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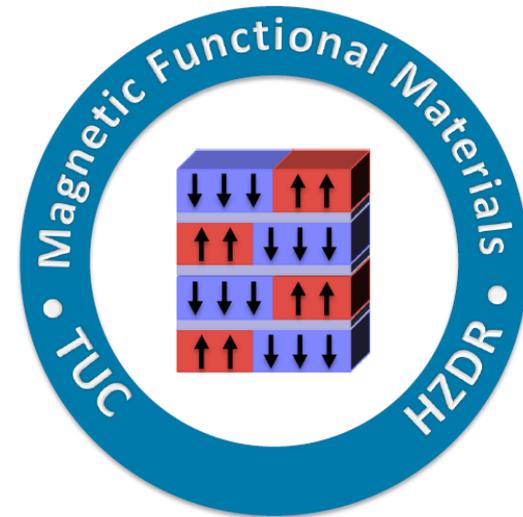
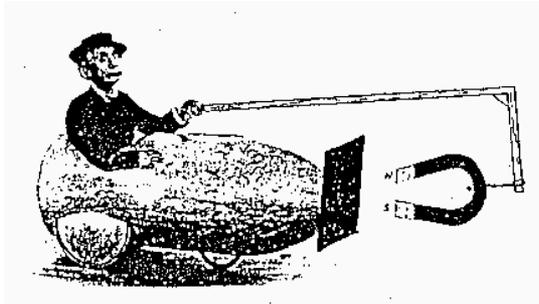
Gastvorlesung „Magnetischen Funktionsmaterialien“  
im Rahmen der Vorlesung

„Komplexe Materialien“ (Prof. Deibel)

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Magnetische Funktionsmaterialien  
SS 2020



## Ferromagnetische (Funktionale) Materialien

- Einordnung und Einleitung
- Energien und Energiedichten einer ferromagnetischen Probe
  - Austauschwechselwirkung
  - Streufeld- oder Demagnetisierungsenergie, Formanisotropie
  - Anisotropie (außer Formanisotropie = Demagnetisierungsenergiedichte)
  - Zeemann Energie, äußeres Feld
- Wechselseitige Konkurrenz verschiedener magnetischer Energieterme
- Hysterese-Effekte, Stoner-Wohlfarth Modell, Basis für binäre magn. Datenspeicher
- **Magnetische Funktionsmaterialien zur Datenspeicherung**
  - Entwicklung der Festplatte: Von magnetischen Mikrosystemen zu Nanosystemen
  - GMR (Riesenmagnetwiderstand) und TMR Effekte für empfindlichere Leseköpfe
  - Zukünftige Festplattentechnologien
  - Neue Effekte in der Nanowelt: Spin transfer torque in Nanokontakten
  - Separation von Ladungs und Spinströmen: Spin orbit torque in Dünnschichtsystemen
  - Anwendungen im Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM)
  - Die Spinwelle als Informationsträger (HZDR-movie)

# Data processing and data storage in the old days ...

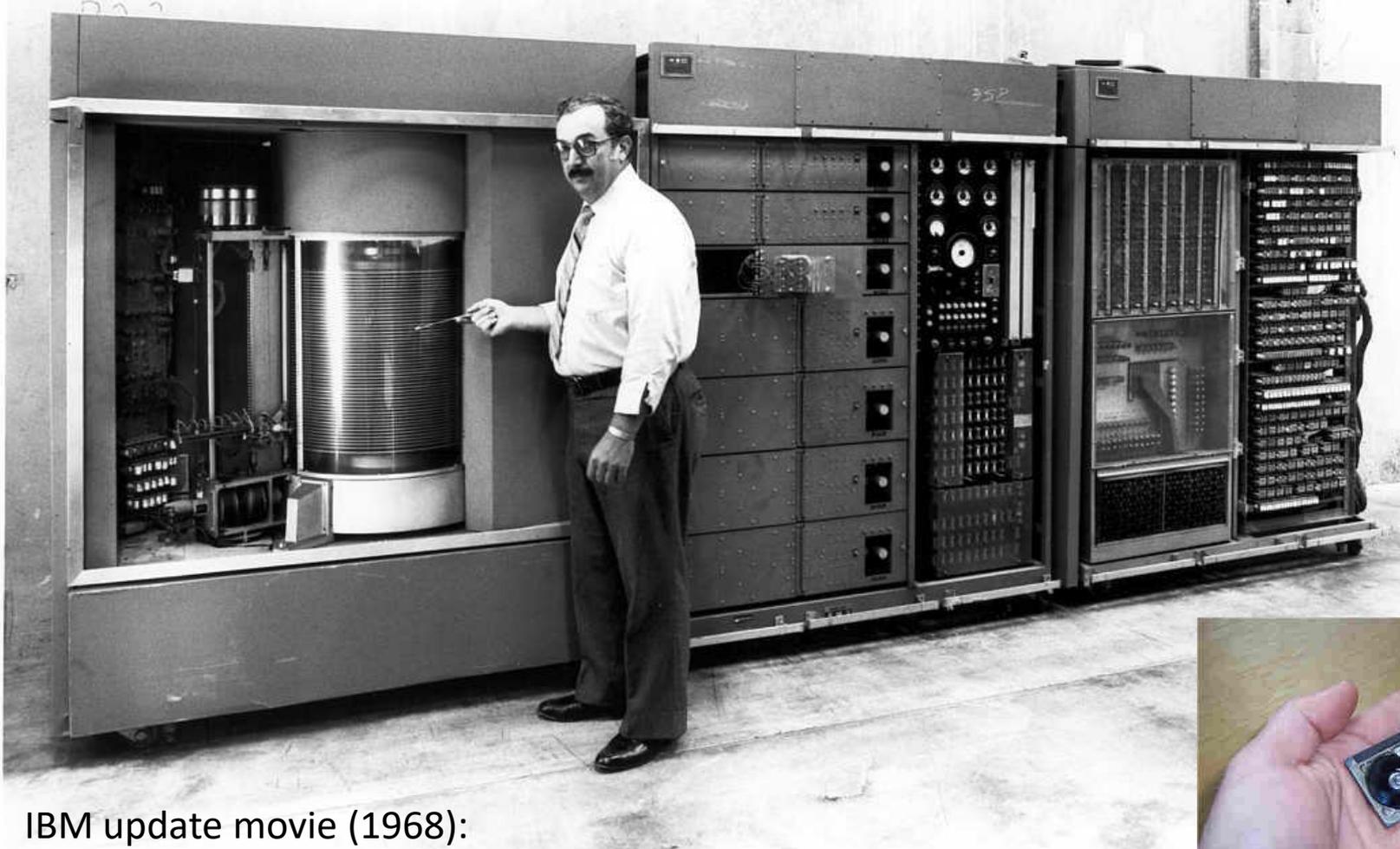




Data storage back then: FBI facility from World War II, Source: Google LIFE image archive.  
By 1942 the FBI was adding 400,000 file cards a month to its archives, and were receiving 110,000 requests for “name checks” per month. By 1944 the agency contained some 23 million card records, as well as 10 million fingerprint records.

# Largest and smallest HDD ever built ...

IBM RAMAC movie (1956): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6coKh7vtpsY>



IBM update movie (1968):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQwCMDRajJo>



1900

1950

2000

First Magnetic Recording System  
(V. Poulsen) 1898

Wire recording

magnetic tape

Video magnetic tape

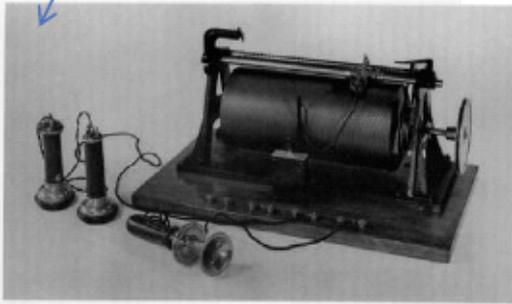
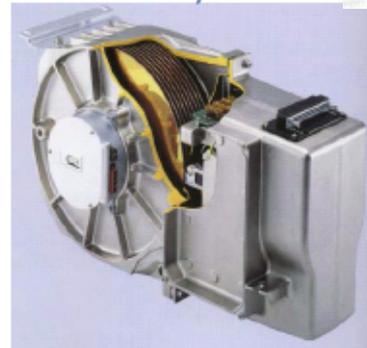


Figure 3. Cylinder telegraph from 1898 (University Technical Museum, Denmark).



