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Interfacial Spin and Heat Transfer between Metals and Magnetic Insulators

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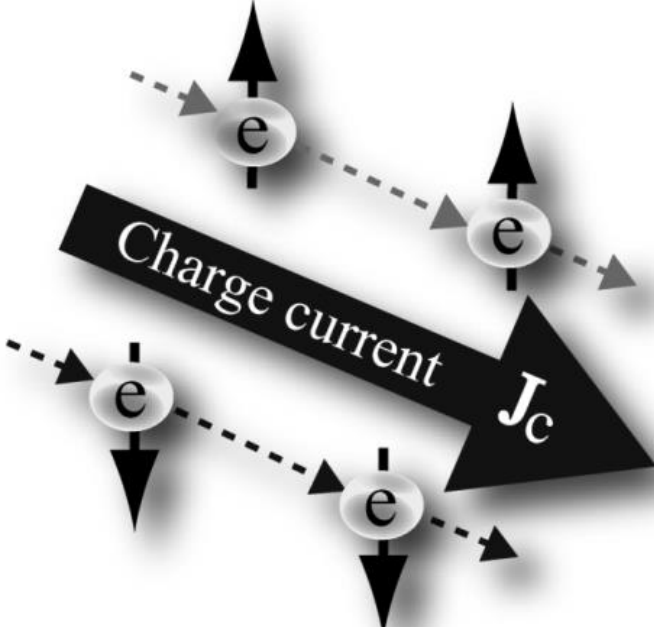
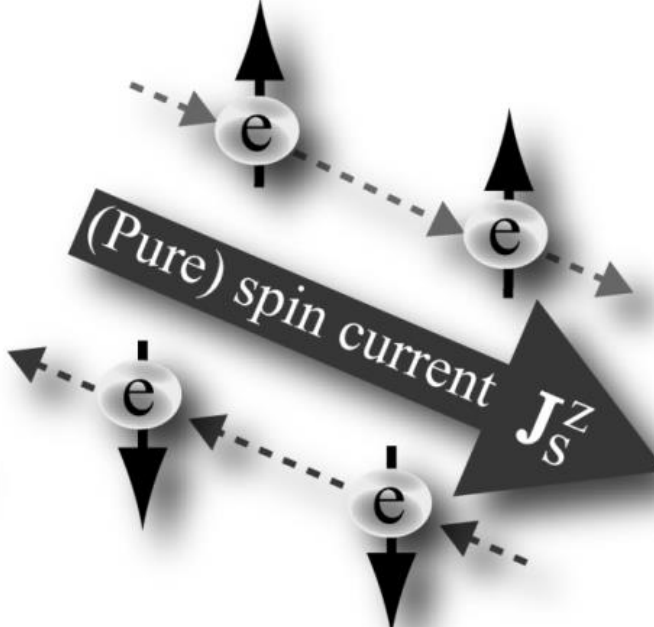
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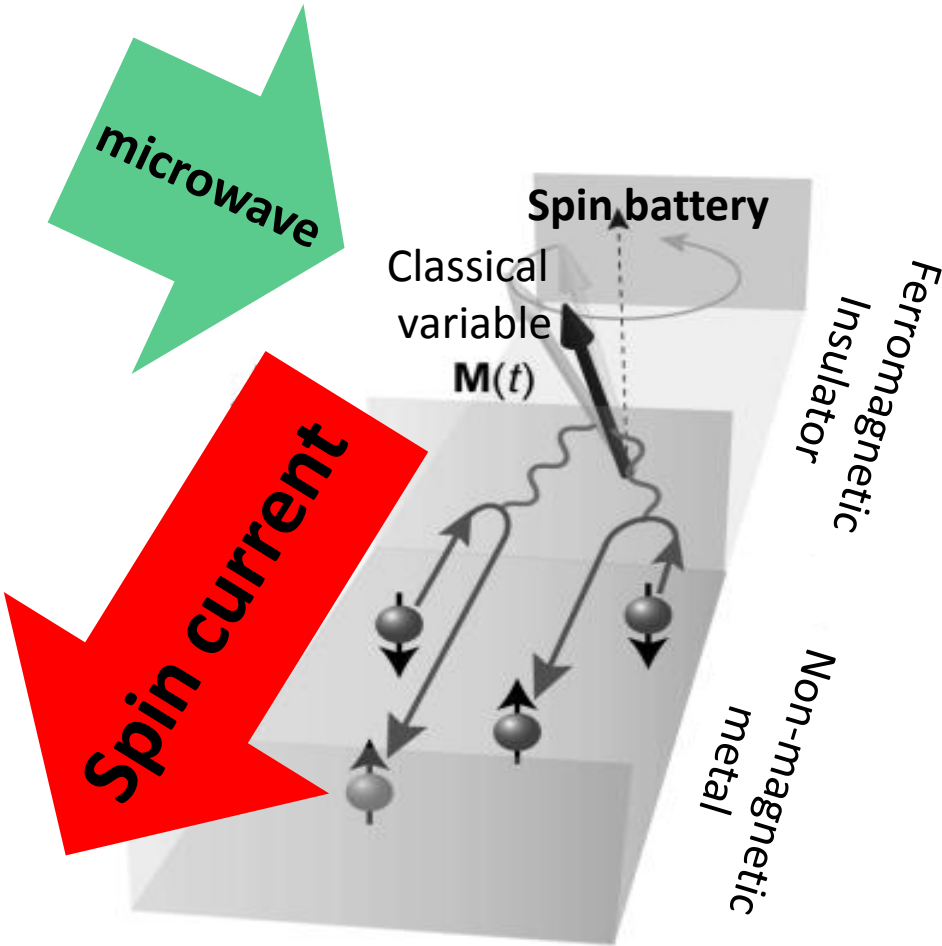
BACKGROUND

Spin Current

| Charge current | Spin current |
|---|---|
| $J_c := \sum_{\sigma} J^{\sigma} = J^{\uparrow} + J^{\downarrow}$ | $J_S^Z := \sum_{\sigma} \sigma J^{\sigma} = J^{\uparrow} - J^{\downarrow}$ |
|  <p>The diagram illustrates charge current. It shows four electrons, represented by spheres with 'e' and spin arrows. The top two electrons have upward-pointing spin arrows, and the bottom two have downward-pointing spin arrows. Dashed arrows indicate the direction of electron movement from top-left to bottom-right. A large black arrow labeled J_c points to the right, representing the net charge current. A label 'Charge current' is written above the arrow.</p> |  <p>The diagram illustrates spin current. It shows four electrons, represented by spheres with 'e' and spin arrows. The top two electrons have upward-pointing spin arrows, and the bottom two have downward-pointing spin arrows. Dashed arrows indicate the direction of electron movement from top-left to bottom-right. A large black arrow labeled J_S^Z points to the right, representing the net spin current. A label '(Pure) spin current' is written above the arrow.</p> |

Spin Pumping

A standard (experimentally established) way to generate spin current

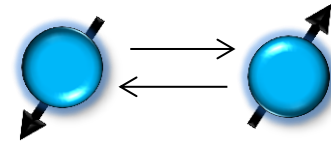


$M(t)$: LLG Eq.

