# Electron transport and magnetization dynamics in metallic ferromagnets

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# **Ferromagnetic metal**



- Magnetization  $M(=\frac{g\mu_B}{a^3}S)$  (Localized spin S) d electron
- Finite electric conductivity Itinerant s electron
- sd interaction
   Between conduction electron spin s and localized spin

$$H_{
m sd} = -J_{
m sd} oldsymbol{S} \cdot oldsymbol{s}$$

Strong  $\Rightarrow$  Electron spin follows **S** perfectly Adiabatic limit

# Ferromagnetic metal under electric current

- Uniform magnetization  $\Rightarrow$  No new feature
- Non uniform magnetization  $\Rightarrow$  Non-trivial transport



- Today's subjects
  - Rotation of conduction electron spin

Spin Berry's phase

 $\Rightarrow$  Spin electromagnetic field

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Rotation of magnetization

Spin-transfer torque

 $\Rightarrow$  Magnetization dynamics

# Spin electromagnetic field

Volovik'87, Stern'92, Barnes&Maekawa'07



 $\varphi = \int d\boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{s}}$ 

Adiabatic limit

- Electron spin rotation
- $\Rightarrow$  Phase  $e^{i\varphi}$

$$\varphi = \int_{C} d\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{s}}$$

• Spin electric field (dynamics)

$$\dot{\phi} = -\int_{C} d\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\mathrm{s}}$$

• Faraday's law is satisfied

$$abla imes oldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}_{ ext{s}} = -rac{\partial oldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}_{ ext{s}}}{\partial t}$$

Electromagnetic field coupled to spin

# Phase induced by localized spin

## • Strong *sd* exchange interaction

- Electron spin  $\parallel$  localized spin
- Electron wave function

$$| heta \phi 
angle = \cos rac{ heta}{2} | \uparrow 
angle + e^{i \phi} \sin rac{ heta}{2} | \downarrow 
angle$$

• Overlap

$$\langle heta' \phi' | heta \phi 
angle = 1 + rac{i}{2} (1 - \cos heta) \delta \phi \equiv e^{i arphi}$$

• Effective vector potential  $\ \ \, \phi = d {m r} \cdot {m A}_{
m s}$ 

$$oldsymbol{A}_{
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# Phase induced by localized spin

• Effective vector potential induced by *sd* interaction

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• Gauge interaction

$$H_A = \int d^3 r {m A}_{
m s} \cdot {m j}_{
m s}$$
  ${m j}_{
m s} (= P {m j})$ : Spin current (*P*: Spin polarization)

- Two effects
  - Current-induced torque on magnetization Spin-transfer torque

$$\mathbf{B}_{\rm eff} = \frac{\delta H_A}{\delta \mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{S} \times (\mathbf{j}_{\rm s} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{S} \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\mathbf{S}}{\mathbf{S}} = (\mathbf{j}_{\rm s} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{S} \right]$$

• Spin motive force on electron Effective electromagnetic fields

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{E}_{\mathrm{s}} &= -\nabla \boldsymbol{A}_{\mathrm{s},0} + \boldsymbol{\partial}_{t} \boldsymbol{A}_{\mathrm{s}} = -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_{i} \boldsymbol{n}) \\ \boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{s}} &= \nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}_{\mathrm{s}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{jk} \epsilon_{ijk} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\nabla_{j} \boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_{k} \boldsymbol{n}) \end{aligned}$$

 $\dot{\boldsymbol{S}} = (\boldsymbol{j}_{\mathrm{s}} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{S}$ 

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## Domain wall dynamics under current



- • $eta \lesssim lpha$  Intrinsic pinning
  - Threshold current

$$j_{\rm c} = rac{eS^2}{\hbar a^3 P} K_{\perp} \lambda$$

Stable operation





- $ulleteta \gtrsim lpha$  Extrinsic pinning
  - Threshold current

$$j_{\rm c} \propto \frac{V_{\rm pin}}{\beta}$$

• Strong spin-orbit interaction for low  $j_c$  large  $\beta$ 



Domain wall MRAM (NEC)