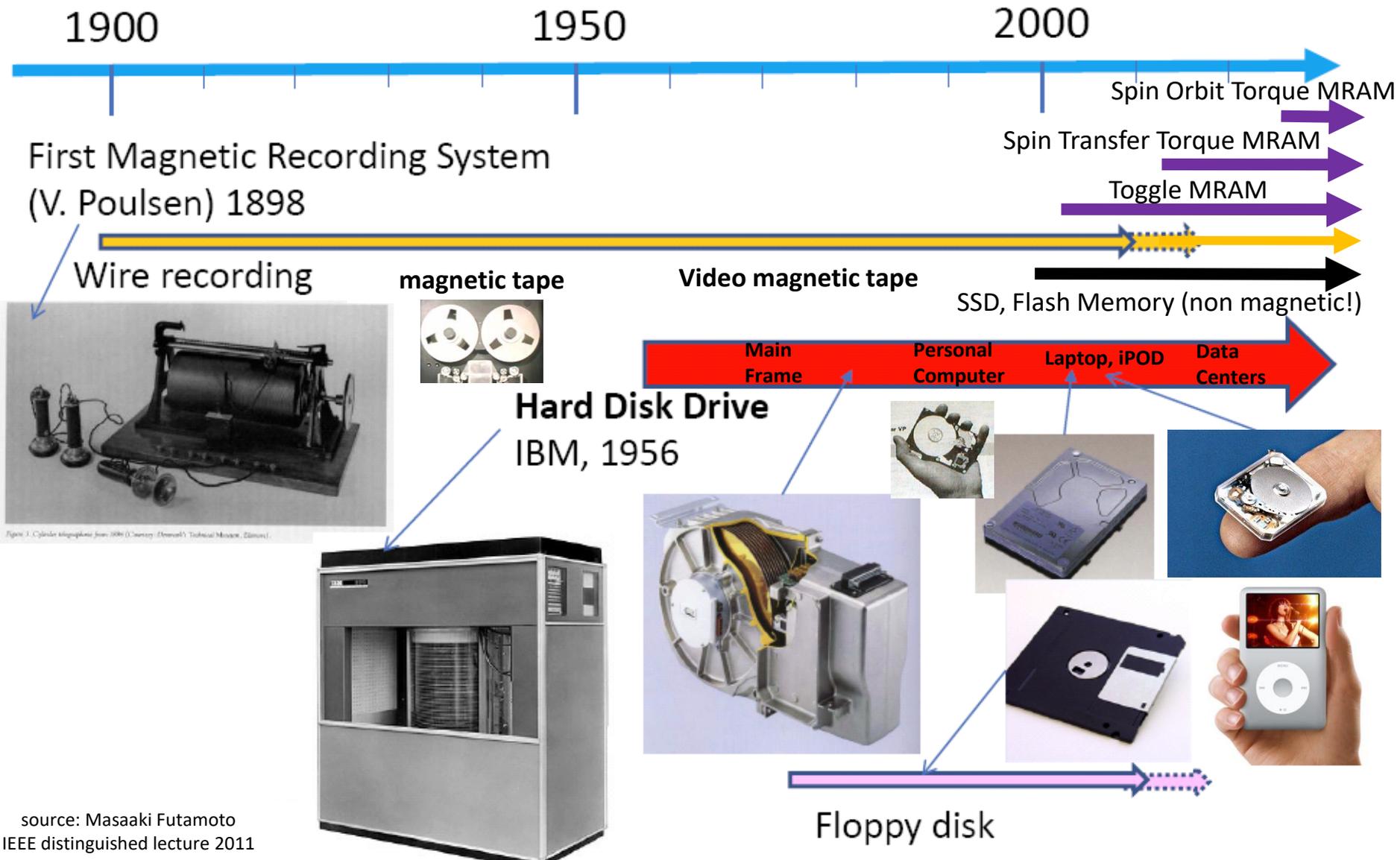
Hard Disk Drive  
IBM, 1956



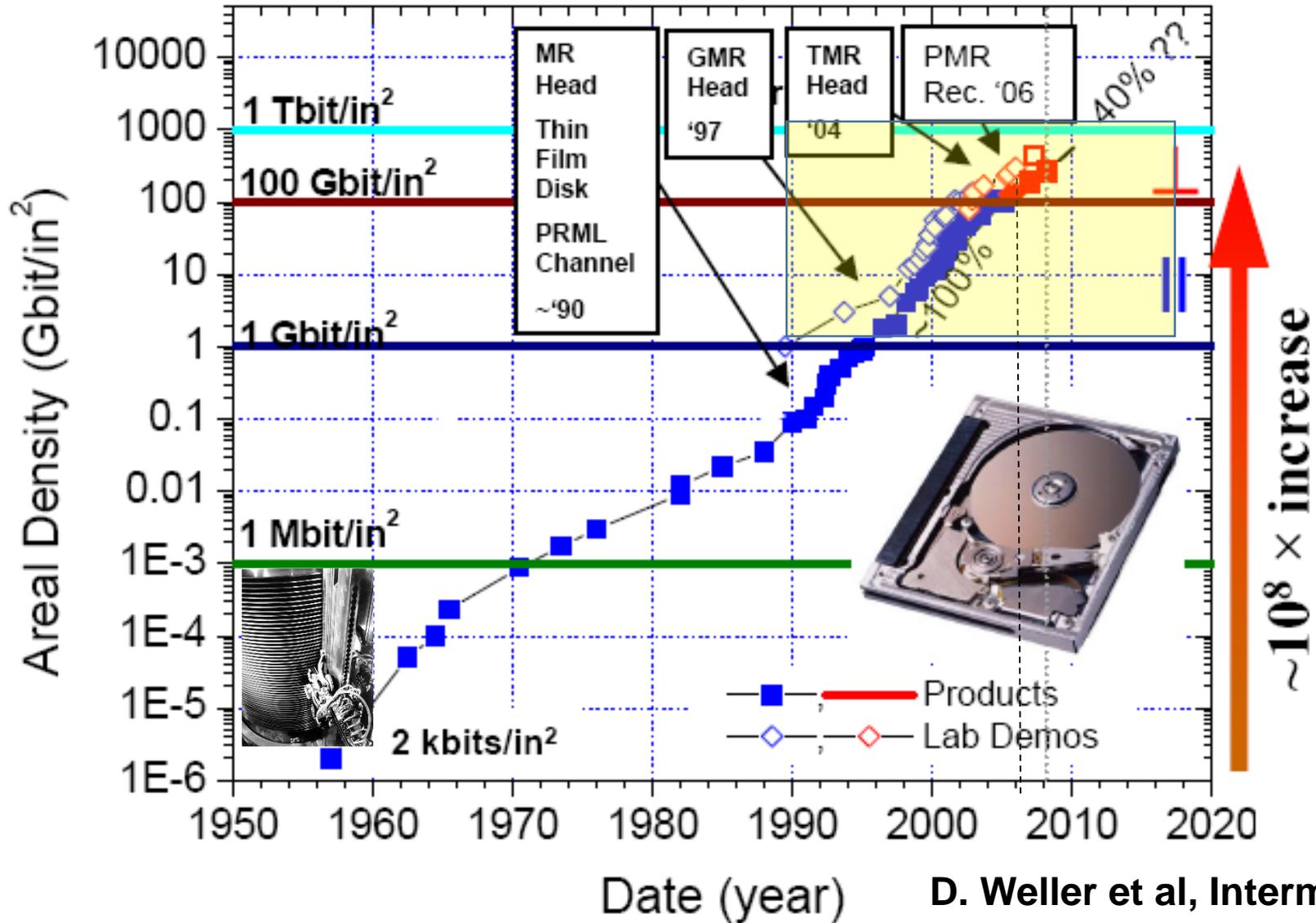
Floppy disk

source: Masaaki Futamoto  
IEEE distinguished lecture 2011

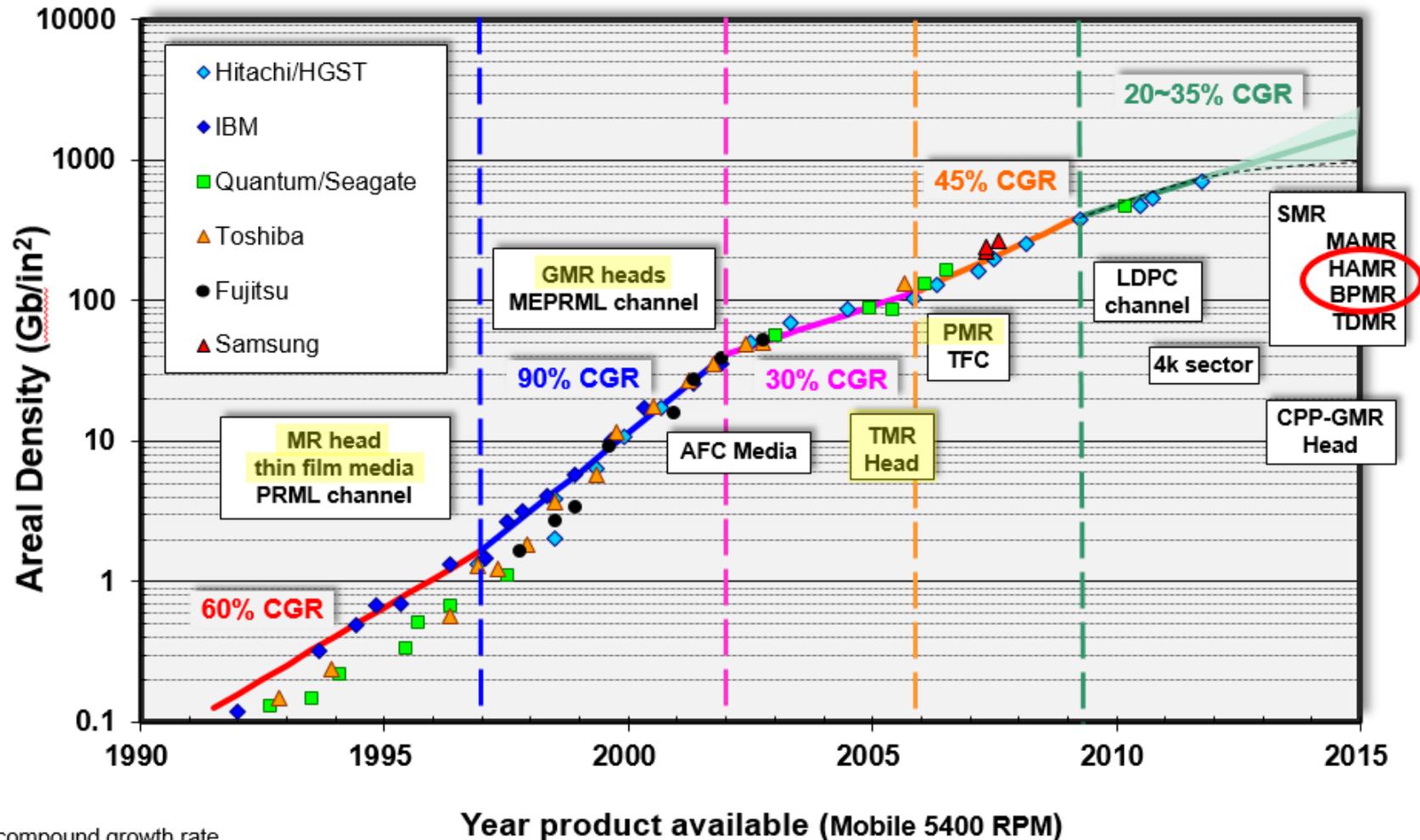
# History of the Hard Disk Drive and related technologies



# HDD areal density progress



# Magnetic recording density development



CGR = compound growth rate

LDPC = Low Density Parity Check

TFC = Thermal Flight Control

AFC = Anti-Ferromagnetically Coupled

MEPRML = Modified E Partial Response Maximum Likelihood

TMR = Tunneling Magneto Resistance