Points

✓ **The exchange interaction**
The key to spin pumping.

✓ **Interface;**
Spin-flip



✓ **Ferromagnet (resonance, i.e. FMR)**
→ **Spin battery.**

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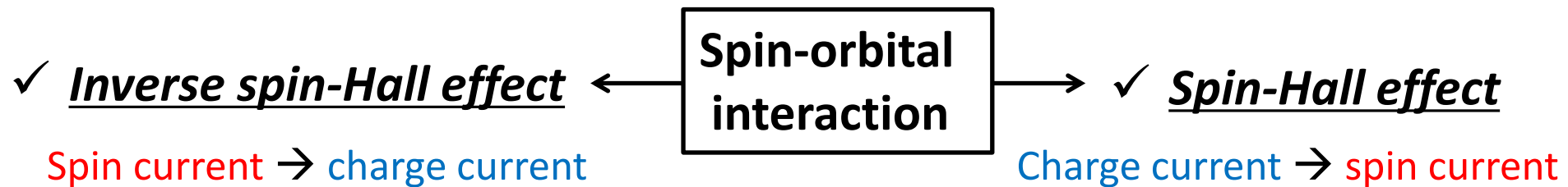
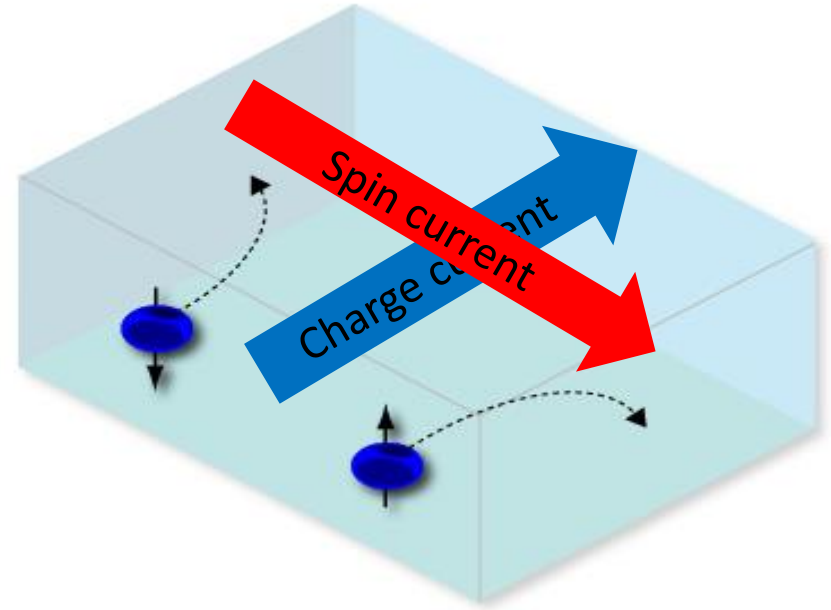
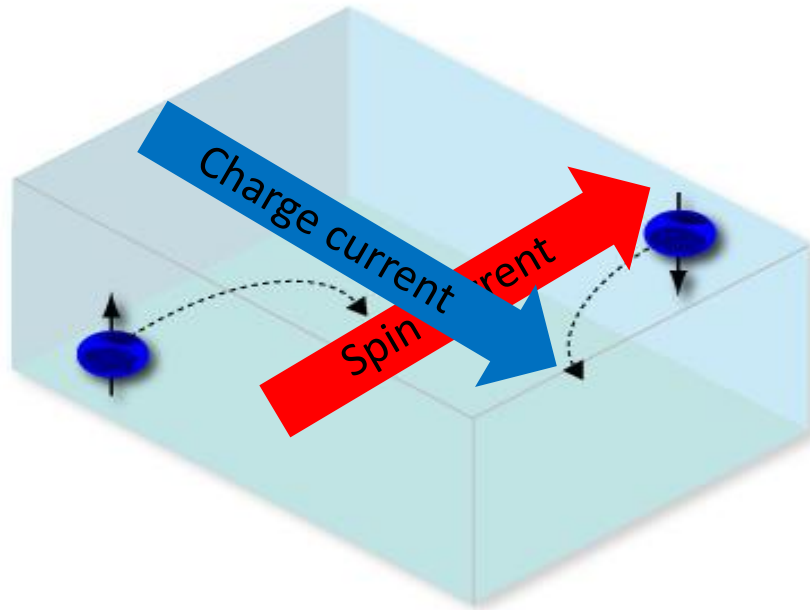
✓ **Microwaves (quantum fluctuations);**

Driving force and resonance

→ Out of equilibrium.

