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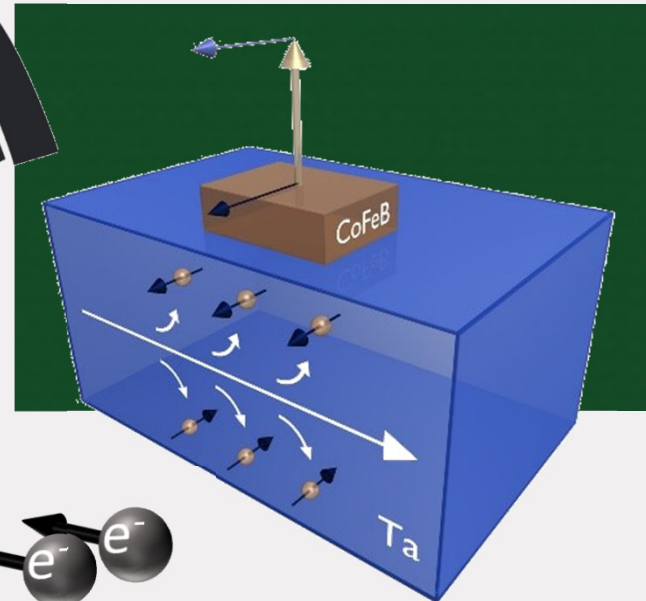
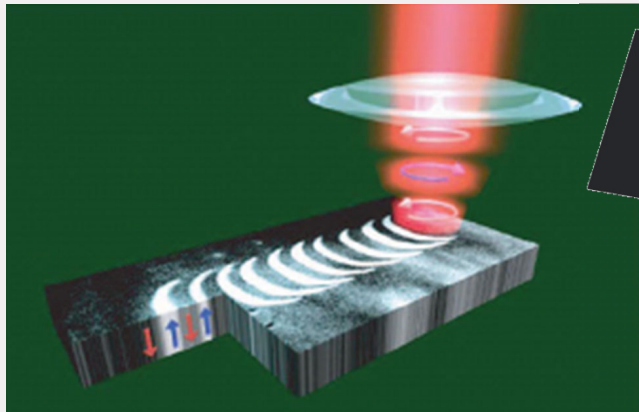
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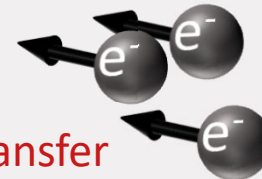
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Stanciu, Kimel, Rasing et al. PRL 2007

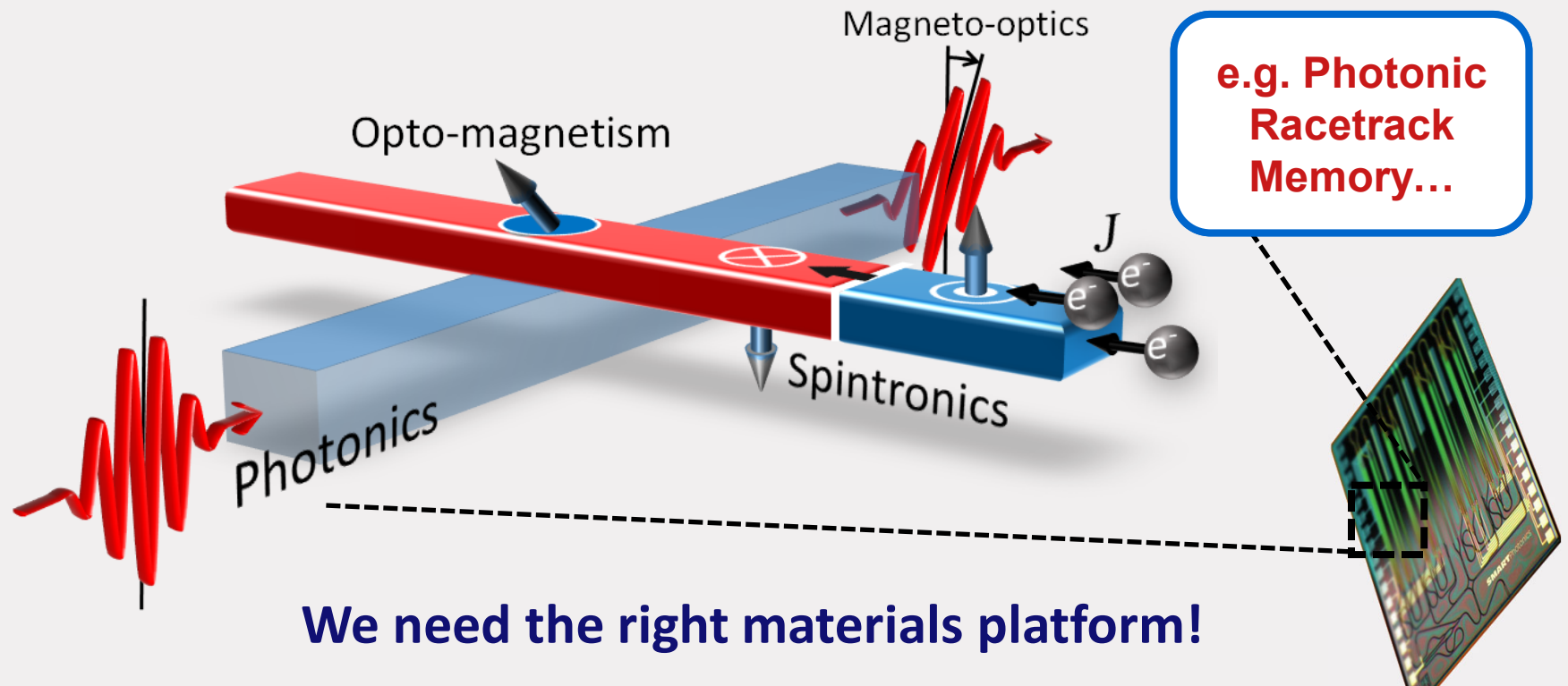
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Conservation & transfer  
of angular momentum

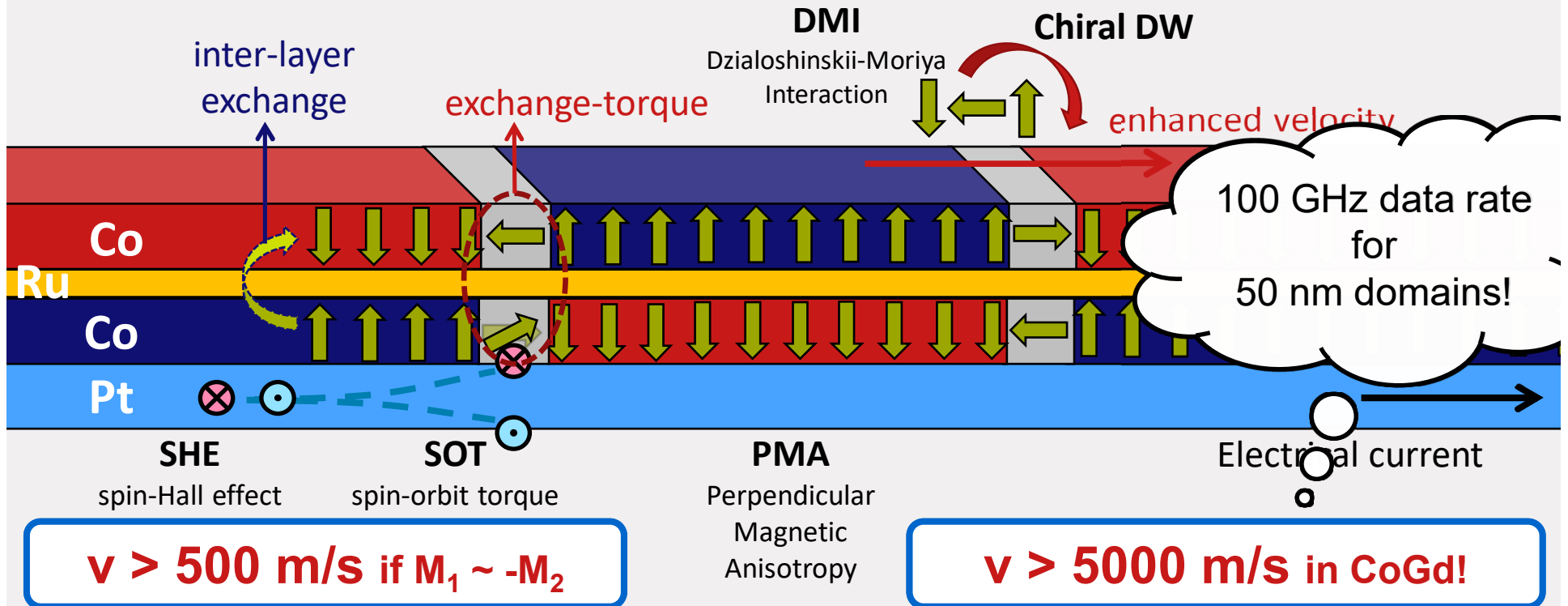


# Towards Integrated Magneto-Photonics



**We need the right materials platform!**

# Spin-Orbit effects in synthetic AntiFerromagnets



Co/Ni/Co/Ru/Co/Ni/Co: Yang, Parkin *et al.*, Nature Comms. 2015

Cai *et al.*, Nature Electr. 2020



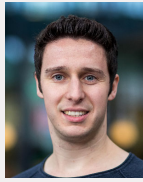
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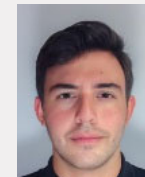
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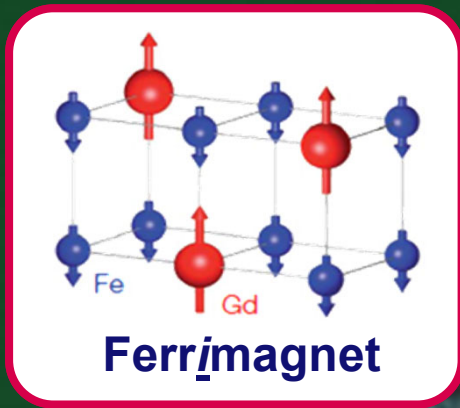
# Magnetic writing with light: Femto-magnetism