CPP-GMR = Current Perpendicular to Plane – Giant Magneto Resistance

PMR = Perpendicular Magnetic Recording

SMR = Shingled Magnetic Recording

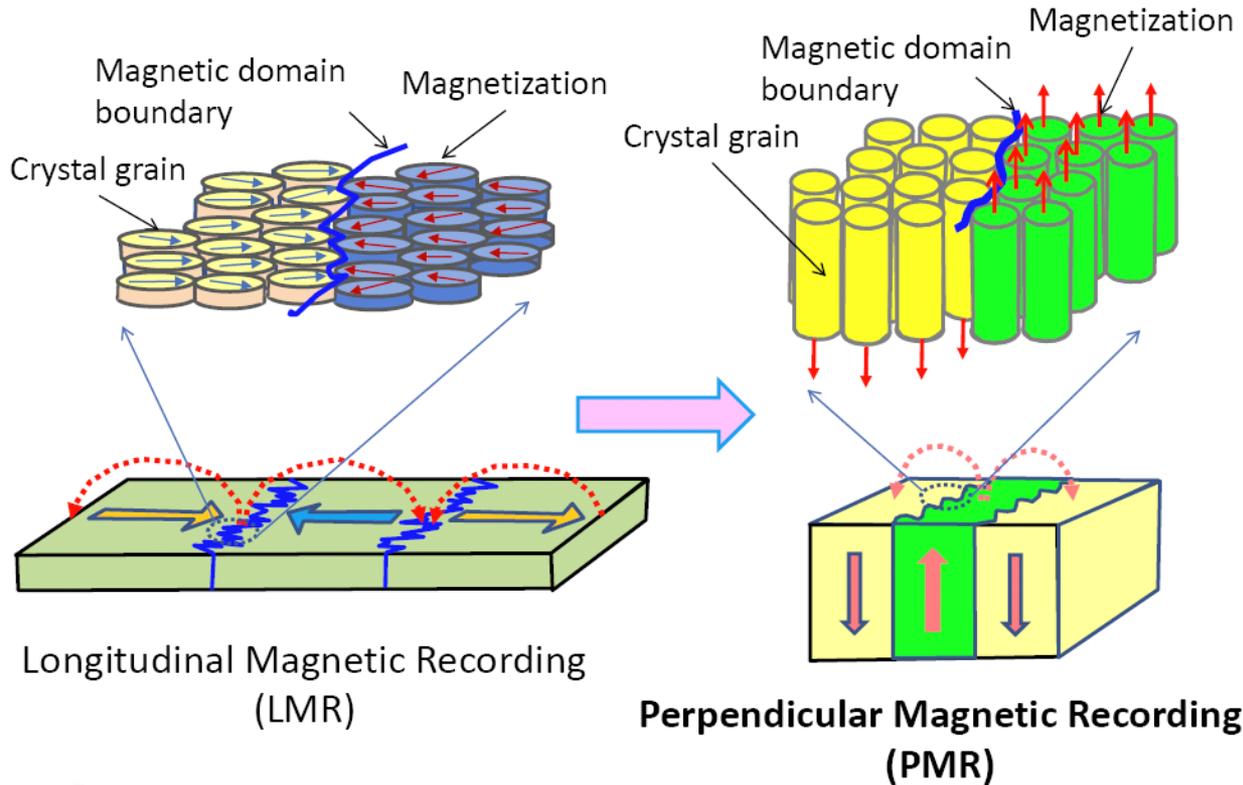
MAMR = Microwave Assisted Magnetic Recording

HAMR = Heat Assisted Magnetic Recording

BPMR = Bit Patterned Magnetic Recording

TDMR = Two-Dimensional Magnetic Recording

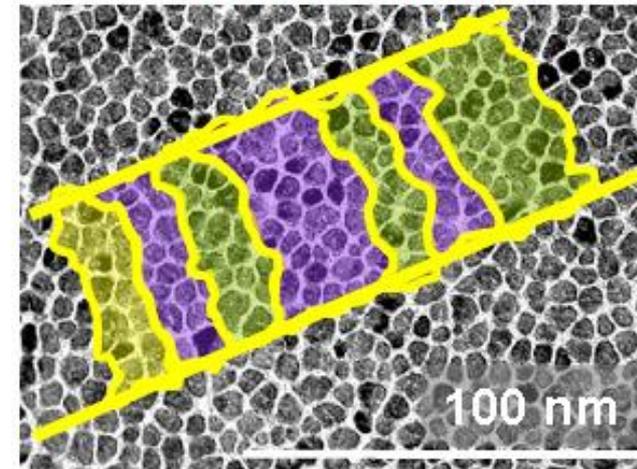
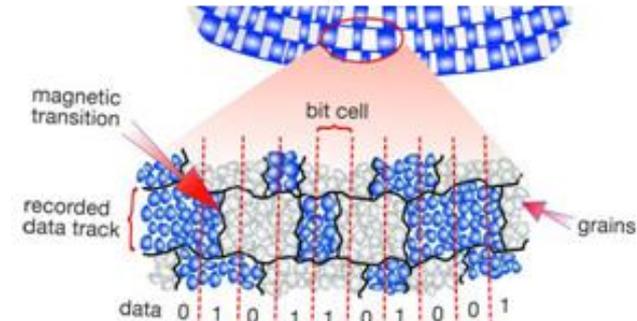
## Shift from LMR to PMR



highest demag fields  
at bit transitions

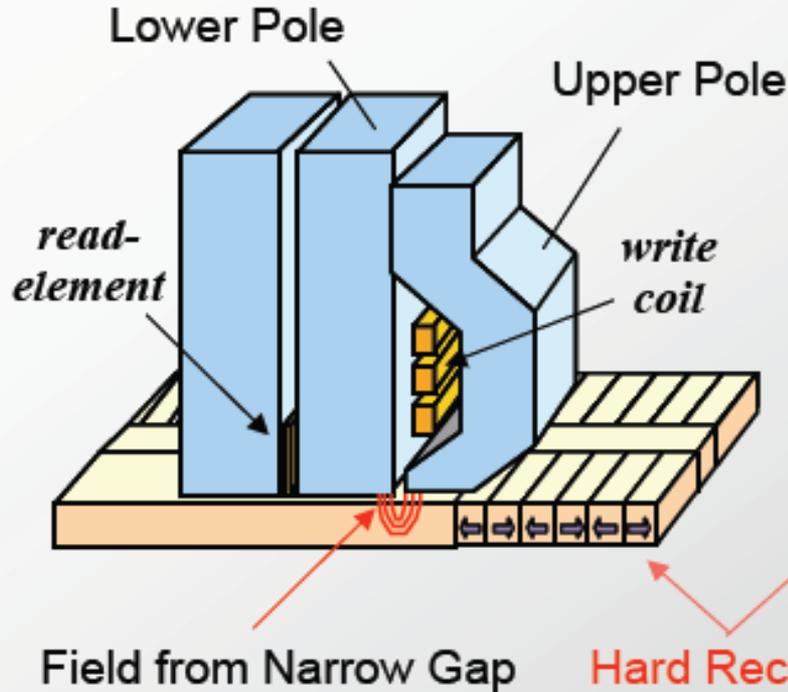
highest demag fields  
in bit center  
→ intergranular exchange  
counteracts demag fields