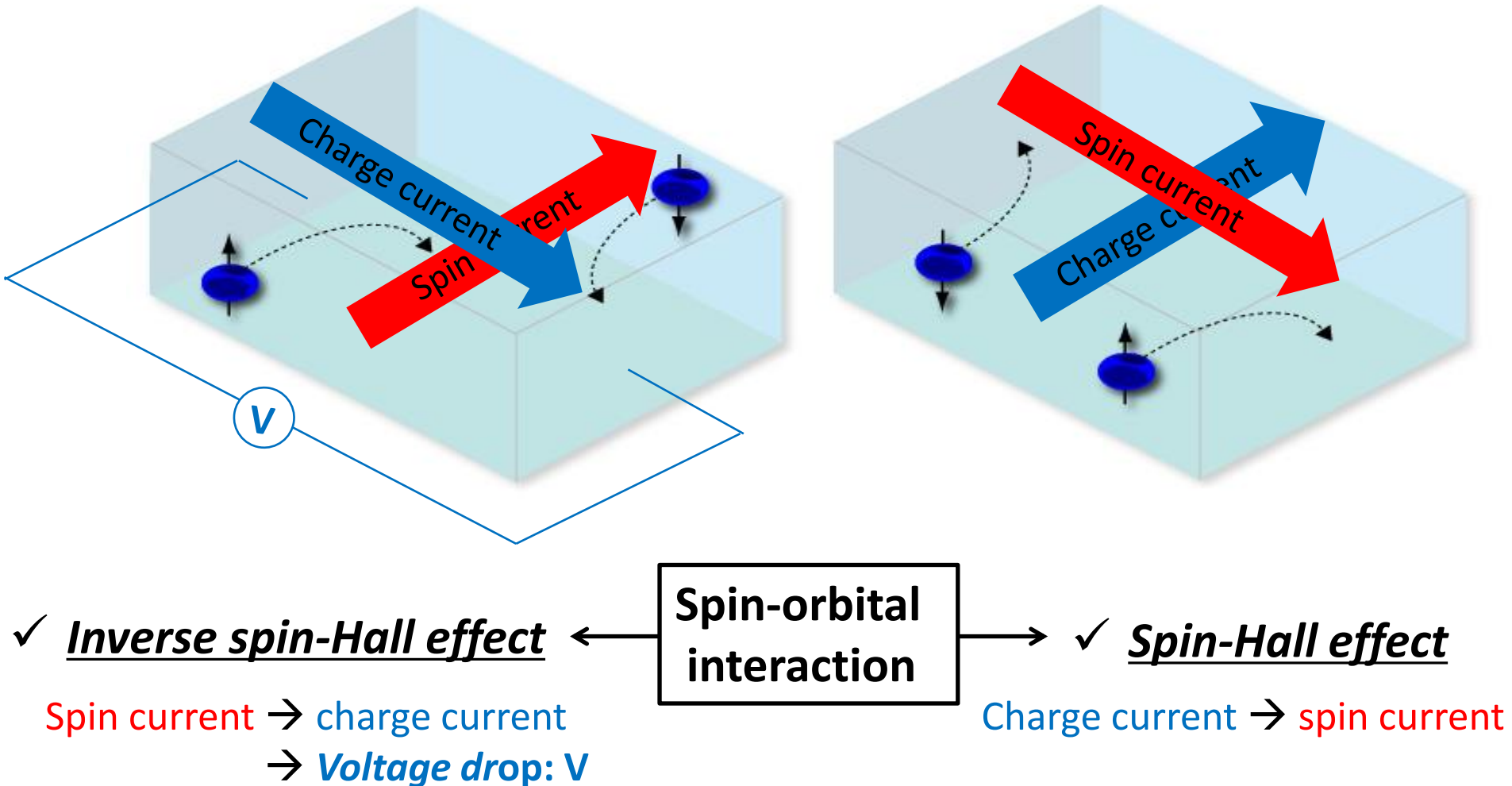
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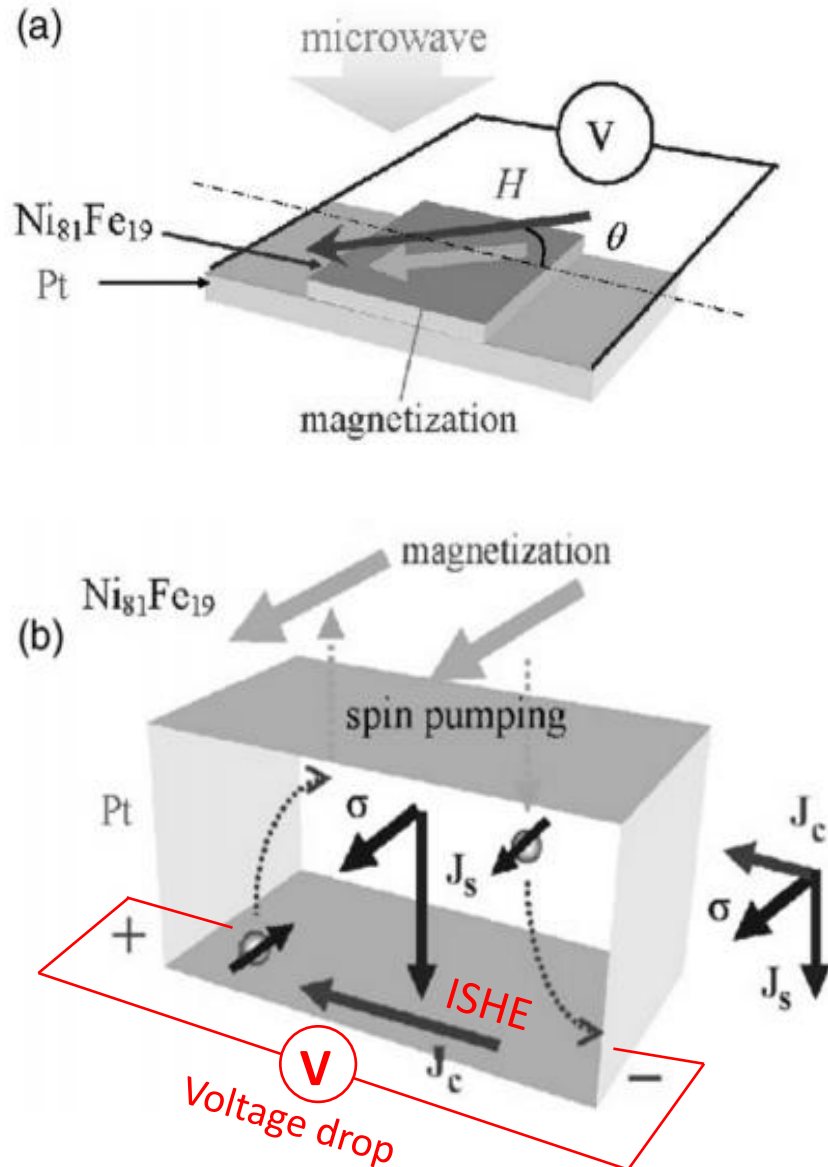
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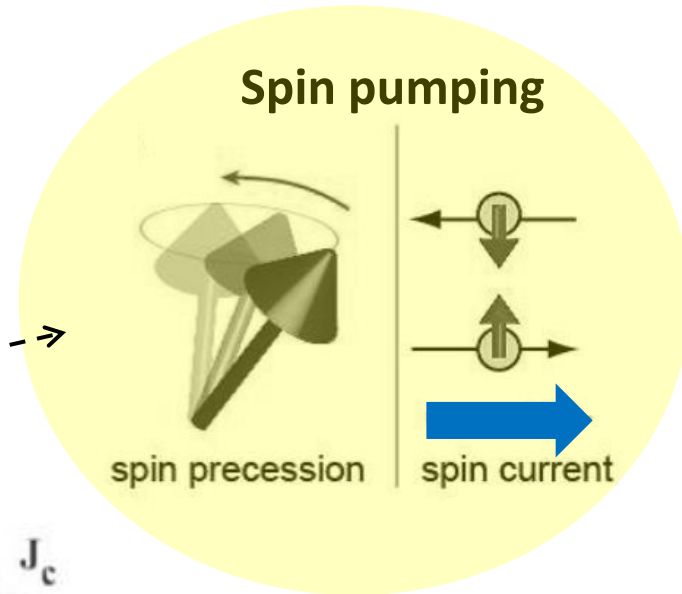
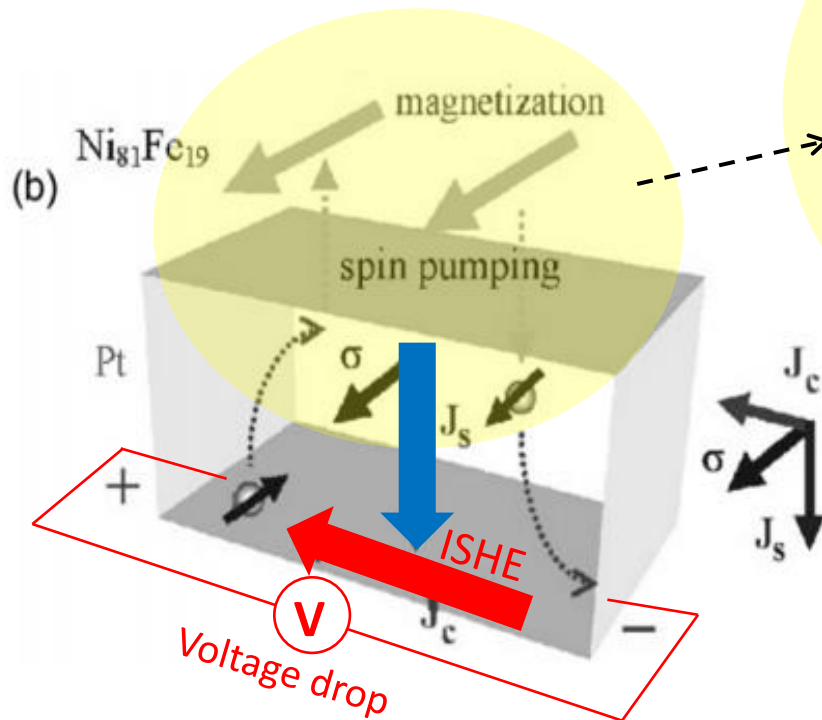
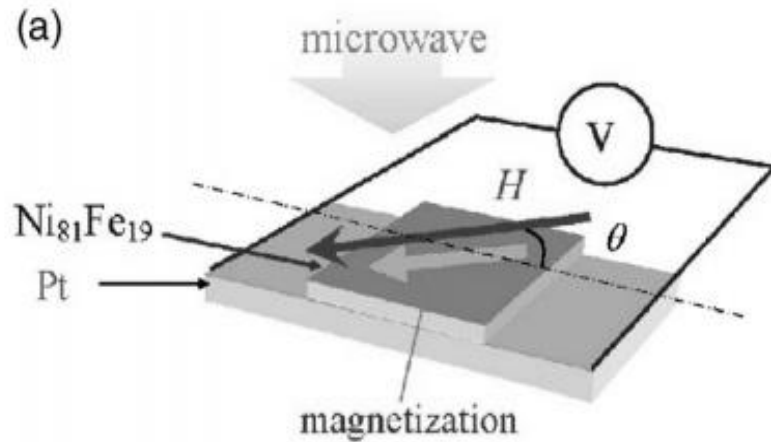
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THEIR WORK

