kar Wey Yong<sup>2</sup>\*, Jean Yu Choi<sup>3</sup>, Azadeh Nilghaz<sup>1</sup>, Yang Lin<sup>4</sup>, Jie Xu<sup>4</sup>, Xiaonan Lu<sup>1</sup><sup>⊠</sup>



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## **Optimization of broadband detectors**





## **Injection locked spintronic diodes – Array configuration**





Type of response	Regime of behavior	Frequency response
Low-frequency tail	Passive	MHz

PHYSICAL REVIEW APPLIED 14, 024043 (2020)

#### Low-Frequency Nonresonant Rectification in Spin Diodes

R. Tomasello,<sup>1,\*</sup> B. Fang,<sup>2,§</sup> P. Artemchuk,<sup>3,4</sup> M. Carpentierio,<sup>5</sup> L. Fasanoo,<sup>6</sup> A. Giordano,<sup>7</sup> O.V. Prokopenko,<sup>3</sup> Z.M. Zeng,<sup>2,†</sup> and G. Finocchio<sup>7,‡</sup>



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Progress in Quantum Electronics 34 (2010) 278-347





- Incoherent detection systems which allow only signal amplitude detection.
- Coherent detection systems, which allow detecting not only the amplitude of the signal, but also its phase.



Photon detectors. Thermal detectors. OPTO-ELECTRONICS REVIEW 19(3), 346-404, 2011

DOI: 10.2478/s11772-011-0033-3

## Terahertz detectors and focal plane arrays

A. ROGALSKI<sup>1</sup> and F. SIZOV<sup>2</sup>

Letter

Vol. 43, No. 8 / 15 April 2018 / Optics Letters 1647

## Graphene-based broadband terahertz detector integrated with a square-spiral antenna

WANLONG GUO,<sup>1,2,3</sup> LIN WANG,<sup>1,\*</sup> XIAOSHUANG CHEN,<sup>1,4</sup> CHANGLONG LIU,<sup>1</sup> WEIWEI TANG,<sup>1</sup> CHENG GUO,<sup>1</sup> JIN WANG,<sup>1</sup> AND WEI LU<sup>1</sup>

Table 1. Comparison of the Performance and Efficiency of this Work and the Earlier Works About Graphene Based **Terahertz Detectors** 

Materials Device Architecture	Spectral Range (Terahertz)	NEP (nW/Hz <sup>0.5</sup> )	Responsivity (V/W)	References
Monolayer Graphene Square-Spiral Antenna	0.08 ~ 0.12, 0.14, 0.3	0.35	28	This Letter
Bilayer Graphene FET	0.29~0.38	2	1.2	[6]
Graphene FET on Flexible Substrate	0.487	3	2	[26]
Monolayer Graphene FET	0.3	30	0.15	[15]
Monolayer Graphene Asymmetrical Electrodes	1.9	1.7	4.9	[8]
Monolayer Graphene Split Gating	0.4	0.13	74	[21]

## Graphene based THz detectors.

THz detectors with metamaterials.

## AFM –based THz detectors.

Review Trends in Food Science & Technology 85 (2019) 241-251

State-of-the-art in terahertz sensing for food and water security – A comprehensive review

Aifeng Ren<sup>a,b</sup>, Adnan Zahid<sup>a</sup>, Dou Fan<sup>b</sup>, Xiaodong Yang<sup>b</sup>, Muhammad Ali Imran<sup>a</sup>, Akram Alomainy<sup>c</sup>, Qammer H. Abbasi<sup>a,</sup>

Detection of water content in living plant leaves: The first application of THz imaging and sensing for detecting the water content is to monitor and evaluate the moisture level of plant leaves, which can provide the valuable information to farmers and scientists regarding plant drought stress and irrigation management. In (Qu, Nie, Lin, Cai, &



Type of response	Regime of behavior	Frequency response
Resonant	Passive/Passive	THz

## **Theoretical predictions**

## Main motivations:

- **Resonant**
- **U** Tuneable electrically

## **Compact size**





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Homogeneous intersublattice exchange constant  $A_0$ =5.0 pJ/m Atomic lattice constant a=0.5 nm  $\rightarrow A_0/a^2=20$  MJ/m<sup>3</sup> (high hom. interlattice exch.) Atomic lattice constant a=1.0 nm  $\Rightarrow A_0/a^2=5$  MJ/m<sup>3</sup> Atomic lattice constant a=2.0 nm  $\rightarrow A_0/a^2=1.25$  MJ/m<sup>3</sup> (low hom. interlattice exch.)

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0.0

0.3

$$H_{ani} = 2K_U/M_s$$
$$H_{ex} = \frac{4A_{AFM}}{a^2 M_s}$$

(b)

 $J_{\rm DC}=0$ 

 $J_{AC}$ =5x10<sup>7</sup>A/cm<sup>2</sup>

 $A_a/a^2 = 20 \text{MJ/m}^3$ 

0.6

 $f_{\rm AC}$  (THz)





Numerical results agree with the analytical model:

0.9

Resonant frequency and linewidth as a function of the input current amplitude.







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Modulation, Injection Locking, and Pulling in an Antiferromagnetic Spin-Orbit Torque Oscillator

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- Above-threshold regime
- Locking of the oscillation at the THz signal
- Narrow-band detection
- Quality factor  $Q = f/\Delta f$  of about 400

Narrow-band tunable terahertz detector in antiferromagnets via staggered-field and antidamping torques

O. Gomonay,<sup>1</sup> T. Jungwirth,<sup>2,3</sup> and J. Sinova<sup>1,2</sup>





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# Conclusions

Spintronic diodes based on magnetic tunnel juntions are ready to face the last challenges needed to face before approaching the market!

Antiferromagnets are very promising for the realization of a resonant, compact (sub-micrometer size) and tuneable THz detector. (Still on the paper but I think in less than 1 year, there will be a proof-of-concept.

# Perspectives on spintronic diodes

