# Analytic and *ab initio* theory of magnetization dynamics

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- The Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation: a derivation from fundamental principles
- Relativistic field-derivative torque, inertia, and optical spin-orbit torque

$$T^{FDT} \propto M \times \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \qquad T^{inert} = M \times \left[ I \cdot \frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial t^2} \right] \qquad T^{OSOT} = -\frac{e^2}{2m^2 c^2 \varepsilon_0} M \times j_s$$

• *Ab initio* theory of SOTs & spin & orbital accumulation in Pt/3d-metal bilayers  $\tau = \pm 2\mu_{B}|B_{VG}||E||x^{S}|\mu = \tau$ 

$$\mathcal{T}_{e} = +2\mu_{B}|\boldsymbol{B}_{XC}||\boldsymbol{E}|\chi_{yx}^{s}\boldsymbol{u}_{x} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{T}_{e} = -2\mu_{B}|\boldsymbol{B}_{XC}||\boldsymbol{E}|\chi_{xx}^{s}\boldsymbol{u}_{y}$$
(FL SOT) (DL SOT)

Ab initio theory of field-induced spin & orbital Rashba-Edelstein effects in noncentrosymmetric CuMnAs and Mn<sub>2</sub>Au antiferromagnets



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Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation:

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} = -\gamma M \times H_{\text{eff}} + \alpha M \times \frac{\partial M}{\partial t}$$



Semi-empirical, dissipative, microscopic level, continuous description, long timescale ~ns

Torques added *ad hoc* 

Dirac-Kohn-Sham theory:

$$\mathcal{H} = c \,\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (\boldsymbol{p} - e\boldsymbol{A}) + (\beta - \mathcal{I}) \, mc^2 + V$$

Fundamental, Hermitian (non-dissipative), electronic level, quantized, short timescale ~atto-femto sec.

> Any relation between the equations?

Expressions for relativistic torques & Gilbert damping?

### Relativistic theory of Gilbert damping

M x dM/dt

-M x H<sub>eff</sub>

 $\mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{eff}}$ 

Origin of Gilbert damping:

Theories of damping

Kamberský, Can. J. Phys. **48**, 2906 (1970) Kamberský, Phys. Rev B **76**, 134416 (2007) Gilmore et al, PRL **99**, 027204 (2007) Brataas et al, PRL **101**, 037207 (2008) Ebert et al, PRL **107**, 066603 (2011) Fähnle & Illg, JPCM **23**, 493201 (2011) Hickey, Moodera, PRL **102**, 137601 (2009)  $\alpha M \times \frac{\partial M}{\partial t}$ 

### Spin-orbit coupling related

Breathing Fermi surface model Torque-torque correlation model

Scattering theory formulation Linear resp. theory, CPA Effective field theory Derivation from Pauli equation

Start from general Dirac-Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian



### Most general relativistic Hamiltonian

Dirac KS hamiltonian: 
$$H = c\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (\boldsymbol{p} - e\boldsymbol{A}) + (\beta - 1)mc^2 + V - \mu_B\beta \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}^{xc}$$
  
external E-M field  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = 1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ 

Foldy-Wouthuysen transformation with  $B^{xc}$ :

$$\begin{split} H_{\rm FW} &= \frac{(p-eA)^2}{2m} + V - \mu_B \,\sigma \cdot B^{\rm xc} - \mu_B \,\sigma \cdot B - \frac{(p-eA)^4}{8m^3c^2} - \frac{1}{8m^2c^2} (p^2V) - \frac{e\hbar^2}{8m^2c^2} \nabla \cdot E \\ &+ \frac{i}{4m^2c^2} \sigma \cdot (pV) \times (p-eA) - \frac{e\hbar}{8m^2c^2} \sigma \cdot \{E \times (p-eA) - (p-eA) \times E\} \\ &+ \frac{\mu_B}{8m^2c^2} \{ [p^2(\sigma \cdot B^{\rm xc})] + 2\sigma \cdot (pB^{\rm xc}) \cdot (p-eA) + 2(p \cdot B^{\rm xc}) \sigma \cdot (p-eA) + 4[B^{\rm xc} \cdot (p-eA)] \sigma \cdot (p-eA) \} \\ &+ \frac{i\mu_B}{4m^2c^2} [(p \times B^{\rm xc}) \cdot (p-eA)]. \end{split}$$

- $\blacktriangleright$  Relativistic correction to exchange field  $B_{eff}^{xc} \equiv B^{xc} + B_{corr}^{xc}$
- Full expression for SO with external E-M fields (new terms)