“Interfacial Spin Transfer between Metals/Magnetic Insulators”

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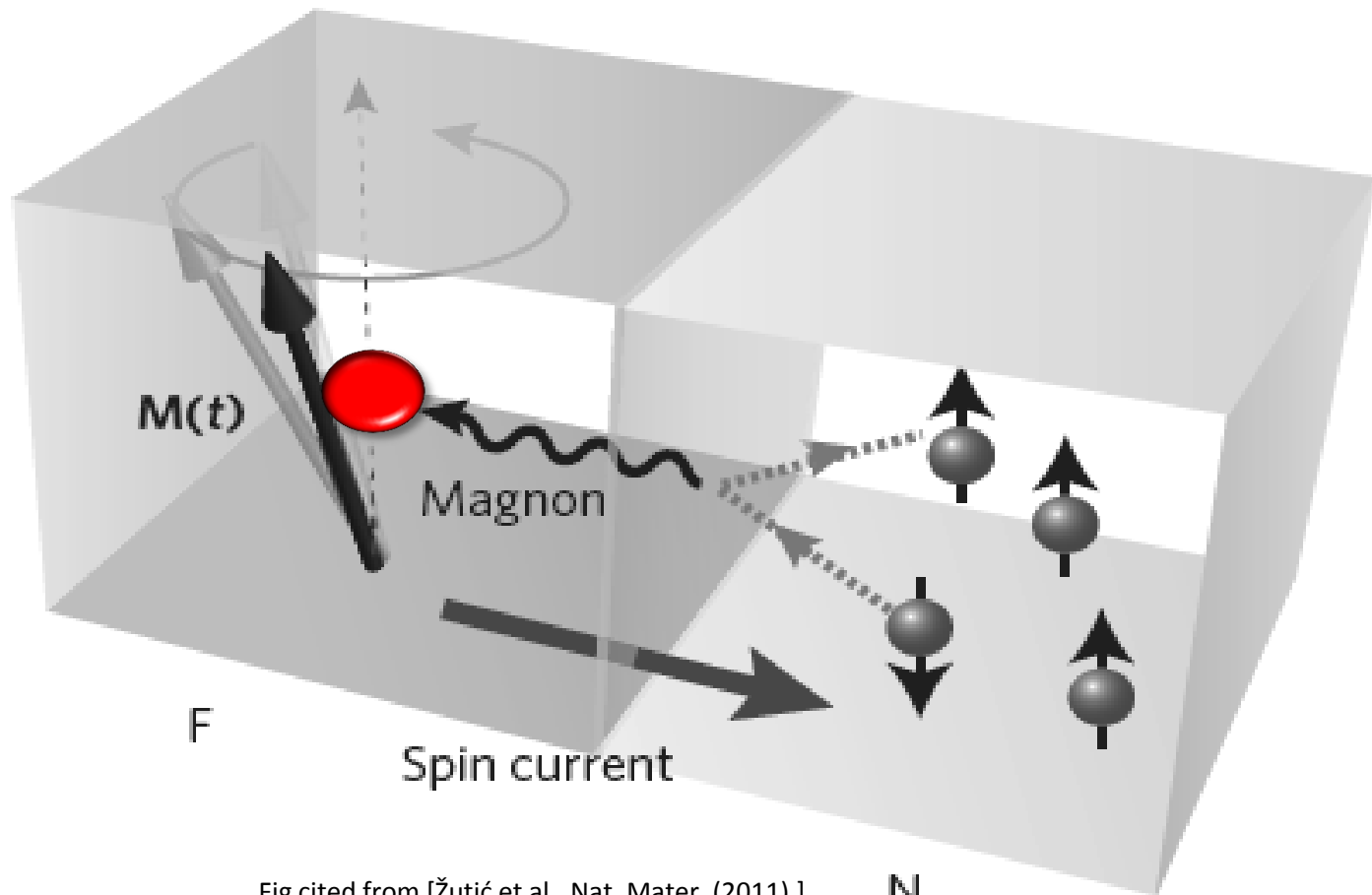
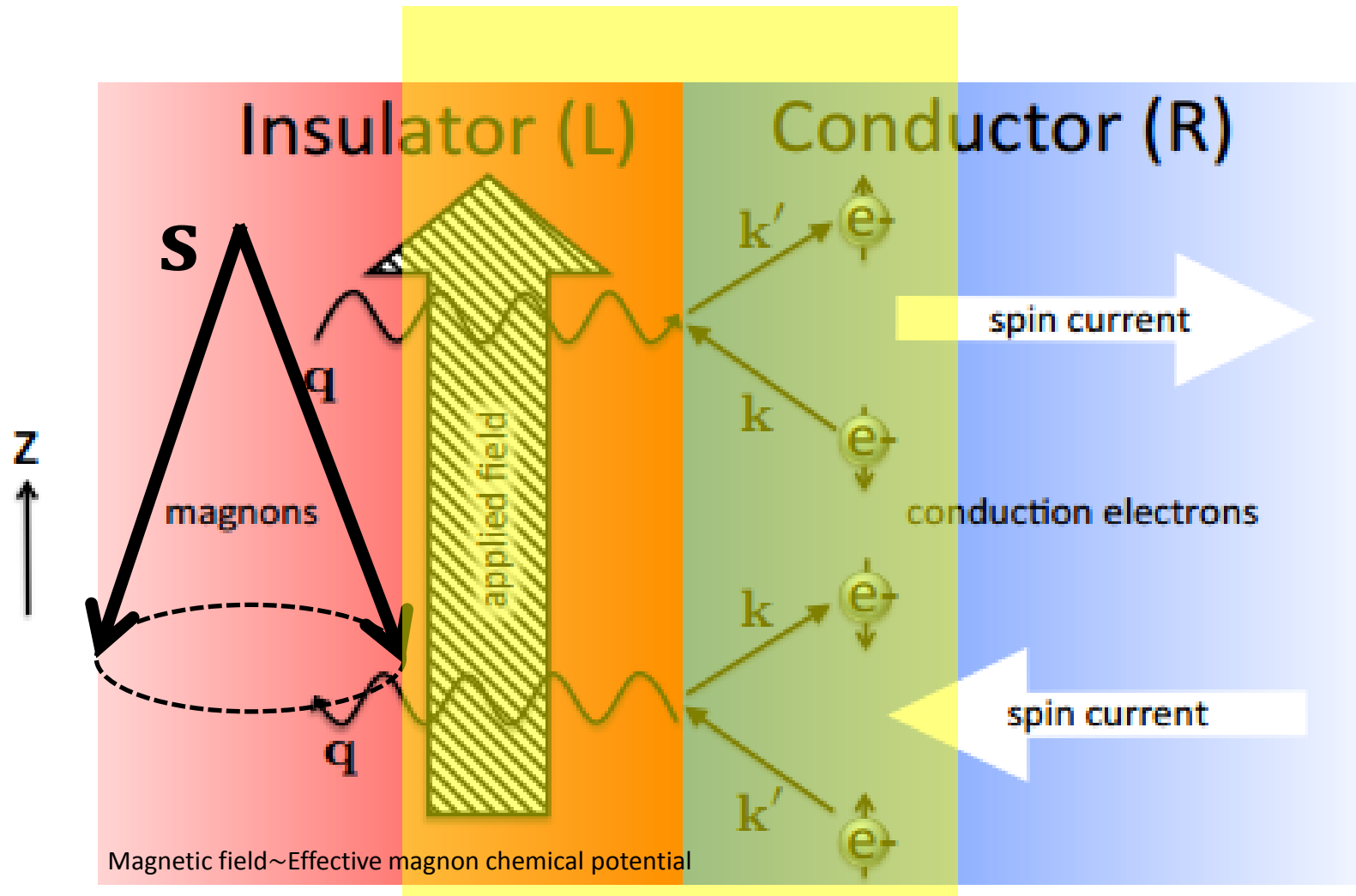


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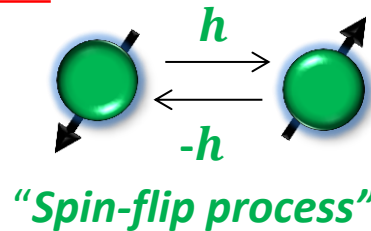
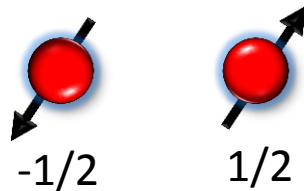
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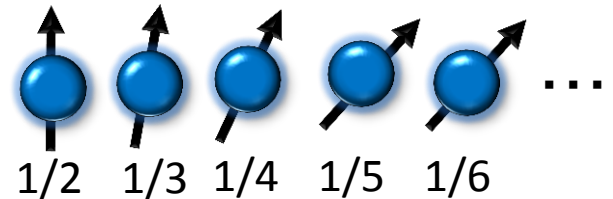
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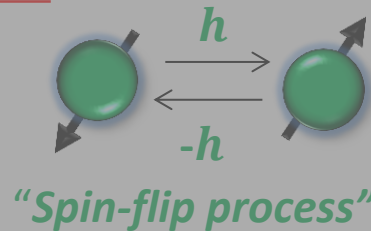