50 fs laser pulses

left

right

left polarized



GdFe or GdFeCo

up up  
down down

Stanciu, Kimel, Rasing et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 2007



# Magnetic writing with light: Femto-magnetism

## Toggle mechanism (linearly polarized!)



Ostler *et al.*, Nature Comms. 2012

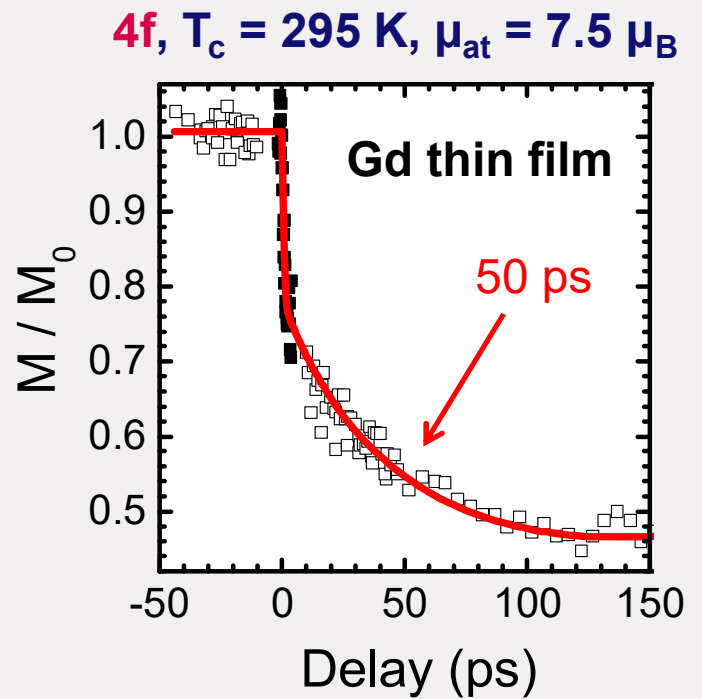
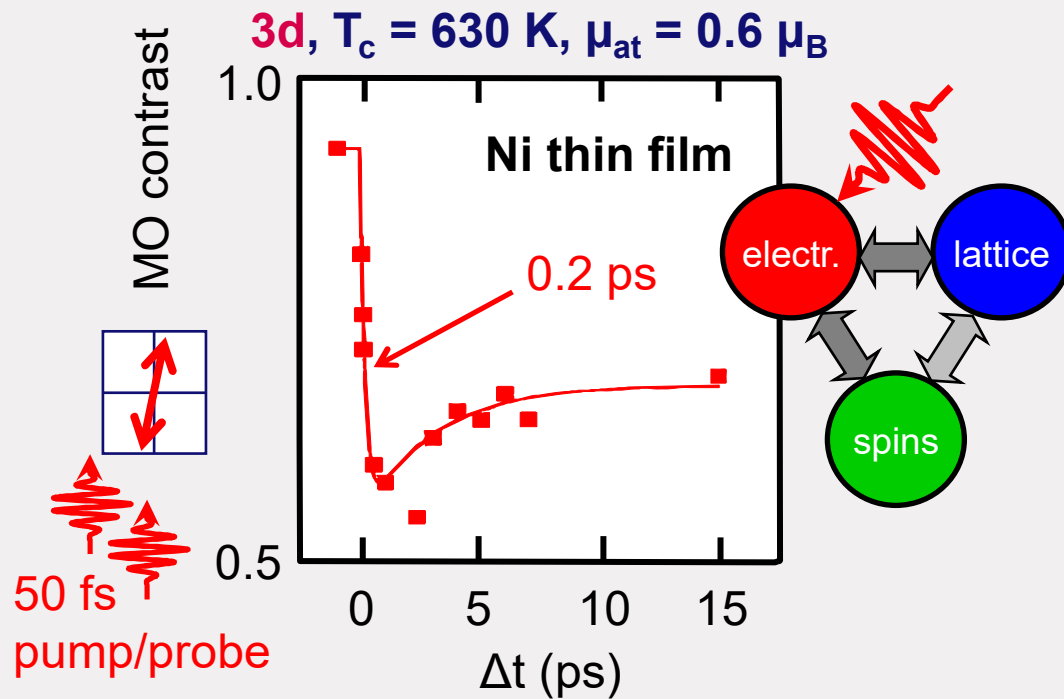
## Helicity dependence just due to circular dichroism

Khorsand *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2012

Stanciu, Rimmel, Rasing *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2007



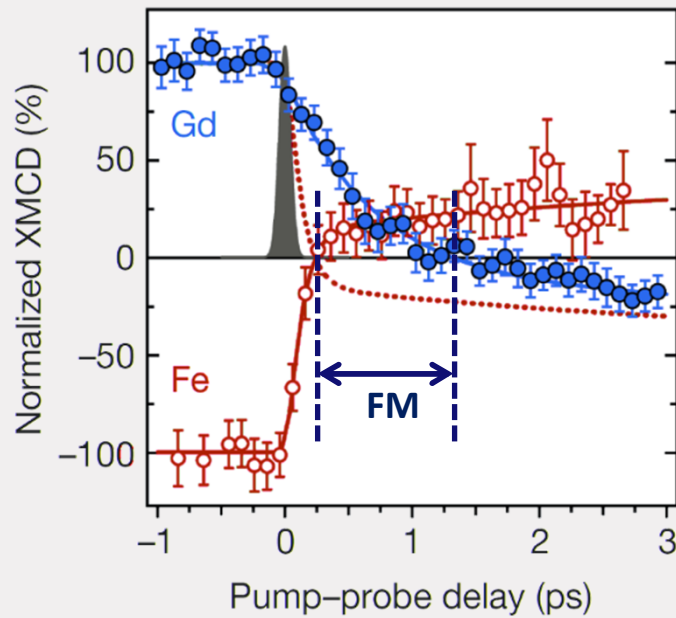
# Femtosecond demagnetization



Beaurepaire, Bigot *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 76, 4250 (1996)

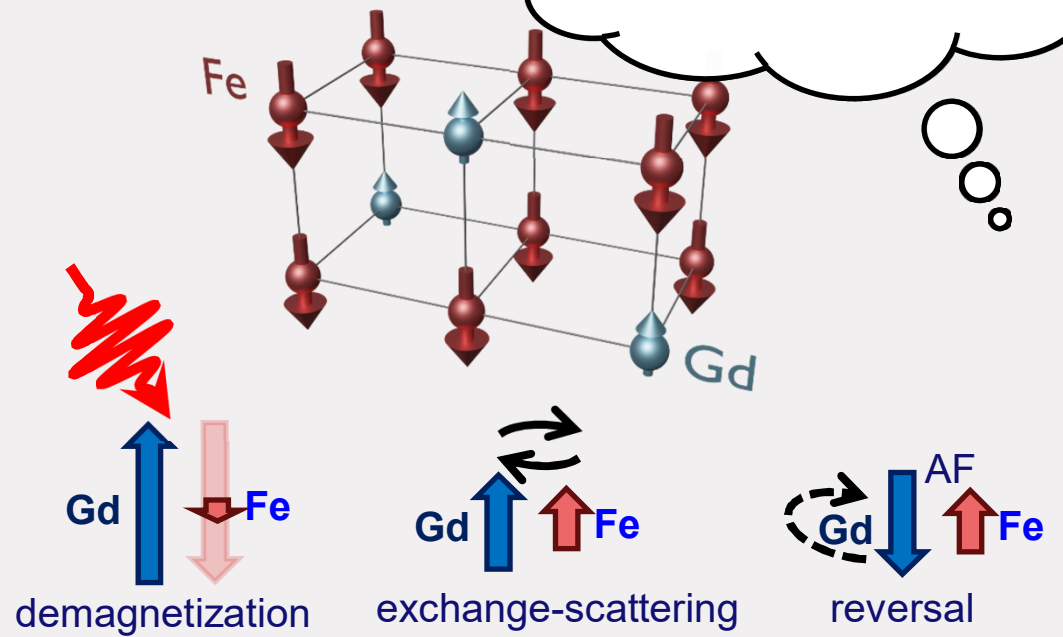
Wietstruk, Weinelt, Bovensiepen *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2011)