## Conventional granular media

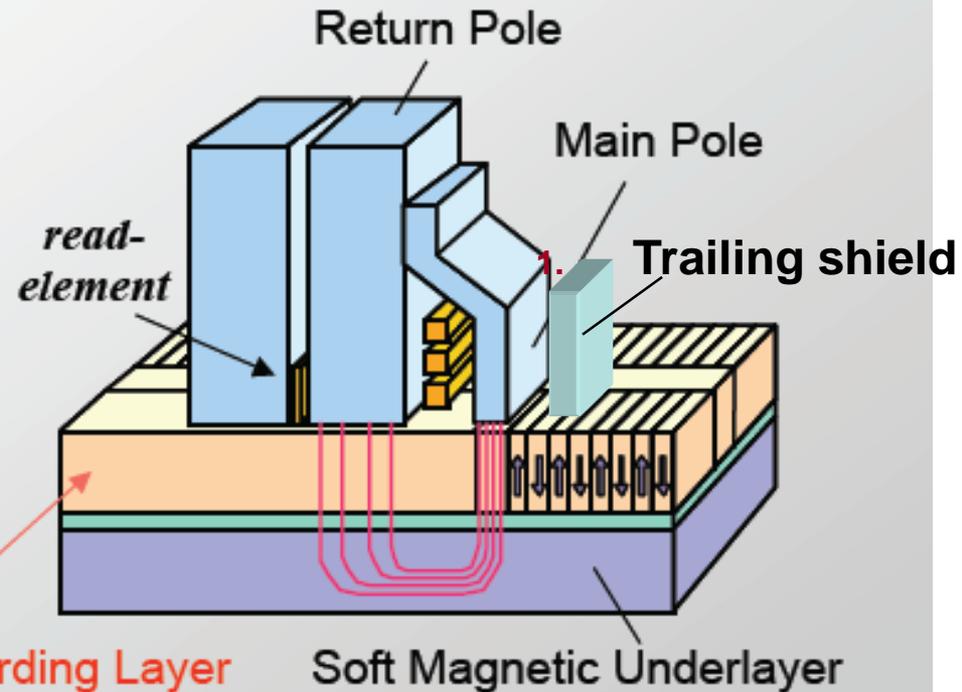


# From Longitudinal to Perpendicular Media

## Longitudinal



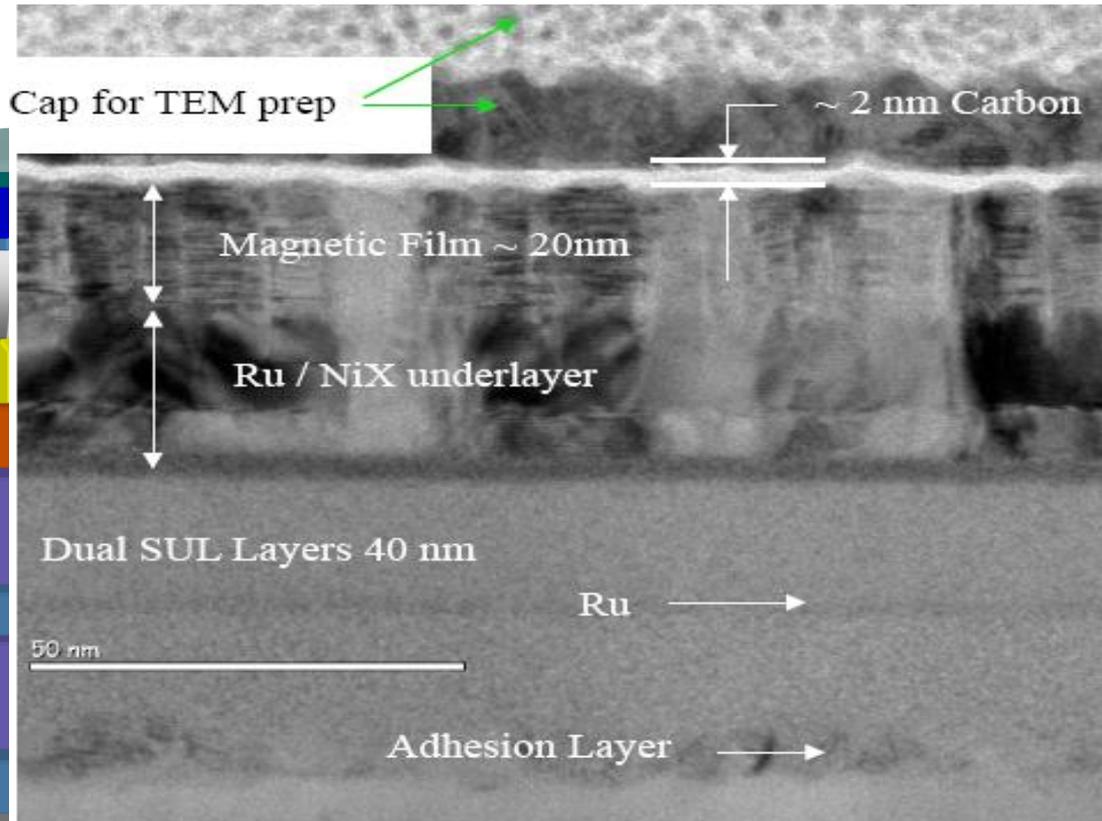
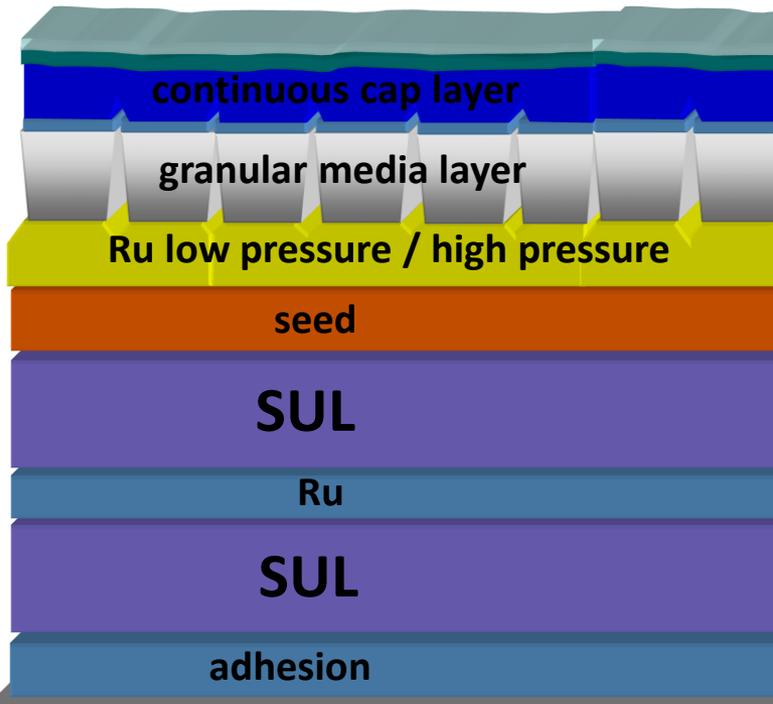
## Perpendicular