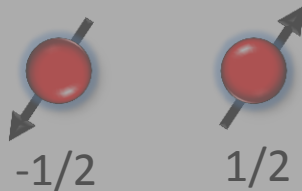
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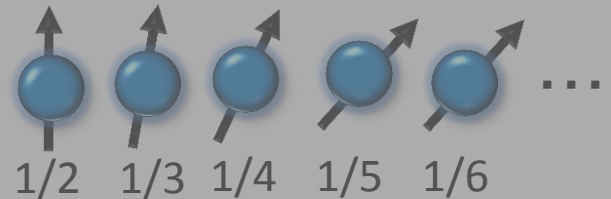
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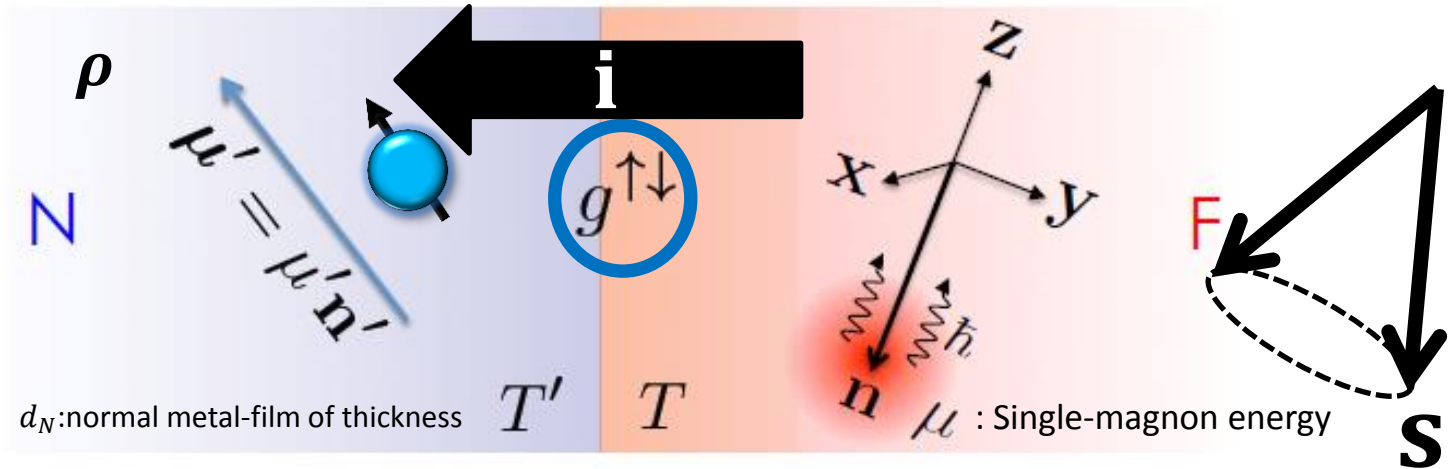
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$$g^{\uparrow\downarrow} \equiv g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} + i g_i^{\uparrow\downarrow}: T=0 \text{ spin-mixing conductance}$$