# **Current-induced torque**

• Non-equilibrium conduction electron spin polarization  $\delta s$ 

 $oldsymbol{ au} = J_{sd} \delta oldsymbol{s} imes oldsymbol{S}$ 



**E**, 
$$\textbf{\textit{j}} \Rightarrow \delta \textbf{\textit{s}} \Rightarrow au$$

• Calculation of non-equilibrium spin density





## Thermally-induced torque

$$\nabla T \Rightarrow \delta s \Rightarrow \tau$$

- Luttinger's 'gravitaional potential' Ψ
- Equilibrium torque needs to be carefully subtracted *Kohno.Hatami.Bauer'14*

$$egin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{T}} = \int d^{3}r \mathcal{E} \Psi \ & \mathcal{E}: ext{Energy density} \ & \mathcal{\nabla} \Psi \sim rac{
abla T}{T} \end{aligned}$$

• Vector potential formulation of thermal effect (?)

$$H_{T} = \int d^{3}r \mathbf{A}_{T} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\mathcal{E}}$$
$$\mathbf{j}_{\mathcal{E}} : \text{Energy current}$$
$$\mathbf{\dot{A}}_{T} \sim \frac{\nabla T}{T}$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{S}} = -\int d^3 r \frac{1}{T} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{j}_{\mathcal{E}}$$
  
Entropy change

# **Recent topics : Interface effects**

• Rashba spin-orbit interaction Inversion symmetry broken

$$H_{
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abla imes oldsymbol{\sigma})$$

 $\textbf{\textit{E}}_{R}:$  Rashba field

• Large force on domain wall  $\Rightarrow$  Efficient motion

Obata&GT'08, Manchon&Zhang'09

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• Spin Hall torque Emori'13





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• Synthetic antiferromagnetic system Coupled two domain walls

Coupled two domain walls Saarikoski,Kohno,Marrows,GT'14



• Interlayer coupling removes random extrinsic pinning Two walls help each other to depin

Fast wall motion at low current by artificial structures

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Magnetic memory (MRAM)

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• Spin magnetic field

$$\boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{s},i} = \frac{\hbar}{4e} \sum_{jk} \epsilon_{ijk} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\nabla_j \boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_k \boldsymbol{n})$$



• Spin electric field

- Chirality (non-coplanarity)
- Frustrated magnets, Magnetic skyrmion  $\sim 0.8 \text{ T}$  for 30 nm size

$$m{E}_{\mathrm{s},i} = -rac{\hbar}{2e}m{n}\cdot(m{n} imes
abla_im{n})$$



- Non-coplanarity in space-time
- Moving structures  $E_{\rm s} \propto v$ Domain wall, vortex, skyrmion  $\sim 0.1$  V/m for 10 nm DW @ v = 4 m/s

## Current generation from magnetization dynamics



## Monopole in adiabatic spin Berry's phase

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{E}_{\mathrm{s}} &= -\frac{\hbar}{2e} \left[ \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\dot{n}} \times \nabla_{i} \boldsymbol{n}) \right] \\ \boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{s}} &= \frac{\hbar}{4e} \epsilon_{ijk} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\nabla_{j} \boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_{k} \boldsymbol{n}) \end{aligned}$$

## • Satisfy Maxwell's equations with monopole

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E}_{s} + \partial_{t}\boldsymbol{B}_{s} = \boldsymbol{j}_{m}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{s} = \rho_{m}$$
$$\boldsymbol{j}_{m} = \frac{\hbar}{4e} \sum_{jk} \boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\nabla_{j}\boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_{k}\boldsymbol{n})$$
$$\rho_{m} = \frac{\hbar}{4e} \sum_{ijk} \nabla_{i}\boldsymbol{n} \cdot (\nabla_{j}\boldsymbol{n} \times \nabla_{k}\boldsymbol{n})$$