Gauge invariant and Hermitian Hamiltonian

Mondal, Berritta, PMO, Phys. Rev. B **94**, 144419 (2016) 6



### New terms in SO Hamiltonian

Relativistic Hamiltonian couples angular momentum of light j with electron spin  $\sigma$ 

$$\mathcal{H}_{SOC} = \frac{i}{4m^2c^2} \sigma \cdot (pV) \times (p - eA) - \frac{e\hbar}{8m^2c^2} \sigma \cdot \{E_{ext} \times (p - eA) - (p - eA) \times E_{ext}\}$$
Unusual coupling:  $\mathcal{H} = \frac{e^2\hbar}{4m^2c^2} \sigma \cdot (E \times A)$ 

$$j_s = -2E \times A \ (\epsilon_0 = 1)$$
Spin-photon ang. moment coupling  $\mathcal{H}_{light-spin}^{ext} = \frac{e^2}{2m^2c^2\epsilon_0} S \cdot j_s$ 
*Optical spin-orbit torque:*

$$B_{opt} \propto \frac{e^2}{2m^2c^2\mu_B\omega} E_0^2$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} \Big|_{light-spin}^{ext} = -\frac{e^2}{2m^2c^2\epsilon_0} M \times j_s$$
"inverse Faraday effect"
$$F_{apt} \sim 0.3 - 4 \text{ mT}$$

$$T = -\gamma M \times B_{opt}$$
Mondal, Berritta, Paillard et al, PRB **92**, 100402R (2015)

Mondal, Berritta, PMO, JPCM **29**, 194002 (2017)

### Equation of motion for spin dynamics

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With currents: Mondal, Berritta, PMO, PRB 98, 214429 (2018)



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Gilbert damping A for *harmonic* fields: 
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t}\Big|_{soc}^{ext} = M \times \left[A \cdot \frac{\partial M}{\partial t}\right]$$

$$A_{ij} = -\frac{e\mu_0}{8m^2c^2} \sum_{n,k} \left[ \langle r_i p_k + p_k r_i \rangle - \langle r_n p_n + p_n r_n \rangle \delta_{ik} \right] (1 + \chi^{-1})_{kj}$$
Electronic damping Spin-spin corr.\*
$$\langle r_{\alpha} p_{\beta} \rangle = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \sum_{n,n',k} \frac{f(E_{nk}) - f(E_{n'k})}{E_{nk} - E_{n'k}} p_{nn'}^{\alpha} p_{n'n}^{\beta}$$
\*Garate & MacDonald, PRB **79**, 064403 (2009)

Damping for *general time*-dependent magn. fields:

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} = -\gamma_0 M \times H_{\text{eff}} + M \times \left[ \bar{A} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

> New expression for spin dynamics in presence of time-dep. fields

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### Field-derivative torque



Mondal, Donges, Ritzmann, PMO, Nowak, PRB 100, 060409R (2019)



### Origin of **inertial** spin dynamics?

#### Inertial dynamics:

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{M}}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{M} \times \left( -\gamma_0 \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{M}}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{M}}{\partial t^2} \right)$$



#### Earlier work:

Kimel et al, Nat. Phys. **5**, 727 (2009) Ciornei et al, PRB **83**, 020410R (2011) Fähnle et al, PRB **84**, 172403 (2011) Bhattacharjee et al, PRL **108**, 057204 (2012) Böttcher & Henk, PRB **86**, 020404 (2012)

#### Can inertial dynamics (nutation) be a higher order relativistic effect?

FW transformation for all terms up to order 1/c<sup>4</sup> (higher order terms in SO Ham.)

Mondal, Berritta, Nandy, PMO, PRB **96**, 024425 (2017) Mondal, Berritta, PMO, JPCM **30**, 265801 (2018)

### Recent observation of inertial dynamics



Kerr amplitude of magn. dynamics

Neeraj et al, Nat. Phys. 17, 245 (2021)

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### Size of *intrinsic* inertia



> Inertial dynamics important at *short time scales* (1 fs - 1 ps)

> Offers options for THz spin dynamics

#### Recent theories

Bajpai, Nikolic, PRB **99**, 134409 (2019) Makhfudz, Olive, Nicolis, APL **117**, 132403 (2020) Cherkasskii et al, PRB **102**, 184432 (2020) Titov et al, PRB **103**, 144433 (2021) Mondal et al, PRB **103**, 104404 (2021) Thibaudeau, Nicolis, arXiv 2103.04787  $\bar{\tau} = 746 \pm 46$  fs

for 3 different Co films

Unikandanunni et al, arXiv 2109.03076

Perhaps consistent with relativistic theory

### II. Spin-orbit torque - Magnetization switching with SHE



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Miron et al, Nature **476**, 189 (2011) Liu et al, Science **336**, 555 (2012) Switching due to large SHE of heavy metals (Pt, W, Ta) and interfacial effect

Sinova, Valenzuela, Wunderlich, Back, Jungwirth, Rev.Mod.Phys. **87**, 1213 (2015)

FM

NM

FM

HM

Manchon et al, Rev.Mod.Phys. **91**, 035004 (2019)



### Origin of SOT: charge-to-spin conversion

Spin Hall effect



Transport

$$J_x^{s_z} = \sigma_{xy}^{S_z} \cdot E_y$$

Dyakonov & Perel, JETP Lett.**13**, 467 (1971) Hirsch, PRL **83**, 1834 (1999) Infinite bulk crystal Inverse spingalvanic effect, Rashba-Edelstein effect