$$\mu' \equiv \mu'_+ - \mu'_- = 2\rho/D$$

$$\mu' \equiv \mu_+ - \mu_-$$

- ρ : spin density (spin accumulation)
- D : density of state per spin and unit volume
- μ' : Electrochemical potential difference
- \mathbf{n} : magnetization

$$\text{spin-current density } \mathbf{i} = -\hbar \dot{\rho} d_N$$

$$\mathbf{i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(g_i^{\uparrow\downarrow} + g_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{n} \times \right) \mu' \times \mathbf{n}$$

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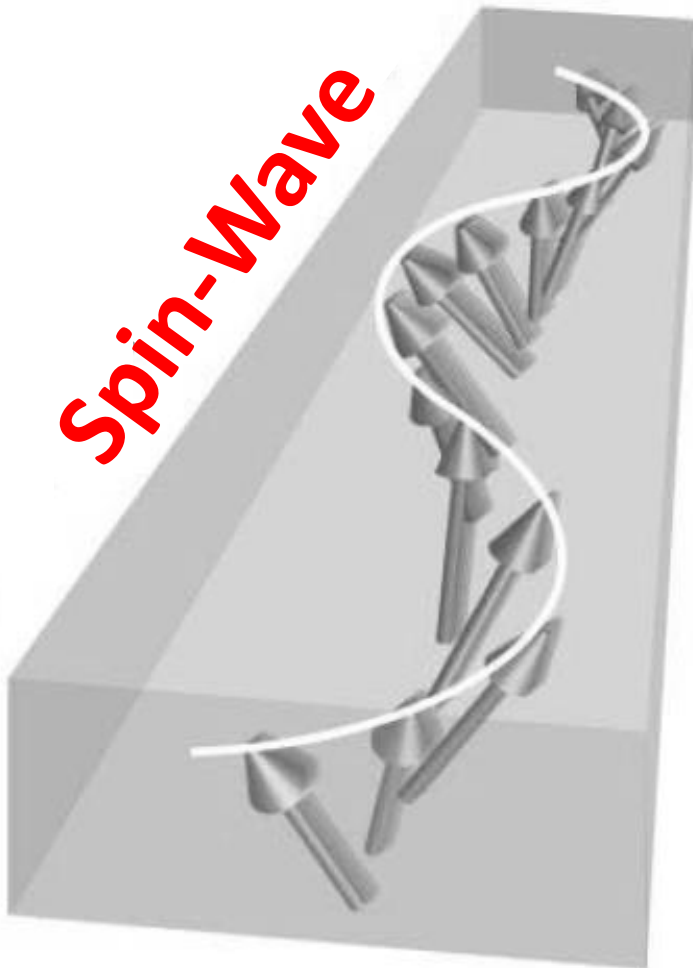
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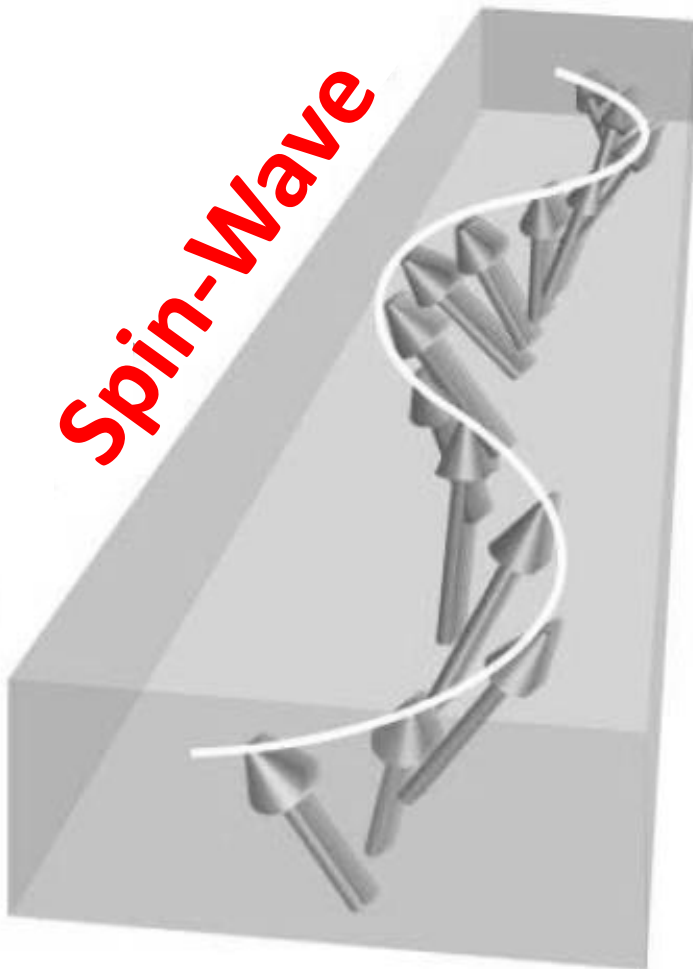