Topological monopole (Hedgehog)

# **Coupling to electromagnetic fields**

Effective interaction Hamiltonian

Kawaguchi, GT'14

$$H_{\rm int} = \frac{e^2}{m} \int d^3r \left( 2s_{\rm e} \tau \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{A}_{\rm s} + 2s_{\rm e} \tau^2 \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}_{\rm s} + b \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{\rm s} \right)$$

- $\tau :$  Electron elastic lifetime
- $\mathbf{A}_{s}$  is physical field Large *sd* splitting
- First term : Spin-transfer effect
- $B \Rightarrow B_{\rm s}$  : Frustration



Electromagnetic excitation of spin electromagnetic fields (?)

Current generation from magnetization dynamics

• Spin Berry's phase

Gradient of spin  $\nabla \textbf{\textit{S}} \Rightarrow$  Effective gauge field,  $\textbf{\textit{E}}_{s}\text{, }\textbf{\textit{B}}_{s}$ 



• Spin-orbit interaction

$$H_{
m so} = oldsymbol{\lambda} \cdot (oldsymbol{p} imes oldsymbol{\sigma})$$

- Directly couples spin and electron motion
- Current generation ?
- Modification of spin Berry's phase ?

Kim'12, Takeuchi'12, Nakabayashi'14, Takashima, Fujimoto'14

# Charge current pumped by magnetization



•  $\dot{M} \Rightarrow \dot{j}_{s} \Rightarrow s \Rightarrow \dot{j}$ 

- Spin-orbit in heavy metal
- $\dot{M} \Rightarrow \dot{J}_{\rm s} \Rightarrow \dot{J}$
- 4µV @ mW microwave

# Spin pumping and inverse spin Hall effects

# • Spin pumping

$$j_{
m s}=g_{\updownarrow}\,{
m tanh}\,rac{d}{2\lambda_s}\left\langle m{S} imes \dot{m{S}}
ight
angle$$

 $g_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ : Mixing conductance Spin flip at interface

• Inverse spin Hall

$$V = 
ho_{
m n} \theta_{
m SHE} j_{
m s}$$

 $\theta_{\rm SHE}$  : Spin Hall angle Spin-orbit interaction

• 
$$V = \theta_{\text{SHE}} \rho_{\text{n}} g_{\uparrow} \tanh \frac{d}{2\lambda_s} \langle \boldsymbol{S} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{S}} \rangle$$

• Useful but incomplete description

- Two phenomenological parameters  $heta_{
  m SHE}$ ,  $g_{\uparrow}$
- Spin current is not defined uniquely Not conserved current
- $j \neq \theta_{SHE} j_s$  in a simple theoretical model Takeuchi,GT'10



# Spin pumping and inverse spin Hall effects



• Feynman diagram



• Calculate current and motive force



$$egin{aligned} & H_A = \int dm{r} m{j}_{
m s} \cdot m{A}_{
m s} \ & m{j}_{
m s} : \ {
m Spin \ current} \ & m{A}_{
m s} & \sim m{\dot{M}}, m{
abla} m{M} : \ {
m Spin \ gauge \ field} \end{aligned}$$

• Conventional picture



# Simple view of charge pumping

Takeuchi'12, GT PRB'13, Nakabayashi New J Phys'14

## Model



- *sd* interaction *n*: Magnetization
- Rashba & Random Spin-orbit interaction

$$H = \left(-rac{\hbar^2}{2m} 
abla^2 - \epsilon_F
ight) + \Delta_{
m sd} \left(oldsymbol{n} \cdot oldsymbol{\sigma}
ight) + oldsymbol{lpha}_{
m R} \cdot \left(oldsymbol{p} imes oldsymbol{\sigma}
ight) + 
m spin$$
 relaxation