● **Part of the head structure must be built into the disk!**

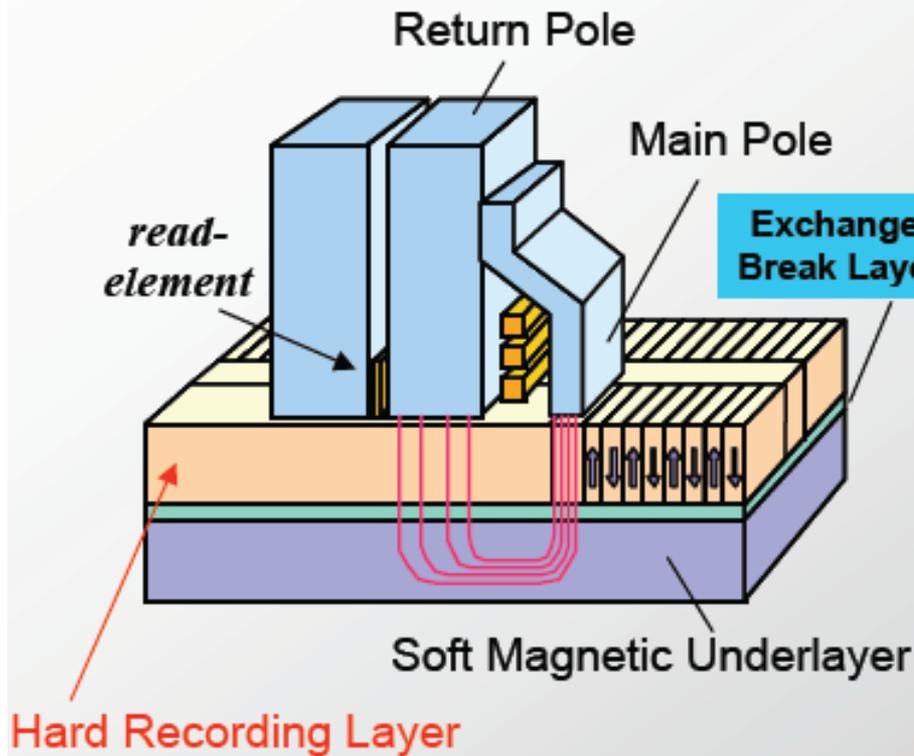
- magnetically soft layer placed immediately under recording medium
- strong field concentrated under main pole writes on medium  
(diffuse 'return field' under return pole is too weak to affect medium)

# Basic PMR Media structure



glass substrate

## Perpendicular recording:



### Advantages:

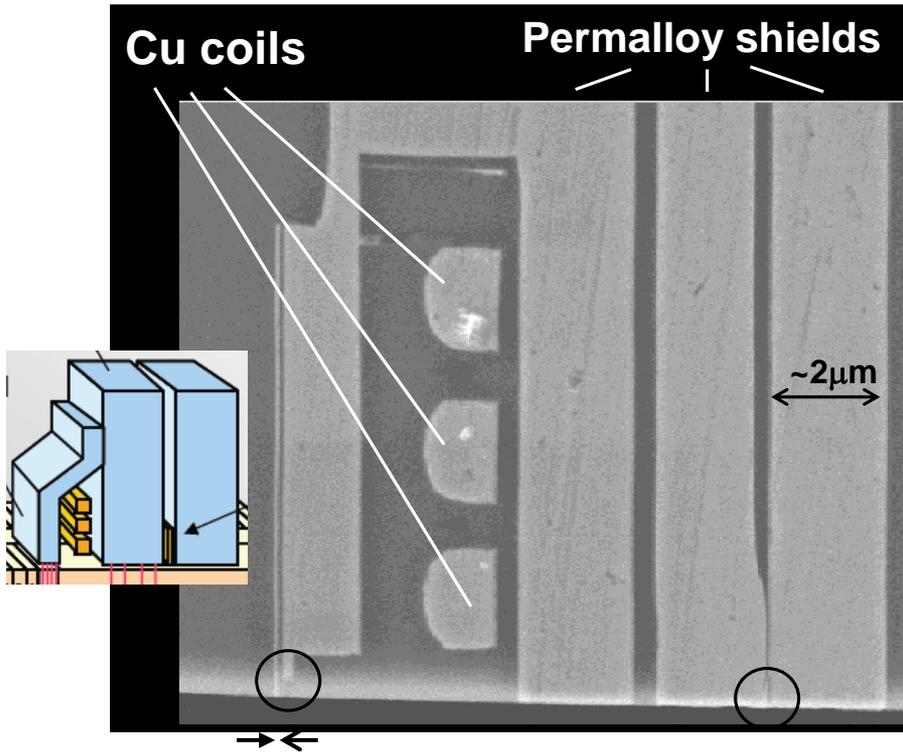
- higher write fields
- better high density stability
- smaller read-back spacing
- better grain orientation

### Disadvantages:

- much thicker structure (surface roughness)
- more layers / complex processing (new tooling? - investment)
- exchange break (between HRL and SUL)
- SUL magnetization
- new materials needed

# Perpendicular Write-Read Head

## Single Pole Writer with 2.4 T Pole



**Writer:**

~ 170 nm thick

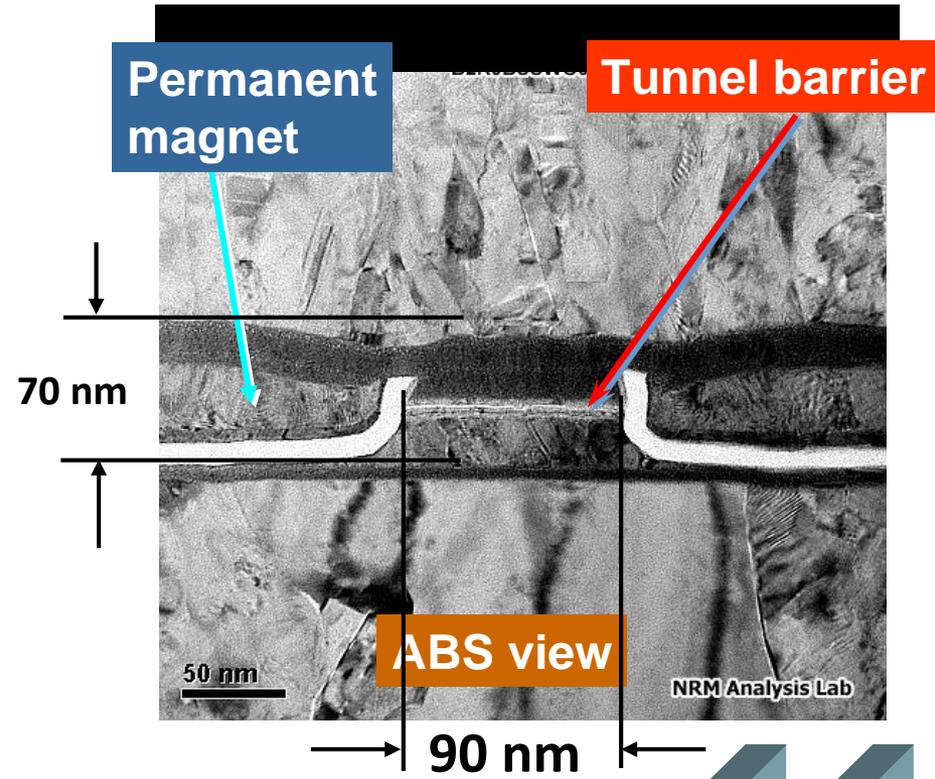
~ 100 nm wide

**Reader:**

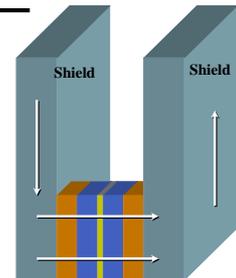
~ 70 nm gap

~ 90 nm wide

## TMR Reader with $\Delta R/R=18\%$



**170 Gbit/in<sup>2</sup> dimensions**



Read resolution down track given by layer thickness (90 degree tilt), cross track by lithography → magnetic recording ahead of Moore's law ...

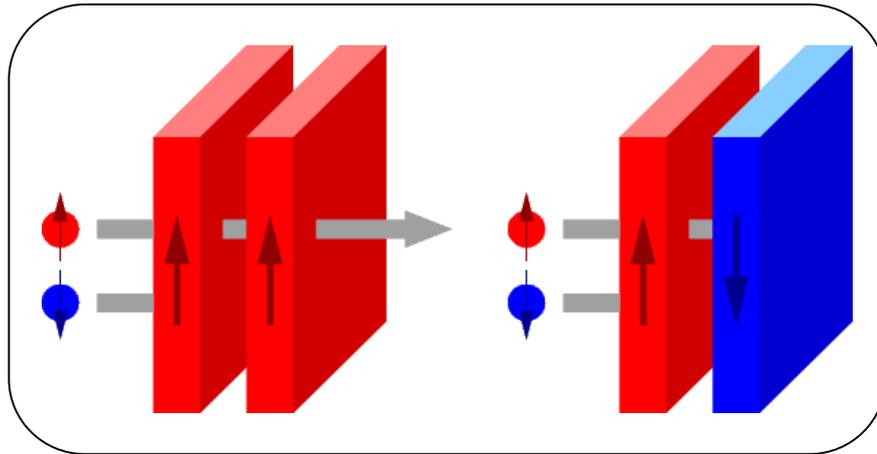
# Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR)

## What is Magnetoresistance?

Change of electrical resistivity of the material under the application of magnetic field

Magnetoresistance converts **magnetic** signal into **electrical** signal

GMR, Nobel prize in physics (2007)

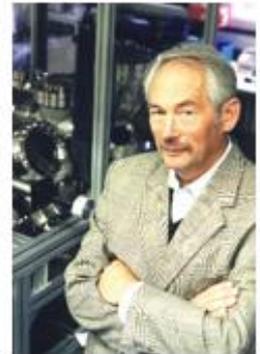


[Baibich et al. PRL 61, 2472 \(1988\)](#)