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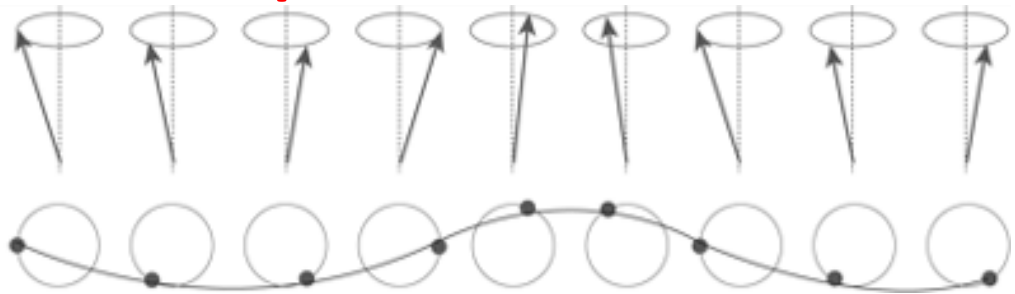
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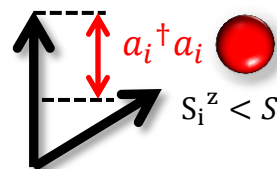


Holstein-Primakoff transformation; **magnon**

$$S_i^z = S$$

Magnon

$$S_i^z = S - a_i^\dagger a_i$$



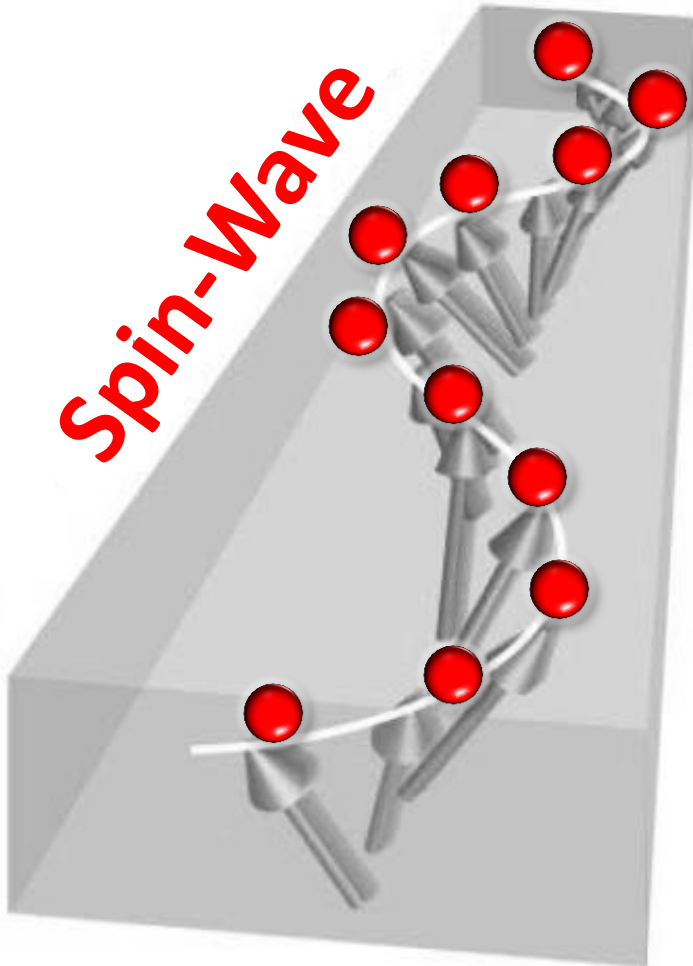
$$S_i^+ \simeq S_i^x + iS_i^y \simeq a_i \simeq (S_i^-)^\dagger$$

$$\text{with } [a_i, a_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}$$

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- ✓ **Magnons**; the bosonic quanta of **magnetic excitations** in a magnetically ordered spins
- ✓ *Spin-wave spin (i.e. magnon) current* is also measurable by ISHE.

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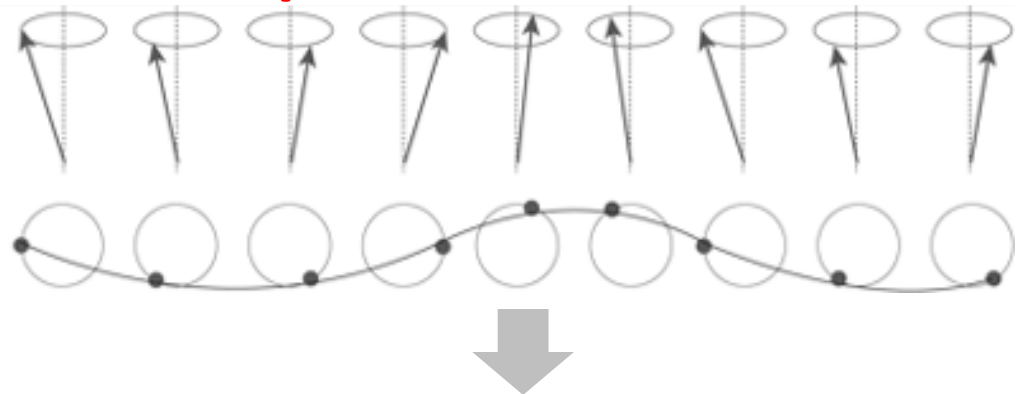
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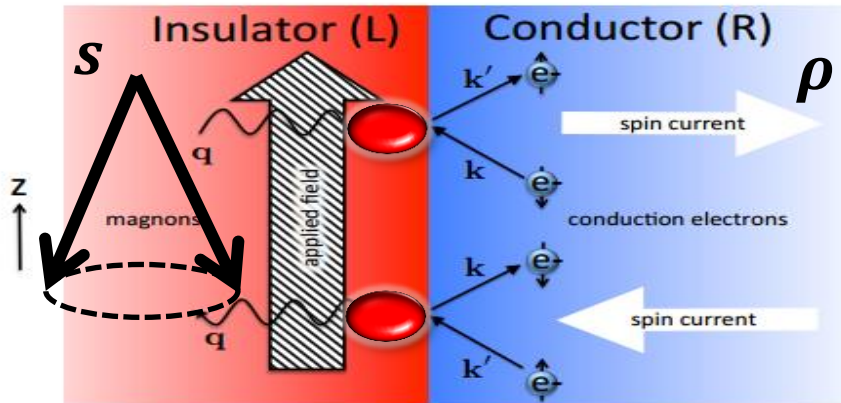
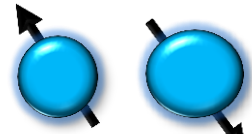
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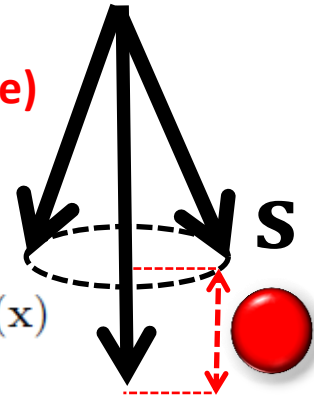
$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'kk'} \psi_k^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi_{k'}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{c}_{k\sigma}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma'} \hat{c}_{k'\sigma'}$$