• Diagram calculation



- Force  $\boldsymbol{F} \equiv \frac{m}{en} \left\langle \frac{d\boldsymbol{j}}{dt} \right\rangle$
- Pumped current **j** with Hall contribution

## Rashba-induced spin electromagnetic field

GT'13, Nakabayashi&GT, New J Phys.'14

#### Result

$$\boldsymbol{j} = \frac{1}{\mu_{\rm s}} \nabla \times \boldsymbol{B}_{\rm R} + \sigma_{\rm s} \boldsymbol{E}_{\rm R}$$
$$\boldsymbol{F} = \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{s}} \boldsymbol{E}_{\rm R} + \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{s}} (\boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}_{\rm R})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{E}_{\mathrm{R}} &= -\frac{m}{e\hbar} [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\mathrm{R}} \times (\boldsymbol{\dot{n}} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathrm{R}} (\boldsymbol{n} \times \boldsymbol{\dot{n}}))] \\ \boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{R}} &= \frac{m}{e\hbar} [\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times (\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\mathrm{R}} \times \boldsymbol{n})] \end{aligned}$$



Linear order in  $lpha_{
m R}$ 

 $\beta_{\mathrm{R}}$  : spin relaxation rate

*E*<sub>R</sub> & *B*<sub>R</sub> : Effective spin electromagnetic fields

 *E*<sub>R</sub> ~ 2kV/m, *B*<sub>R</sub> ~ 0.2kT
 Not charge electromagnetic fields

 Arise from Rashba interaction and spin dynamics

 Generalized spin Berry's phase

# Effective spin electromagnetic field

• 'Maxwell's equations'

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{\textit{E}}_{\mathrm{R}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\textit{B}}}_{\mathrm{R}} &= \boldsymbol{\textit{j}}_{\mathrm{m}} \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\textit{B}}_{\mathrm{R}} &= \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\textit{E}}_{\mathrm{R}} &= -\frac{\rho_{\mathrm{s}}}{\epsilon_{\mathrm{s}}} \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{\textit{B}}_{\mathrm{R}} - \epsilon_{\mathrm{s}} \mu_{\mathrm{s}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\textit{E}}}_{\mathrm{R}} &= \mu_{\mathrm{s}} \boldsymbol{\textit{j}} \end{split}$$

•  $\mathbf{j}_{\mathrm{m}} = \beta_{\mathrm{R}} \nabla \times (\mathbf{\alpha}_{\mathrm{R}} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \dot{\mathbf{n}}))$  Monopole current

Monopole induced by magnetization dynamics and spin relaxation

 $j_{\rm m}$  is not spin current

# Effective spin electromagnetic field

## • Current pumping by magnetization dynamics in Rashba system

$$oldsymbol{
abla} imes oldsymbol{E}_{
m R} = oldsymbol{j}_{
m m}$$
  
 $oldsymbol{j}_{
m m} = eta_{
m R} 
abla imes (oldsymbol{lpha}_{
m R} imes (oldsymbol{n} imes \dot{oldsymbol{n}}))$ 



- $\dot{\pmb{M}} 
  ightarrow$  Monopole current  $\pmb{j}_{
  m m} \Rightarrow \pmb{j}$
- Effective electromagnetic fields satisfying Maxwell's eq. + monopole
- Spin current is not necessary

Electromagnetic description of spintronics

Spintronics without spin current (?!)

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# Summary

- sd exchange interaction in ferromagnetic metals
- Effective vector potential for spin
  - Current-induced torque, Spin dynamics
  - Spin Berry's phase
  - Spin-orbit effects
    - Novel driving mechanism of magnetization structures
      - Spin relaxation torque  $(\beta)$
      - Rashba spin-orbit interaction Interface, Multilayers
    - Modification of spin Berry's phase Spin electromagnetic field
      - Spin-charge conversion
      - current generation by spin relaxation monopole  $-\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{\textbf{\textit{E}}}_{R}=\boldsymbol{\textbf{\textit{j}}}_{m}$

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