# Detailed insight in AOS from fs-XMCD



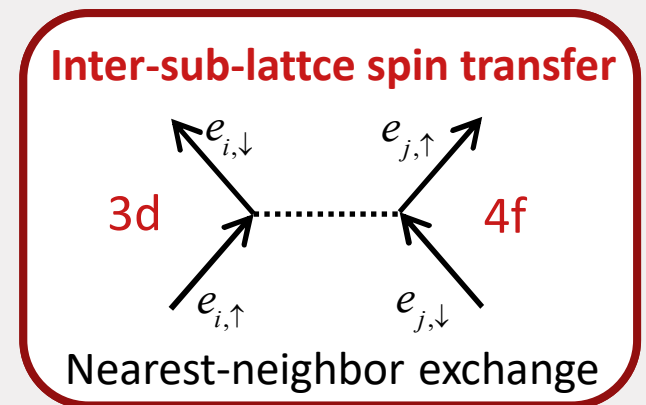
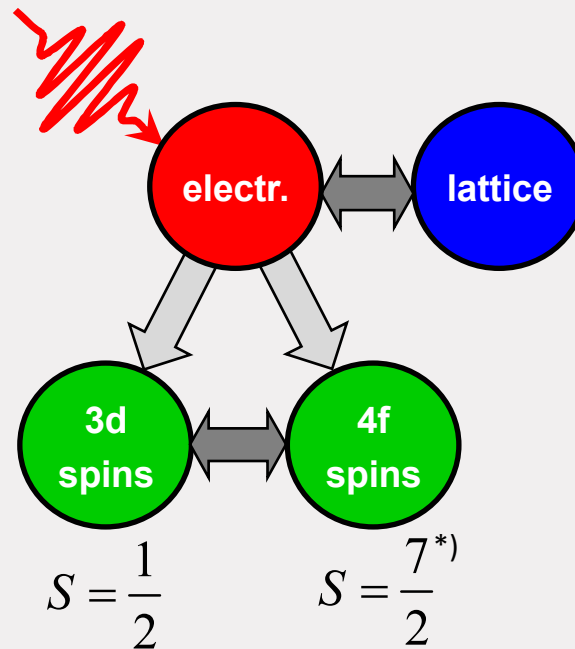
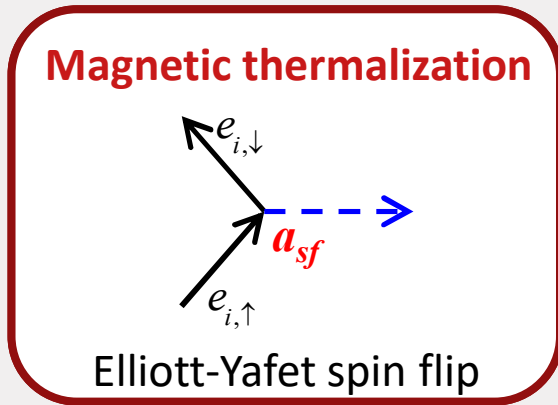
Radu, Dürr *et al.*, Nature (2011)

Ferrimagnetic GdFe



# The Microscopic 3-Temperature Model for AOS

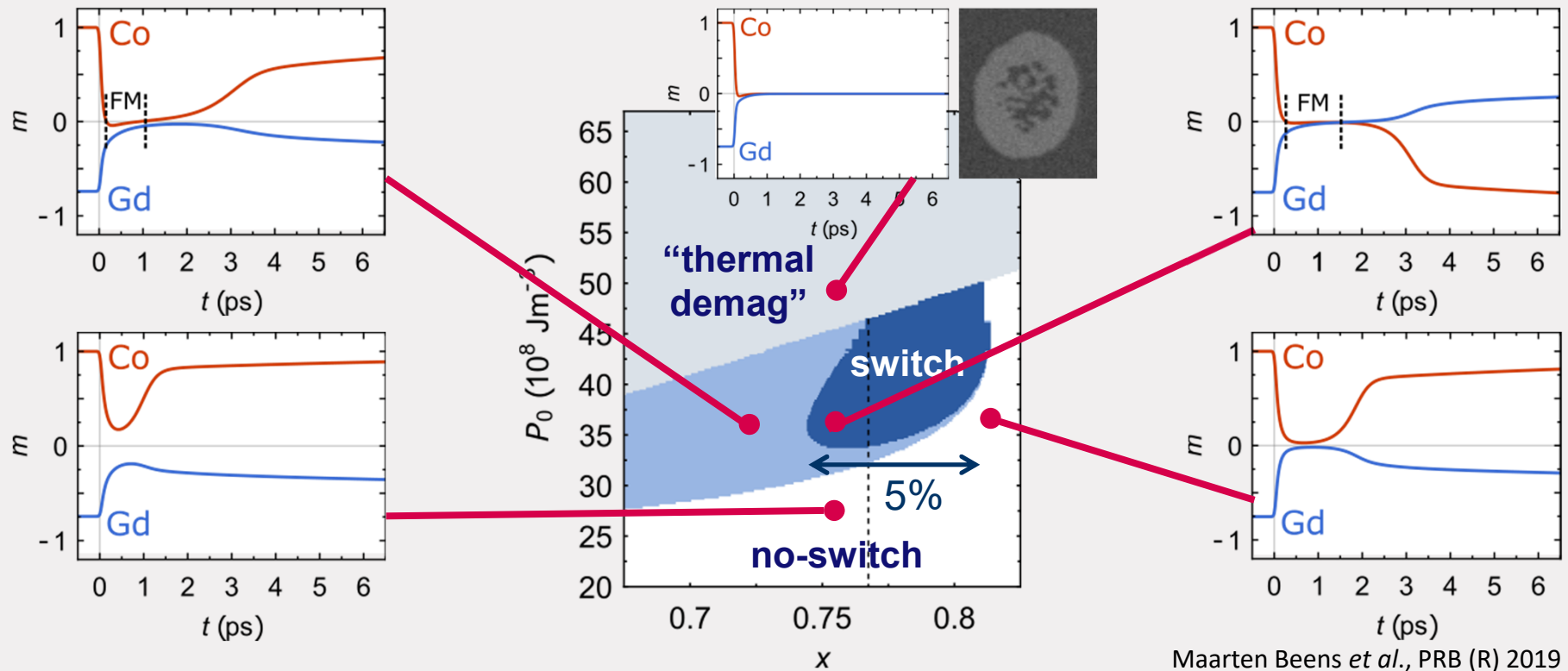
$$H = H_e + H_p + H_s + H_{ee} + H_{ep} + H_{ep-s} \xrightarrow{\text{Golden rule}} \text{rate equations}$$



Schellekens *et al.* PRB(R) (2013),  
Beens *et al.* PRB(R) (2019)

\*) or  $S = \frac{1}{2}$

# Understanding its behavior (M3TM), $Gd_{1-x}Co_x$



Maarten Beens *et al.*, PRB (R) 2019



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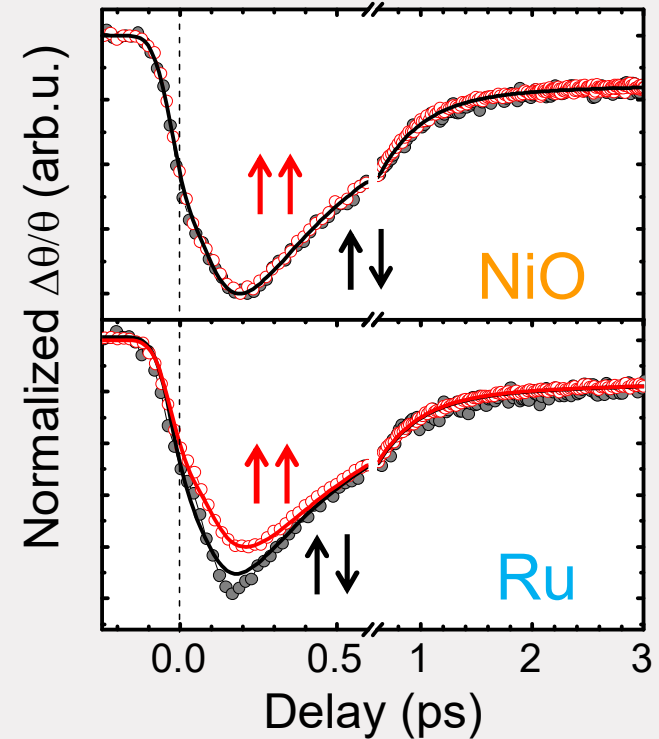
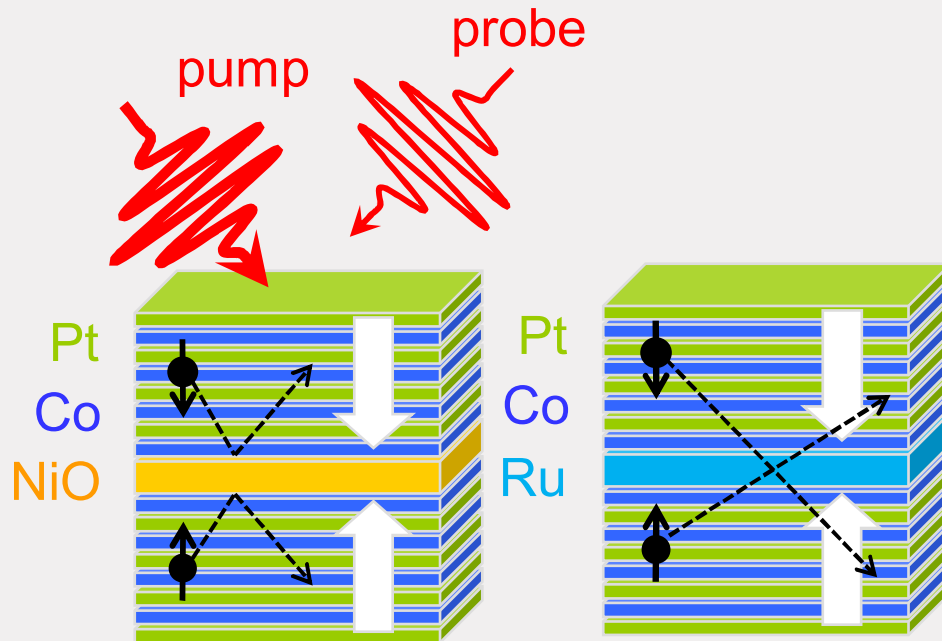
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# Fs laser-induced nonlocal spin transfer