[Grünberg et al. PRB 39, 4828 \(1989\)](#)

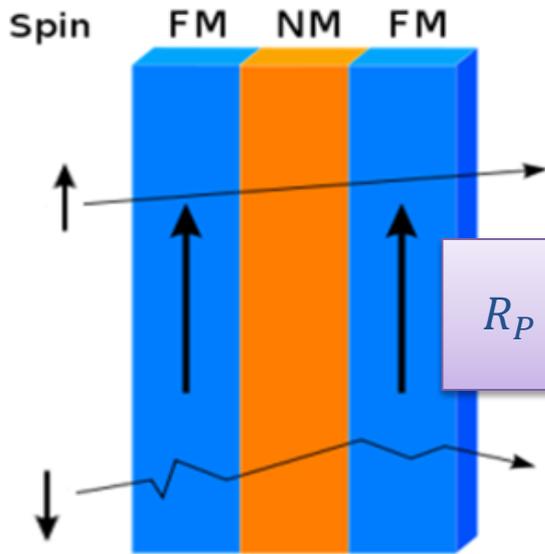
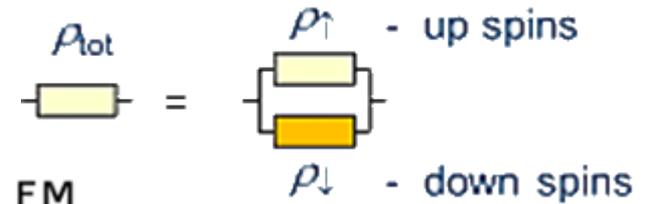


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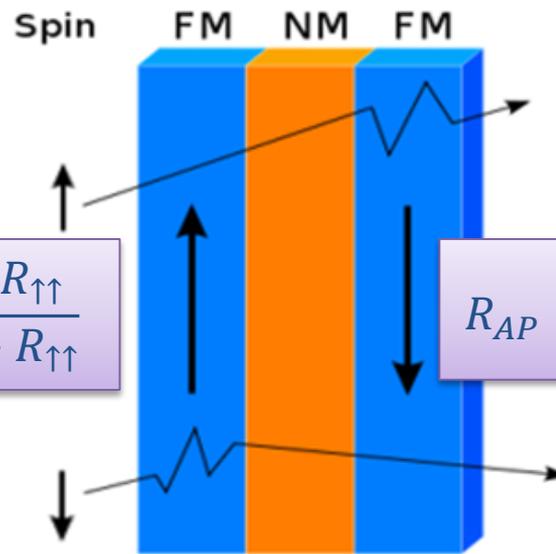
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Institut für Festkörperforschung,  
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Germany

# GMR – equivalent circuits for multilayer



$$R_P = \frac{2R_{\downarrow\uparrow}R_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{R_{\downarrow\uparrow} + R_{\uparrow\uparrow}}$$

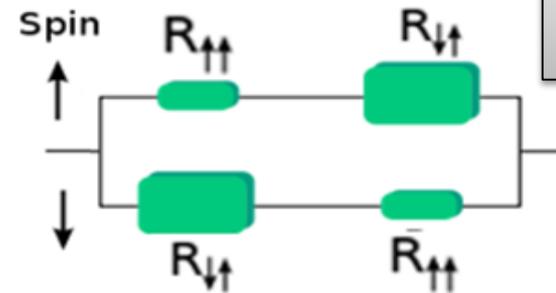
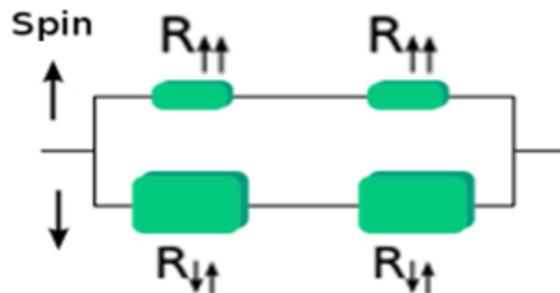
Low resistance



$$R_{AP} = \frac{R_{\downarrow\uparrow} + R_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{2}$$

High resistance

$$GMR = \frac{R_{AP} - R_P}{R_P}$$



# Basic Read Head Structure

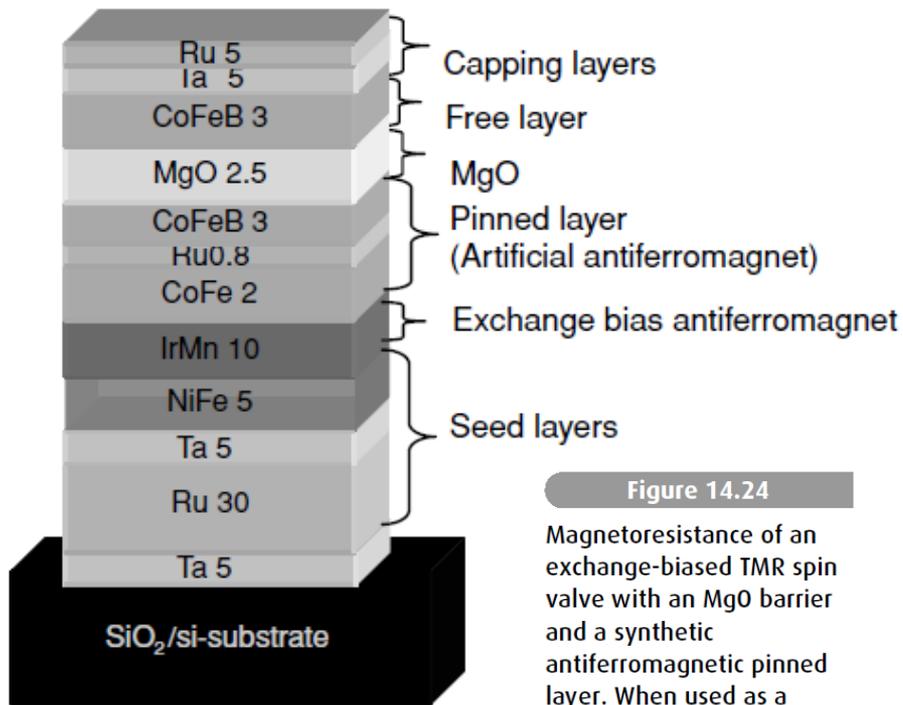
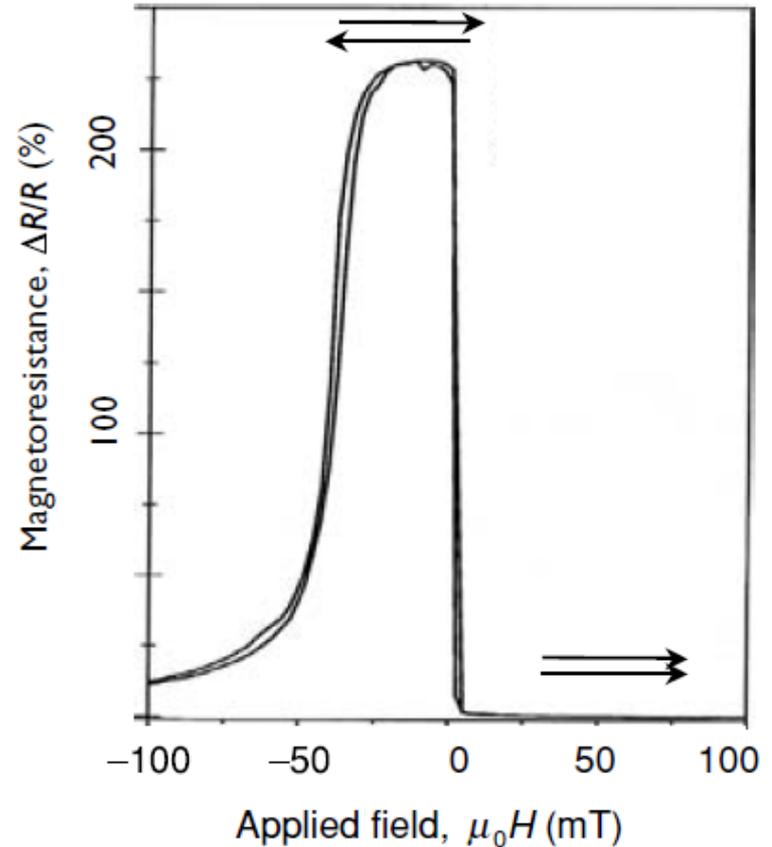
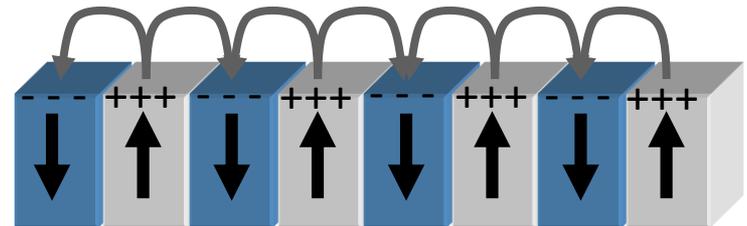


Figure 14.24

Magnetoresistance of an exchange-biased TMR spin valve with an MgO barrier and a synthetic antiferromagnetic pinned layer. When used as a memory element, the axes of the free and pinned layers are parallel, giving an abrupt switch near zero field, as shown. When the device is used as a sensor, these axes are perpendicular, leading to a linear  $R(B)$  transfer curve, as the free layer rotates coherently in the applied field. (Data courtesy of Gen Feng.)