Local

$$\delta S_x^{ind} = \chi_{xy} \cdot E_y$$

Edelstein, Solid State Commun. **73**, 233 (1990)

(Rashba SOC + 2D)



Rashba-Edelstein effect

$$M_i^{ind} = \chi_{ij} \cdot E_j$$
 magneto-electric effect, possible for inversion symm. breaking

> <u>SHE:</u> Guo, Yao, and Niu, PRL **94**, 226601 (2005) <u>OHE</u>: Tanaka et al, Phys. Rev. B **77**, 165117 (2008) Jo, Go, and Lee, PRB **98**, 214405 (2018)

(Relativistic WIEN2k)

### SOTs at symmetry broken interface Pt/3d FM



#### Early work:

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> Haney, Lee, Lee, Manchon, Stiles, PRB **88**, 214417 (2013) Freimuth, Blügel, Mokrousov, PRB **90**, 174423 (2014)



### Results Pt/3d-bilayers – induced spin polarization



$$\delta S_y$$

- Typical transverse spin accumulation (stationary state)
- Modified at the interface

✤ M, t-even effect

### $\delta S_x$

- Very local response at interface, along E<sub>x</sub>
- Only exists for magn. material (M, t-odd)
- Same size as transv.

"Magnetic SHE"

Kimata et al, Nature **565**, 627 (2019)

Salemi, Berritta, PMO, PRMat. 5, 074407 (2021)



### Results Pt/3d-bilayers – orbital polarization & current



- $\delta L_y$
- Huge OHE
- Orb. accumulation profile quite different from spin
- Enlarged at the interface
- ✤ M, t-even effect



- Local response at interface, along E<sub>x</sub>
- Only exists for magn. material (M, t-odd)
- Smaller than transv.
  - "Magnetic OHE"

OHE and transv. orbital polarization not due to SOC

Salemi, Berritta, PMO, PRMat. 5, 074407 (2021)

### Current-induced SOT switching in AFMs



Proposed mechanism: staggered SO torque\*

$$dM_{
m A,B}/dt \sim M_{
m A,B} imes p_{
m A,B}$$
 $p_{
m A} = -p_{
m B} ~~(p^{ind} \perp j)$ 
due to  $M_i^{ind} = \chi_{ij} \cdot E_j$ 

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> \*Zelezny et al, PRL **113**, 157201 (2014) Zelezny et al, PRB **95**, 014403 (2017)



Bodnar et al, Nat. Commun. **9**, 348 (2018) 20



#### Results for CuMnAs



Dominant staggered induced *orb*. polarization (40 x larger) – not due to SOC
 Frequency dependent and *non-staggered* χ elements also present



### Mn<sub>2</sub>Au – moments in basal plane



Salemi, Beritta, Nandy, PMO, Nat. Commun. 10, 5381 (2019)



### Possible recent observation

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https://doi.org/10.1038/s41563-021-00946-z

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## **Observation of the antiferromagnetic spin Hall effect**

Xianzhe Chen<sup>1,9</sup>, Shuyuan Shi<sup>2,9</sup>, Guoyi Shi<sup>2,3,9</sup>, Xiaolong Fan<sup>4</sup>, Cheng Song<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup><sup>20</sup>, Xiaofeng Zhou<sup>1</sup>, Hua Bai<sup>1</sup>, Liyang Liao<sup>1</sup>, Yongjian Zhou<sup>1</sup>, Hanwen Zhang<sup>4</sup>, Ang Li<sup>5</sup>, Yanhui Chen<sup>5</sup>, Xiaodong Han<sup>5</sup>, Shan Jiang<sup>6</sup>, Zengwei Zhu<sup>6</sup><sup>6</sup>, Huaqiang Wu<sup>7</sup>, Xiangrong Wang<sup>8</sup>, Desheng Xue<sup>4</sup>, Hyunsoo Yang<sup>2,3 ×</sup> and Feng Pan<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>

Nat. Mater. 20, 800 (2021)

- Non-staggered element zx that gives an induced spin polarization in z-direction for a charge current in x-direction
- Can be used for so-called field free switching



Mn<sub>2</sub>Au

Unusual spin polarization normal to layer; <u>not</u> normal SHE



Can switch the magnetization of Co/Pd layer



### Summarizing ...

- LLG can be derived from and is consistent with Dirac-Kohn-Sham theory
- New relativistic SOT: optical SOT, field-derivative torque for time-dep. fields
- Intrinsic inertial torque can be due to relativistic effects
- Additional torques important and can extend LLG to shorter time scales
- Orbital Rashba-Edelstein effect huge (much larger than SREE) AFMs
- OREE staggered, not due to SOC, in symm.-broken AFMs
- SREE: large non-staggered elements
- Magn. SHE/OHE with induced spin/orbital pol. along E-field in Pt/3d layers
- Orbital accumulation *different* from spin accumulation
- Both  $\delta S_x$  and  $\delta S_y$  terms relevant for torques (dep. on magn. direction)