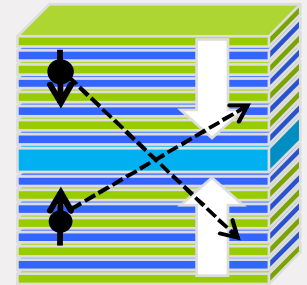
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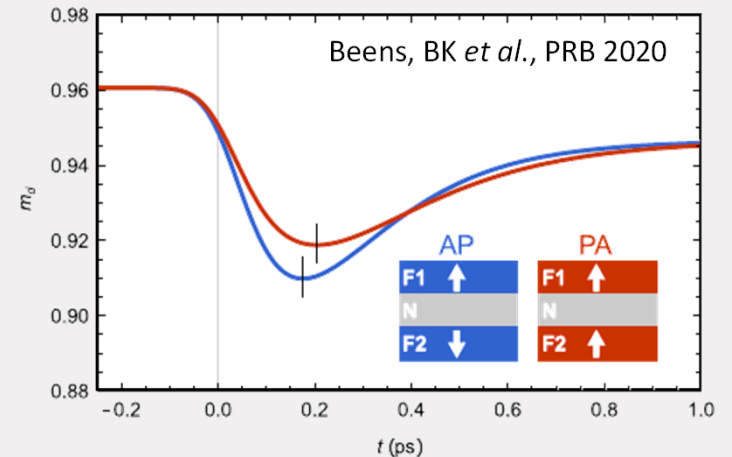
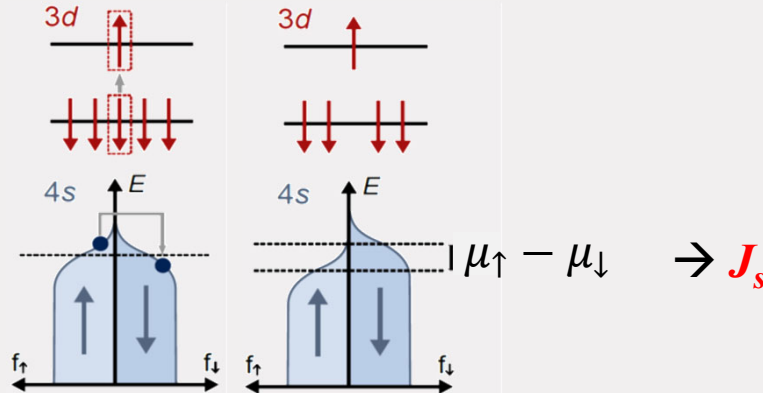
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 Choi, Cahill *et al.*, Nat. Comms. 2014  
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# Models for Optical spin current generation

- 1 Balistic injection optical spin pol.
- 2 Super-diffusive transport, spin filtering  
Battiato, Oppeneer et al., PRL 2010
- 3 Spin-dependent Seebeck effect  
Choi et al., Nat. Phys. 2015

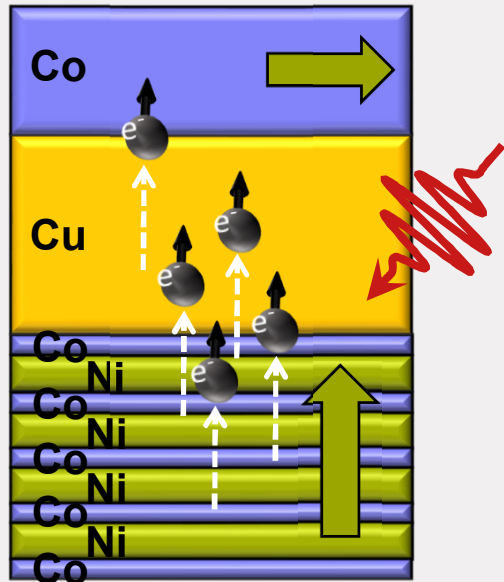


## 4 s-d model – “dM/dt”

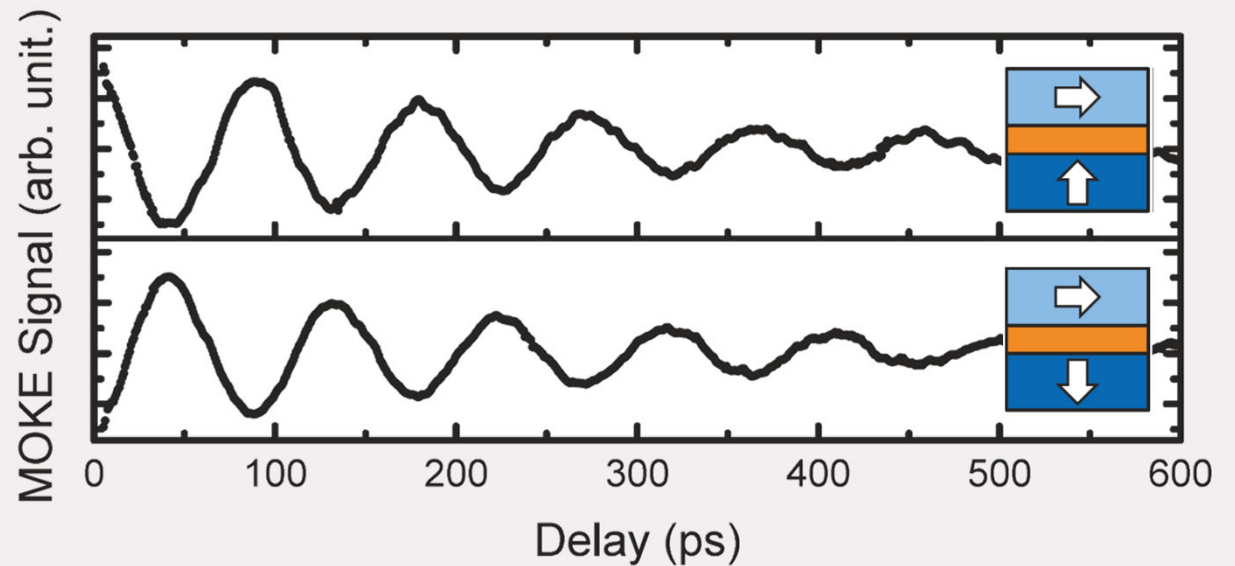


# Experimental demonstration optical STT

Free layer



Schellekens *et al.*, Nature Comm. (2014)



Mark Laliou, PhD Thesis (2019)

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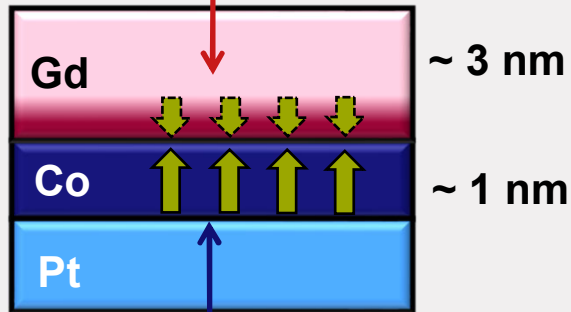
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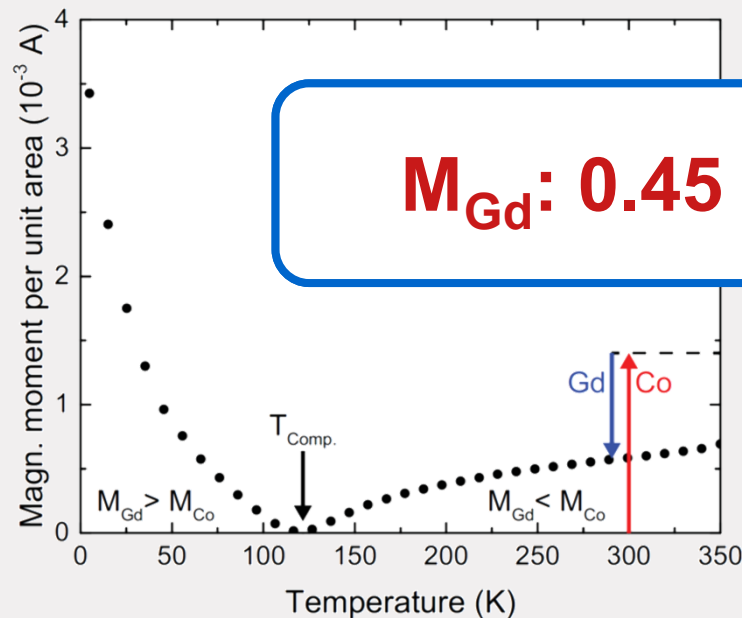


# Pt/Co/Gd: Synthetic ferrimagnet

Proximity induced  
FM @ RT



Strong spin-orbit  
(DMI & SHE)



**VSM SQUID**

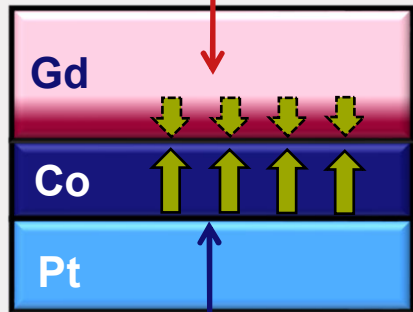
- 0.45 nm FM Gd @ RT
- $M_{sat,Gd} = 1.8 \text{ MA/m}$   
(bulk: 2.1 MA/m)