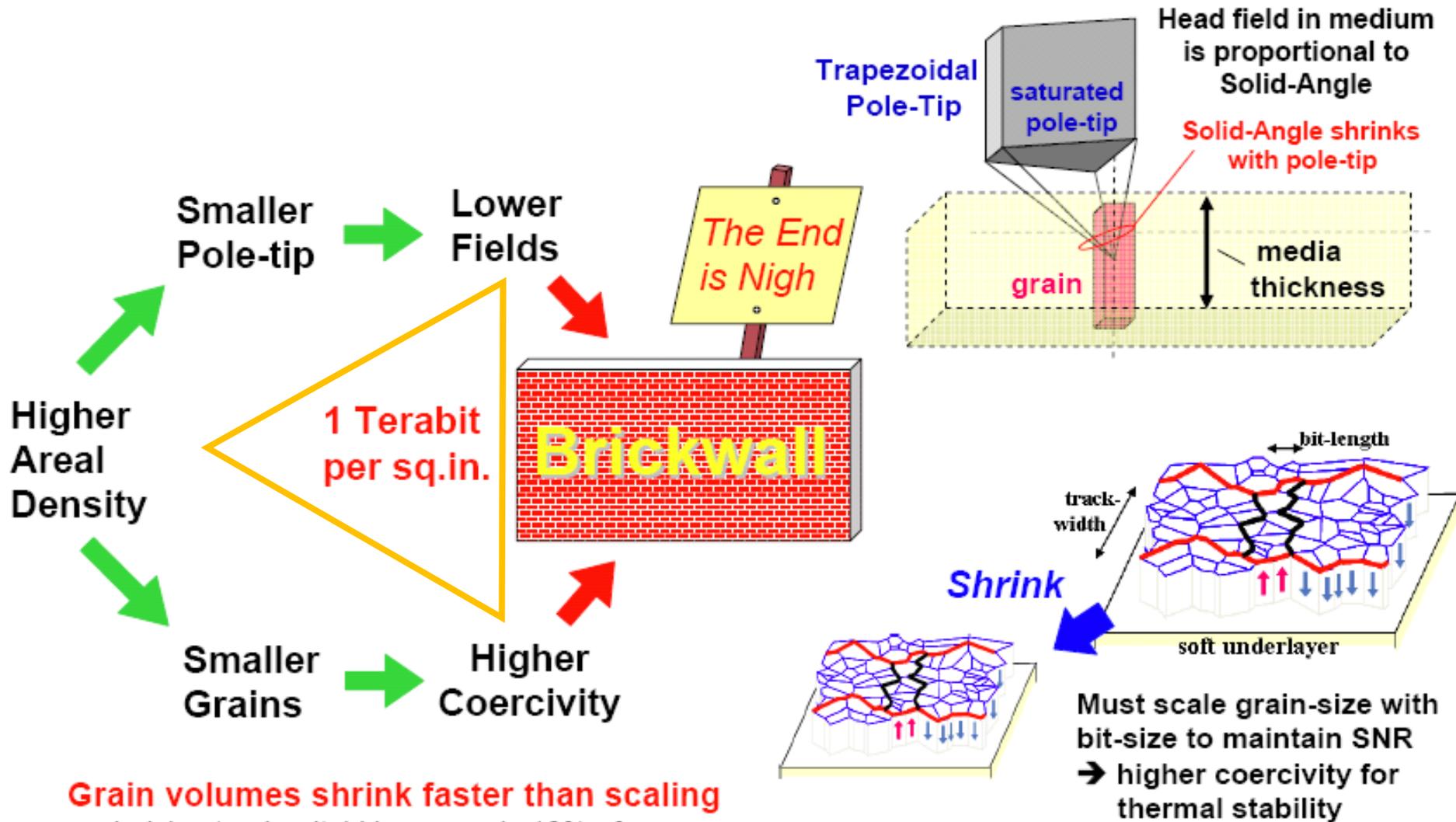


## PMR geometry



What effects are used here?

- Interlayer exchange coupling
- Exchange bias
- Tunneling magnetoresistance



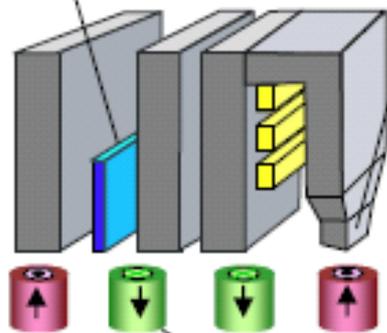
**Grain volumes shrink faster than scaling**

- halving 'grain-pitch' leaves only 19% of core area (9 → 4.5 nm pitch, assuming 1nm grain-boundary required)

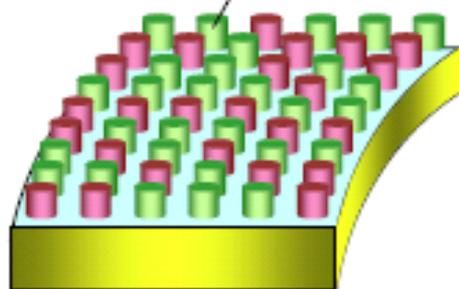
## Bit Patterned

Magnetic nano-islands w/  
exchange coupled grains

Reader Main Pole



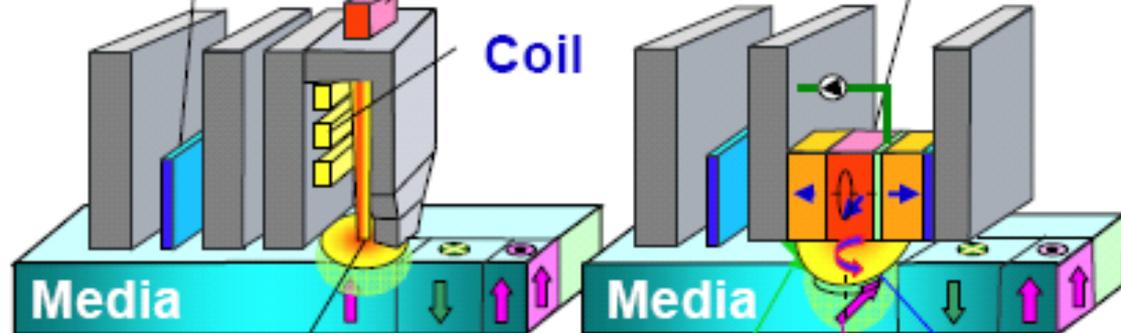
1 bit=1 Island



## Heat/Microwave Assisted

Energy assisted writing to thermally  
stable & hard-to-write media

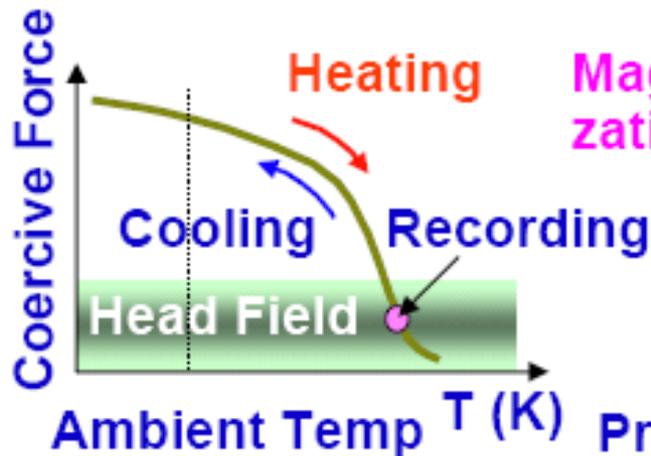
Reader Laser Field Generating Layer



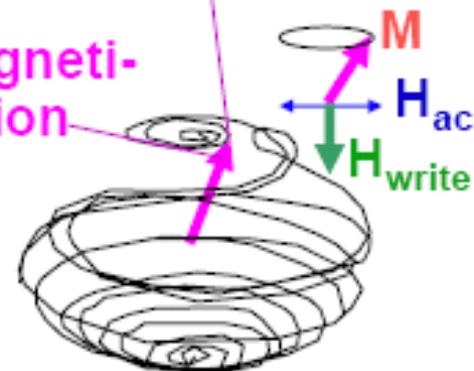
Near Field

Write Field

Microwave



Magnetization

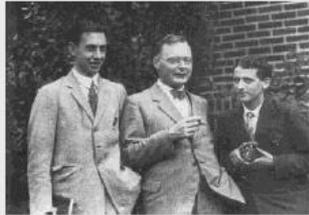


(a) Bit Patterned

(b) Heat Assisted

(c) Microwave Assisted

# Spin and its journey



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and Goudsmit



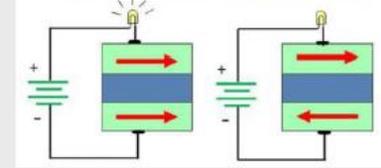
W. Pauli



1956 – IBM 350  
Magnetic storage  
(5 MB)