Pic. in Phys. Rev. Lett. **108** (2012) 246601

✓ Holstein-Primakoff Tr.
(Spin $S \rightarrow$ Magnon picture)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{S}_z(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) - s \\ \hat{S}_-(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{2s - \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x})} \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ [\phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}')] = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \end{cases}$$



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(n ~ magnetization)

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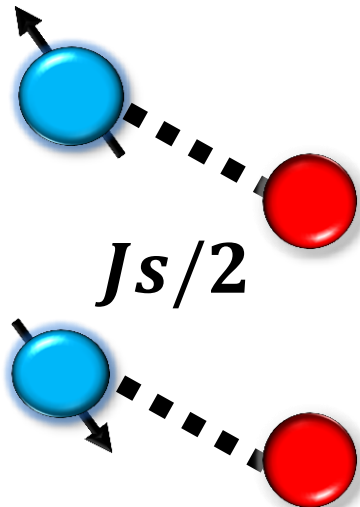
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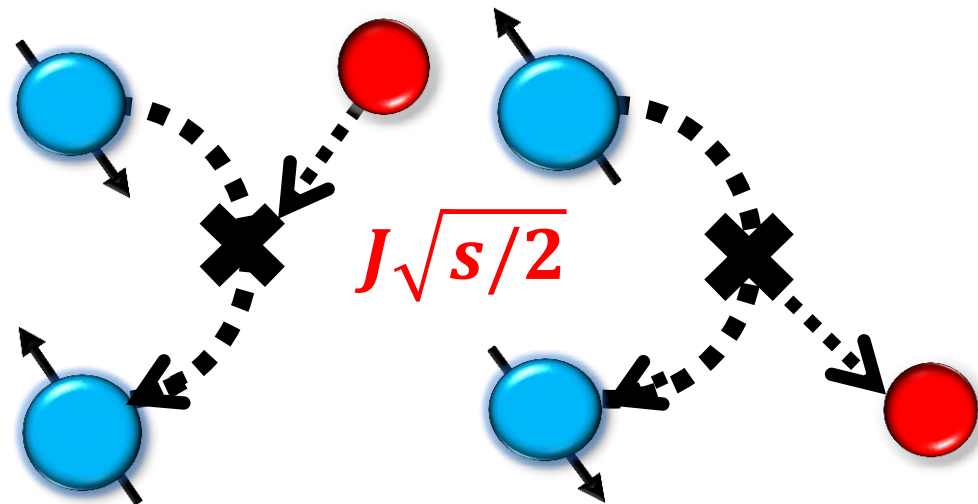


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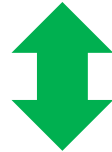
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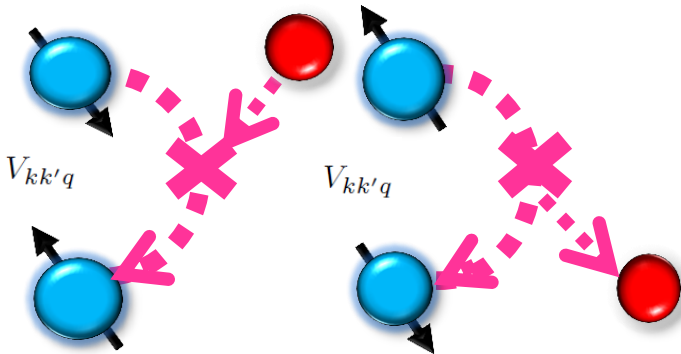
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($\hbar\Omega$: magnon gap)

✓ *Inelastic scattering*

$$\tilde{\mathbf{i}}_q = n_q |V_q|^2 D^2 [\mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\mu}' \times \mathbf{n} + 2\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}' + \hbar\Omega)]$$



$$\begin{cases} |V_q|^2 \equiv \frac{\pi d_F}{D^2} \sum_{kk'} |V_{kk'q}|^2 \delta(\epsilon_F - \epsilon_k) \delta(\epsilon_F - \epsilon_{k'}) \\ V_{kk'q} \equiv -J \sqrt{\frac{s}{2}} \int d^2\mathbf{r} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_q(\mathbf{r}) \end{cases}$$

Quantum *but* perturbative theory

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Spin current density

$$\mathbf{i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\tilde{g}_i^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \tilde{g}_r^{\uparrow\downarrow} \mathbf{n} \times \right) \boldsymbol{\mu}' \times \mathbf{n} + \tilde{\mathbf{i}}$$

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($n \sim$ magnetization of FI)

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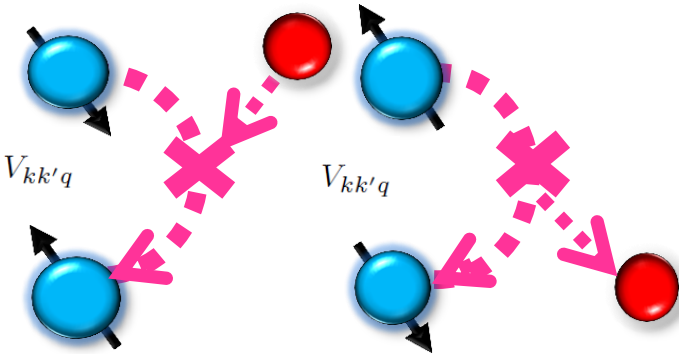
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($\hbar\Omega$: magnon gap)

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“Temperature”

$$\underline{M_{ab}} = |V_0|^2 D^2 \int_0^\infty d\epsilon g(\epsilon) (\epsilon + \hbar\Omega - \mu_{ab})$$

$$\langle \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_q \rangle = n[\beta(\epsilon_q - \mu)] \delta_{qq'} \times \{ n[\beta(\epsilon - \mu^*)] - n[\beta'(\epsilon + \hbar\Omega - \mu_{ab})] \}$$

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CONCLUSIONS

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- ✓ The correspondence between the **“classical non-perturbative theory”** and the **“quantum-mechanical perturbative one”** on the interfacial spin transport between a metal/FI junction has been clarified.
- ✓ The spin-mixing conductance $g^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ governs interfacial spin transport.
- The classical non-perturbative theory based on scattering matrix formalism is *valid*.
- ✓ **Inelastic scattering**, which describes the **spin-flip processes mediated by magnons**, characterizes the temperature dependence of spin currents and gives the *quantum-mechanical contribution*.

-RELATED THEIR WORK-

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