Mark Laliou, Reinoud Lavrijsen, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B 96, 220411 (Rapid) 2017

# Pt/Co/Gd: Single-pulse switching



Proximity induced  
FM @ RT



Strong spin-orbit  
(DMI & SHE)

Magneto-optical microscopy

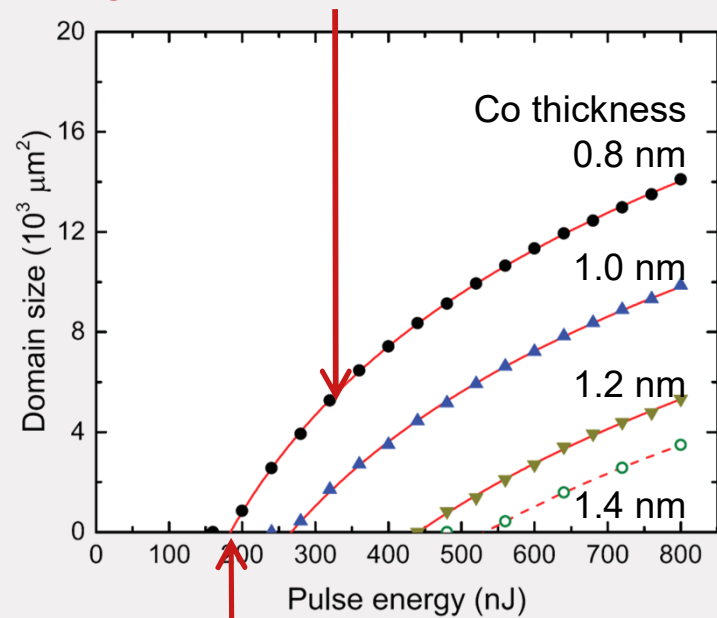
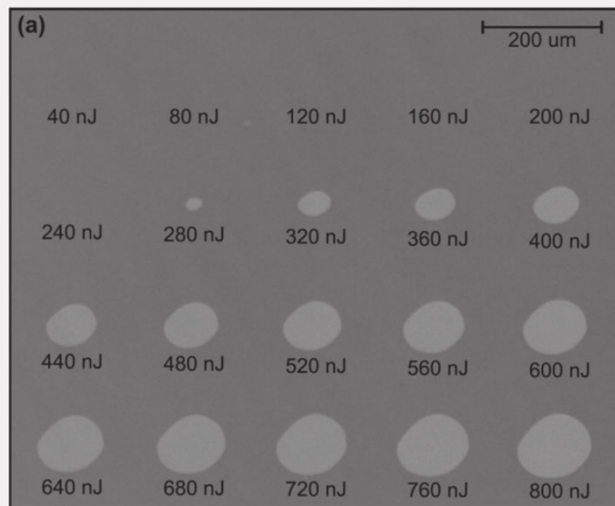


>  $10^8$  successful switches @ 100 kHz

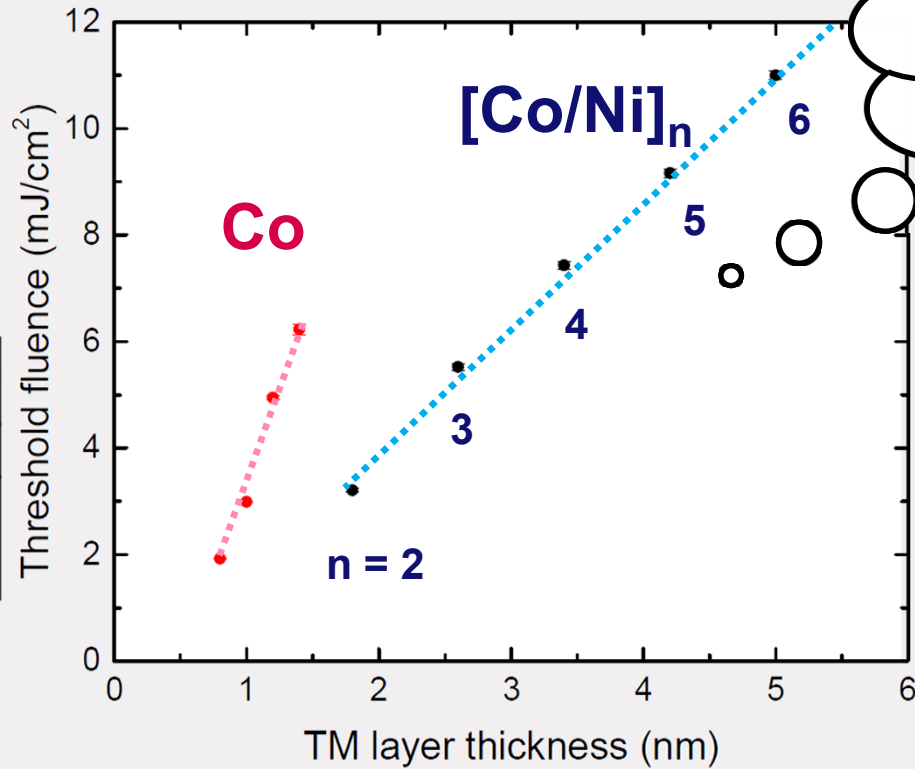
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# Super robust and Ultra-efficient

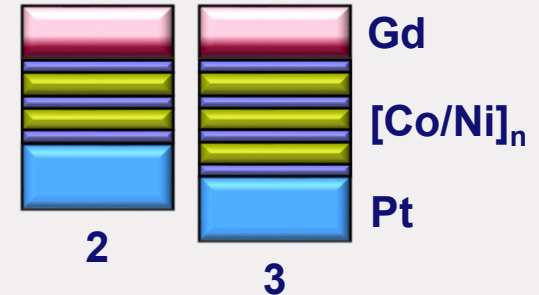
Fit assuming fixed threshold temperature



# Surprise: Switching far from compe



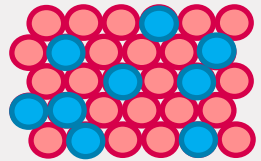
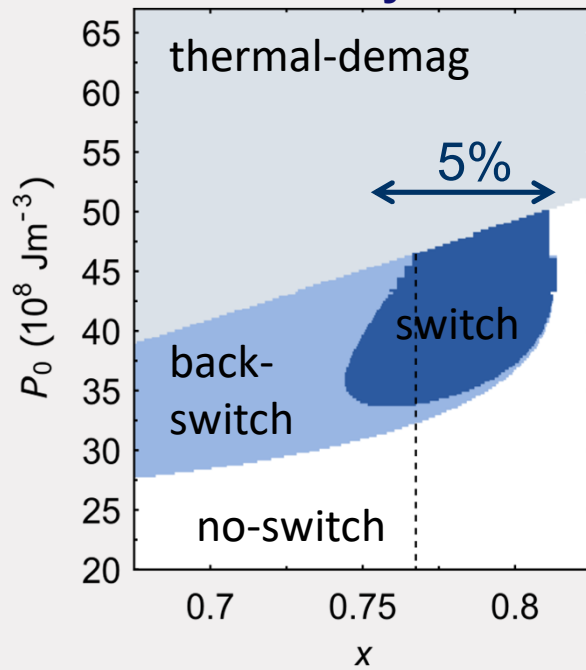
Alloys:  
Composition near  
"compensation"  
needed



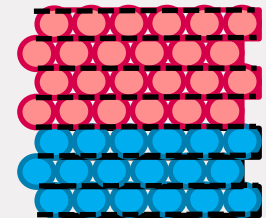
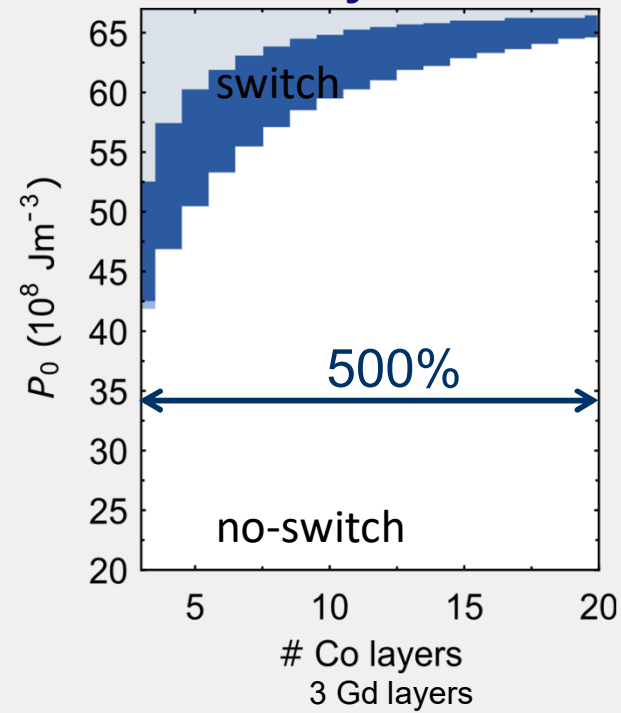
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# Understanding its behavior (M3TM)

Alloy



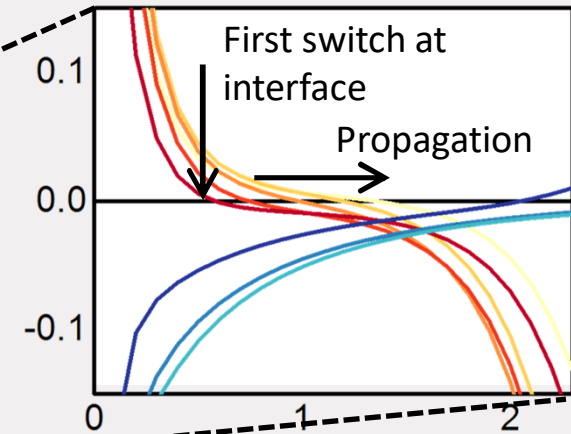
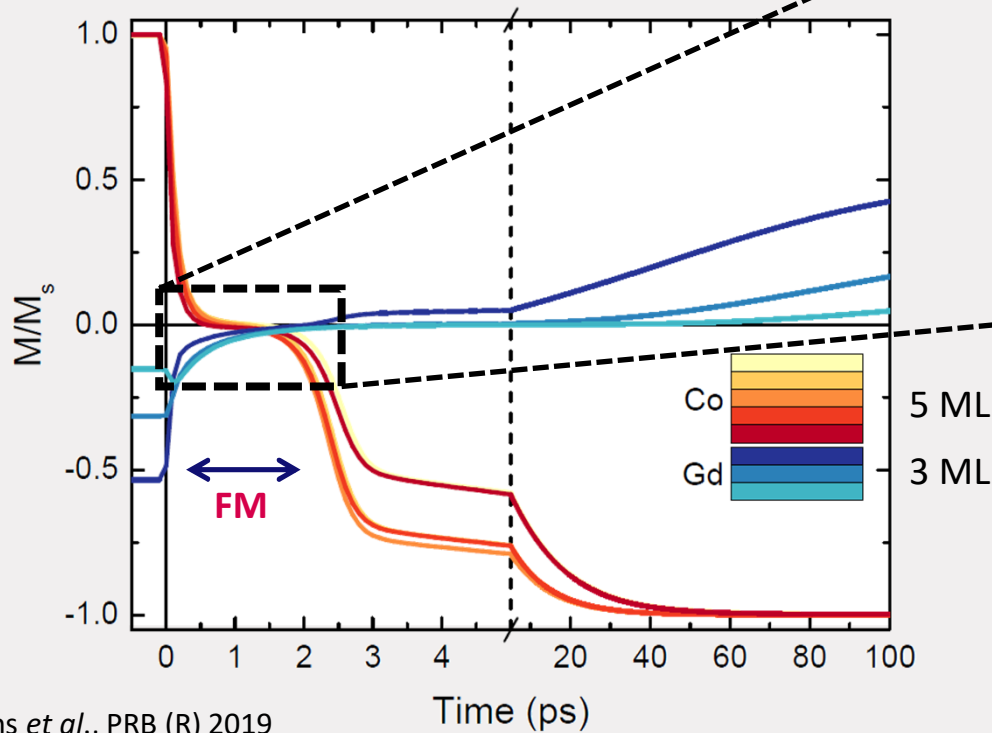
Bi-layer



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# M3TM time-dependence



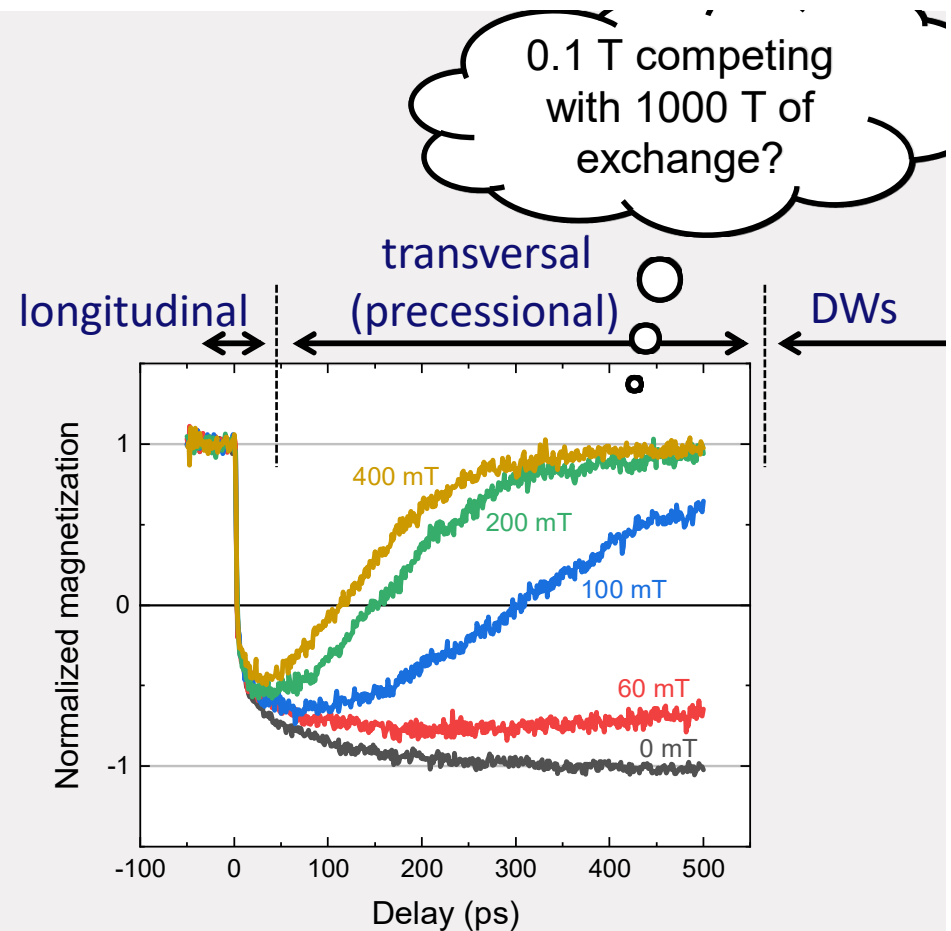
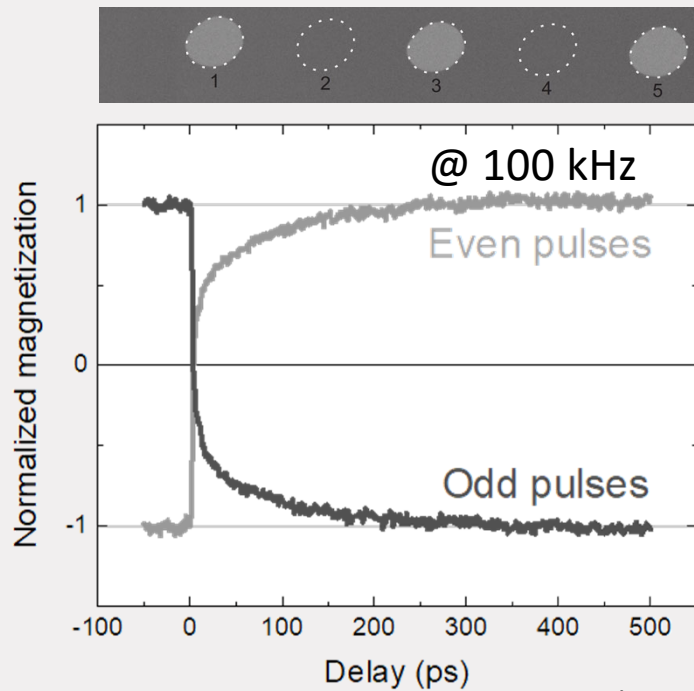
**Propagating front of reversed magnetization into the Co**

Maarten Beens *et al.*, PRB (R) 2019

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# Time-resolved insight

>  $10^8$  error free writes @ 100 kHz



Mark Peeters, et al., arXiv:2105.13862

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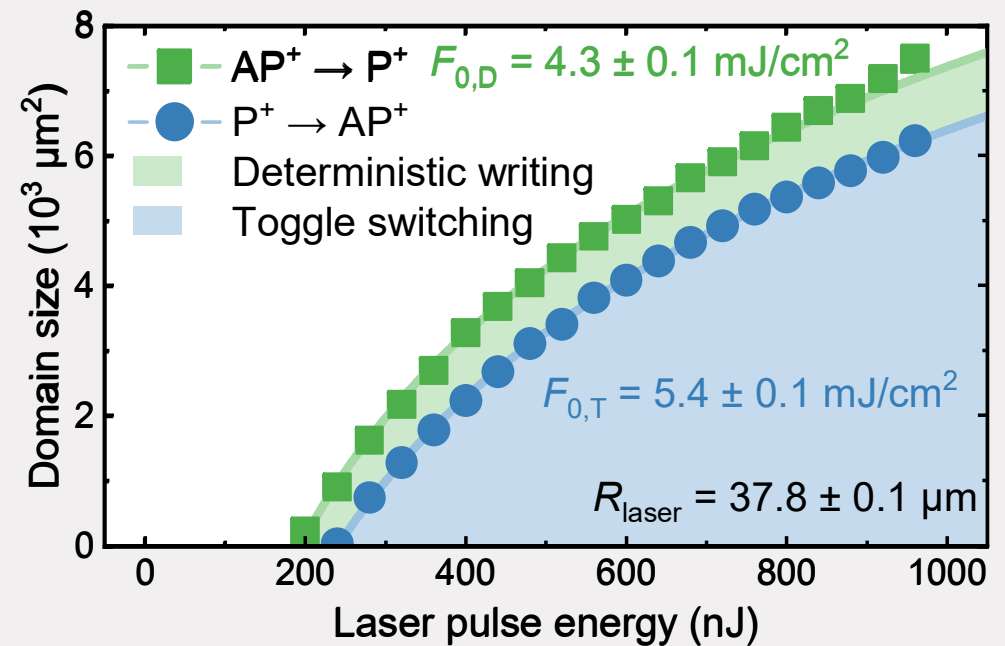
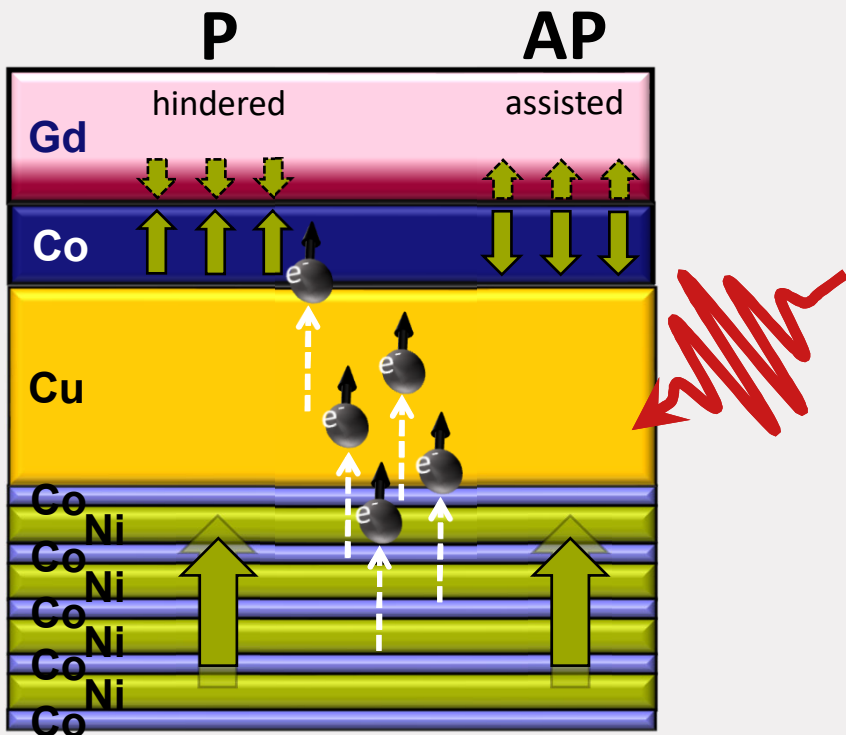
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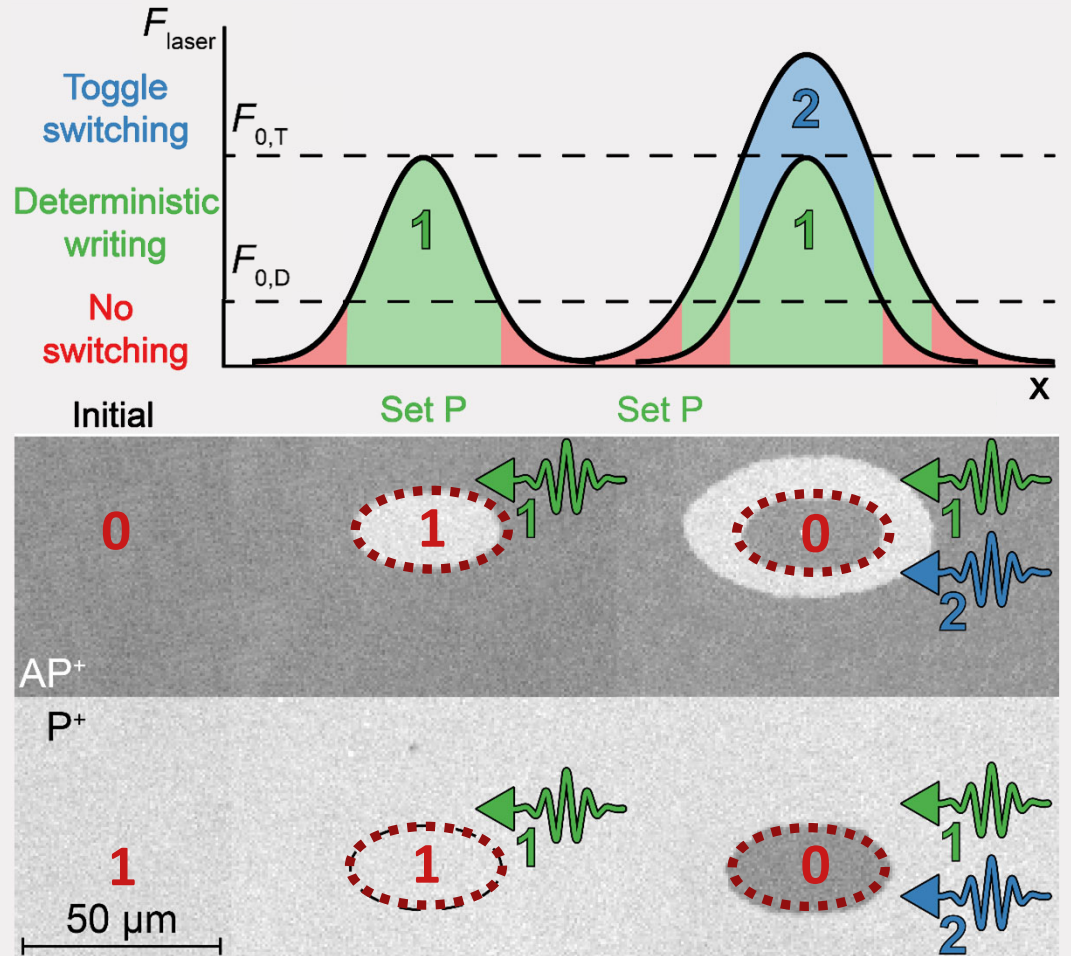
# Back to AOS: local vs. non-local spin transfer



Youri van Hees *et al.*, Nature Comms. (2020)

# Deterministic writing

How to write a logic 0 or 1, rather than just toggle?



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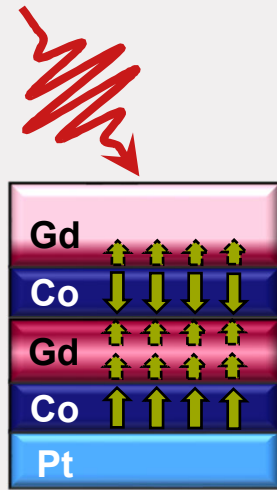
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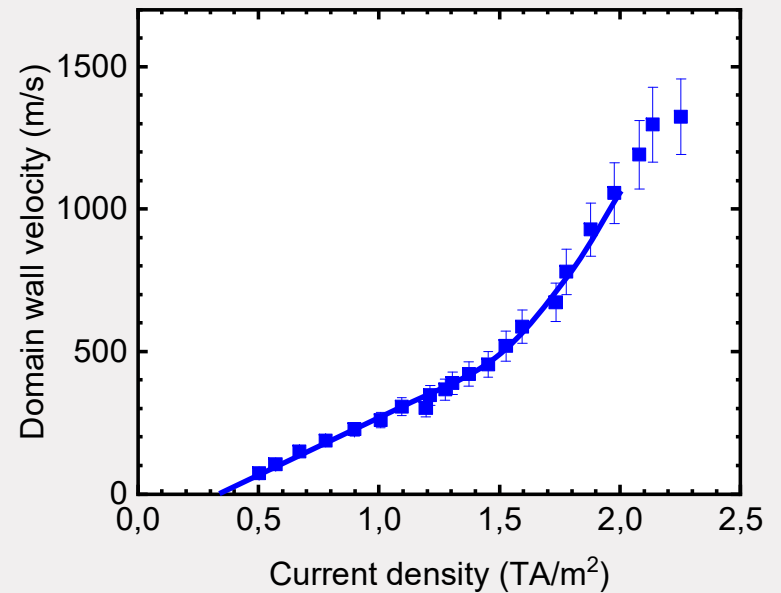
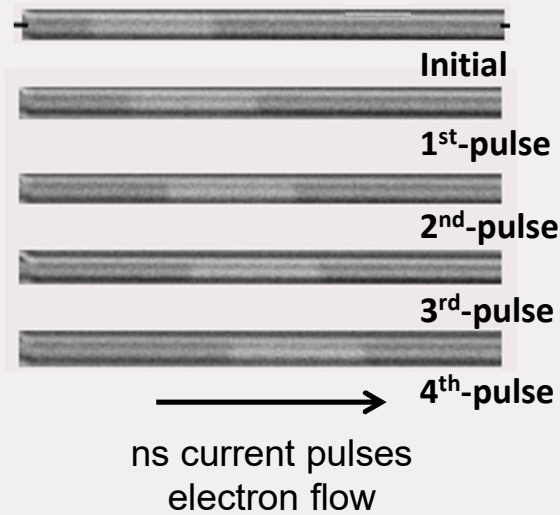
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# Current-driven domain wall motion in AOS stack

near angular momentum compensation:  $v > 2000$  m/s



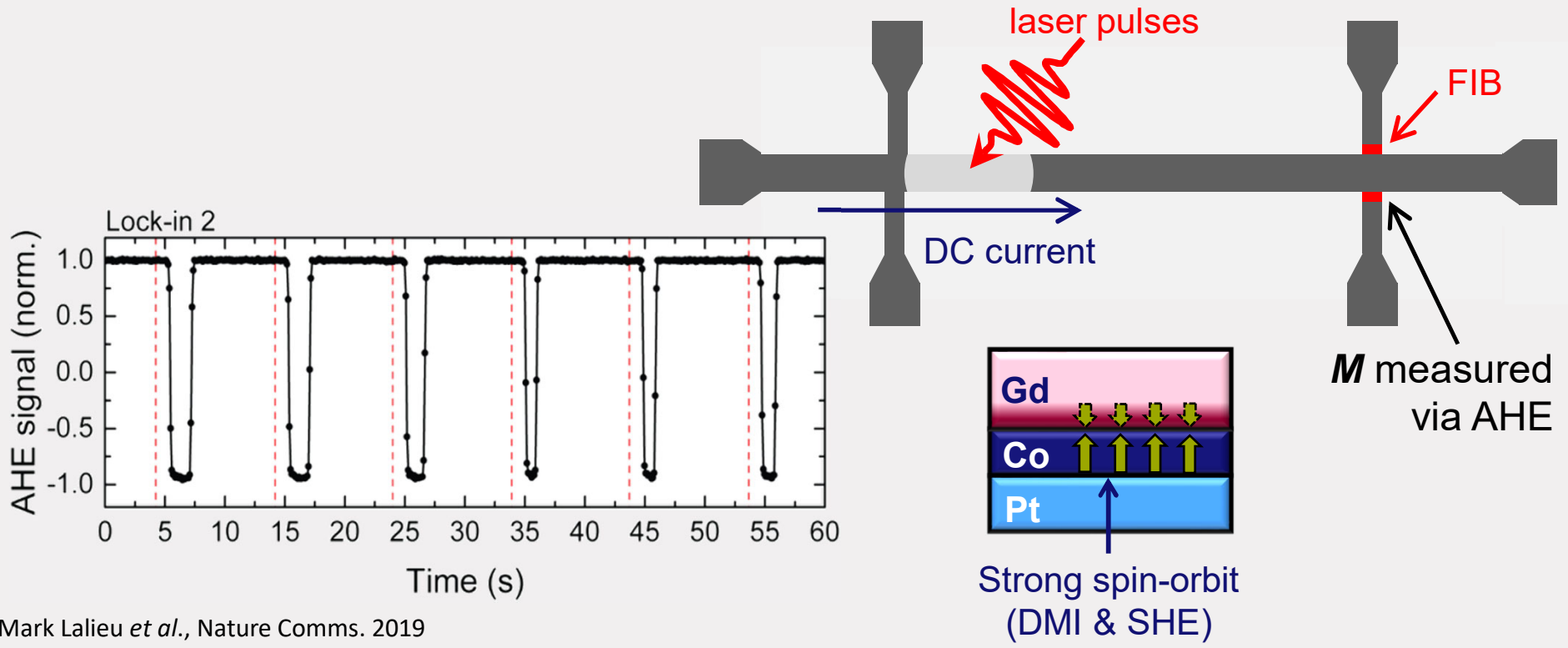
**AOS verified!**



Si:B/Ta(4)/Pt(4)/Co(1.0)/Ru(0.9)/Pt(0.9)/Co(1)/Gd(3)/Pt(2)

Pingzhi Li & Thomas Kools, In progress

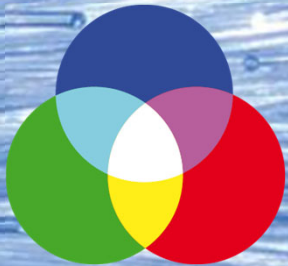
# Magneto-photonic memories



Mark Laliou *et al.*, Nature Comms. 2019



# Outlook: Integrated Magneto-Photonics



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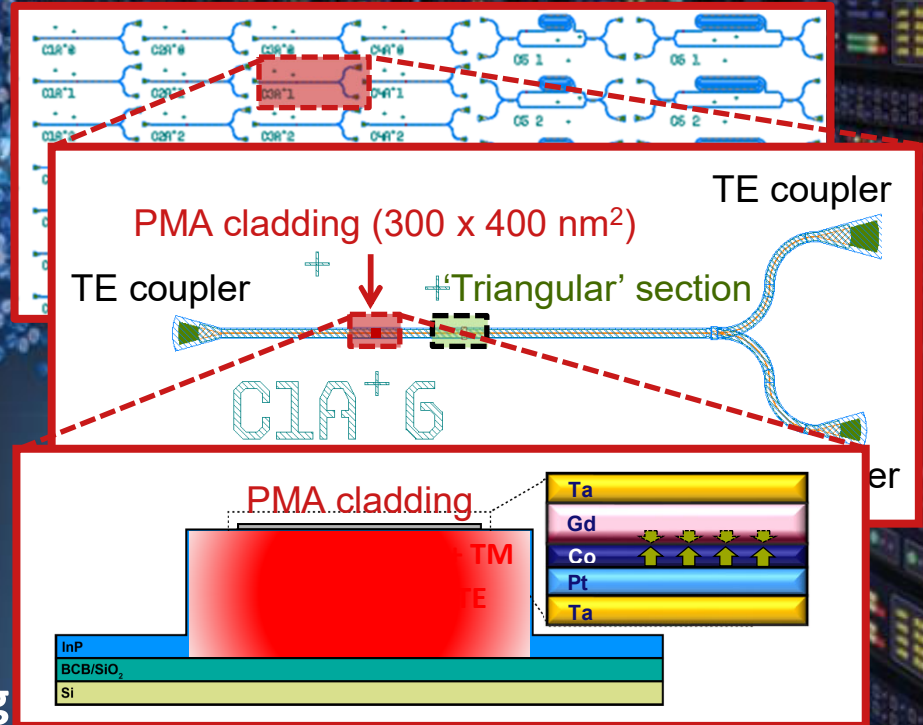
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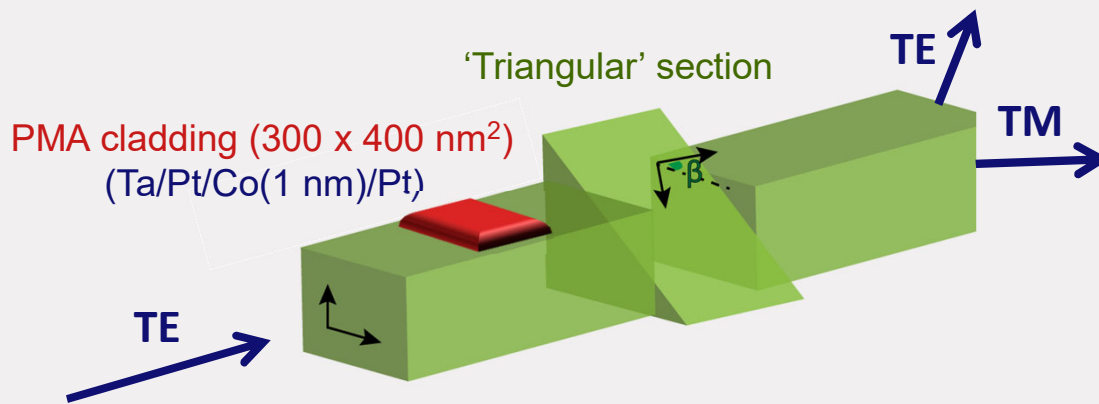
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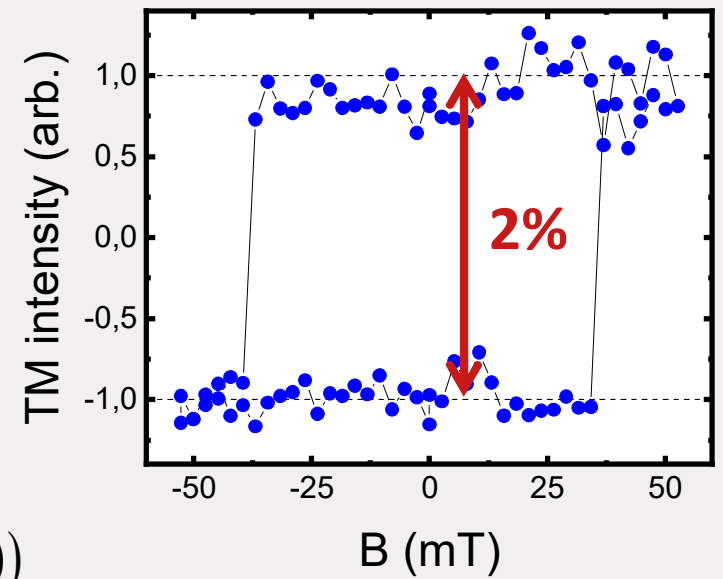
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# On-chip MO Mode Conversion



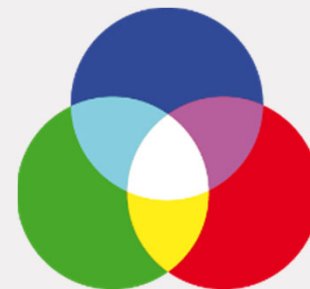
$$\begin{pmatrix} TE \\ TM \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm(\theta + i\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow 1 \pm \text{Re}(C(\theta + i\varepsilon))$$



Ece Demirer, Yngwie Baron, *et al.*, Nature Comms. 2019

## Take home message

- Converging of spintronics and fs magnetism rapidly progressing – interplay of all-optical switching and optical spin currents
- First step towards integrated magneto-photonics



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