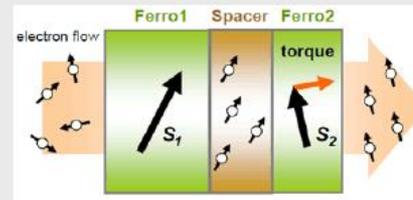
Grunberg and Fert



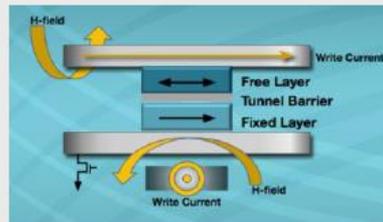
1987-88 Giant  
magnetoresistance  
(GMR)



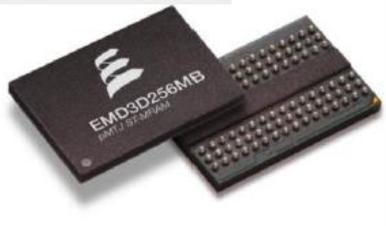
Data storage  
Since 1990's



2001  
Spin transfer torque  
(STT)



2002  
Toggle MRAM



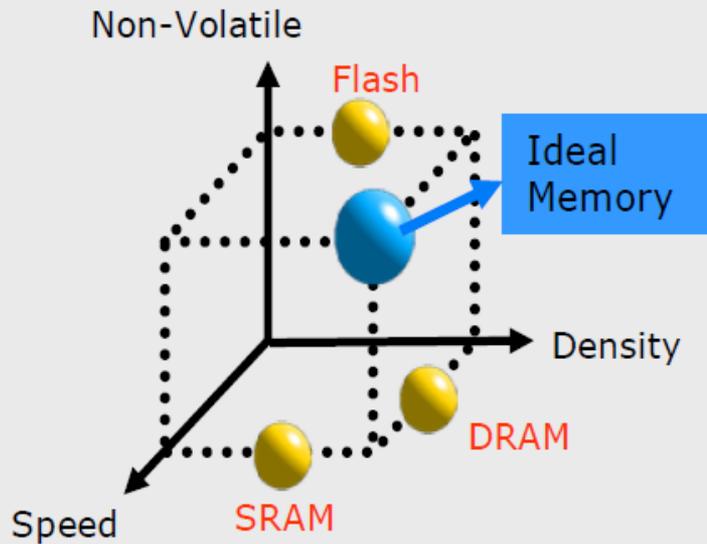
2012-  
STT MRAM

4<sup>th</sup> century, China  
Loadstone

Prof. Hyunsoo Yang

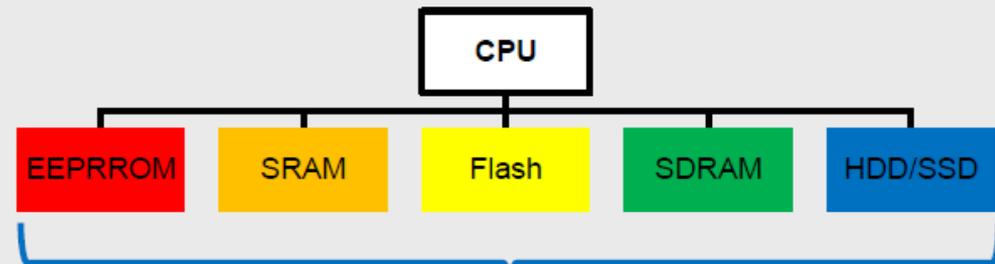


# The power of the MRAM



## Wanted Attributes!

- High endurance
  - > 20 years lifetime
  - >  $10^{15}$  cycles
- Fast random access
  - Read time ~ 1-10 ns
  - Write time ~ 1-10 ns
- High density
- Integration with conventional CMOS
- Low power (zero stand-by current)
- Cheap!



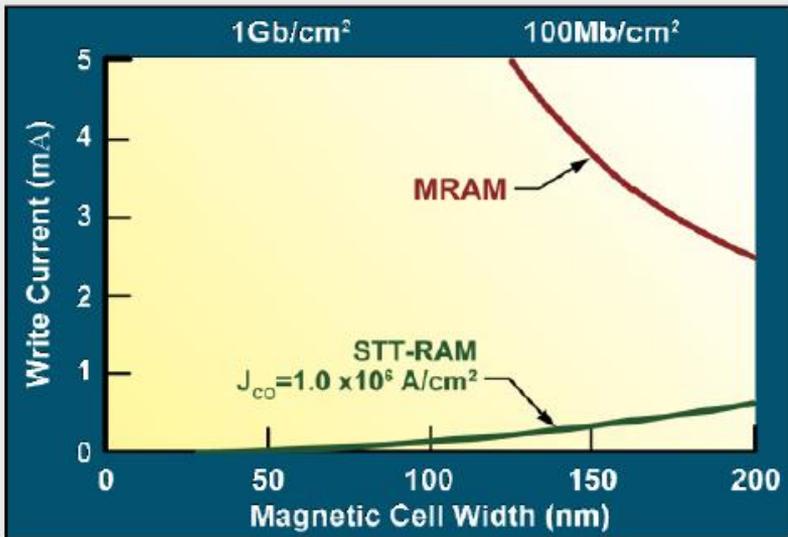
Universal Memory

MRAM

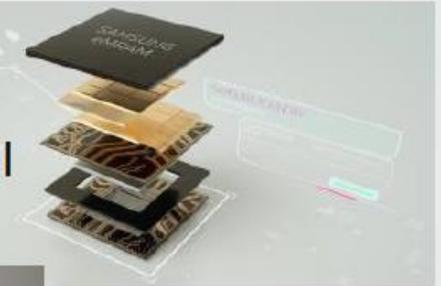
Future Computer:  
CPU+MRAM

# Spin torque MRAM

- Present STT-MRAM (Everspin) uses 90 nm node
- GF started to use 40, 28, 14 nm node
- TSMC, IBM, Samsung, TDK, Hynix, Sony, Avalanche, Toshiba, Intel, Qualcomm...

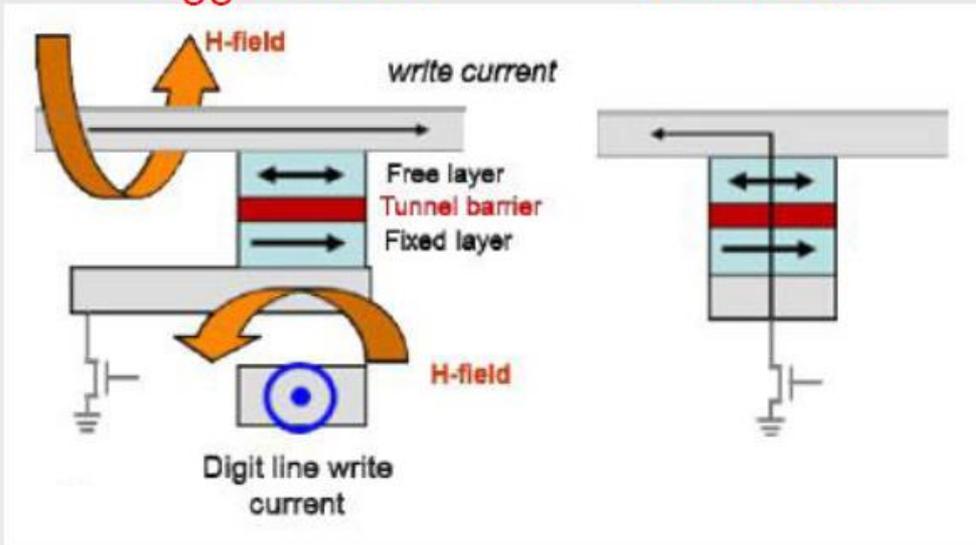


2019 March  
Samsung  
28 nm FD-SOI  
embedded



## Toggle-MRAM

## STT-MRAM



16 Mb

256 Mb

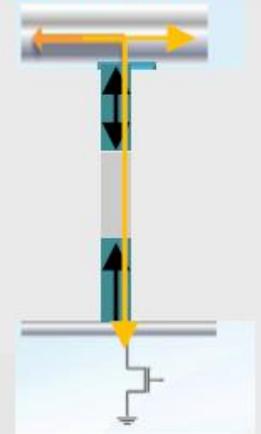


Everspin STT-MRAM benefits realized in IBM's FlashCoreModule™



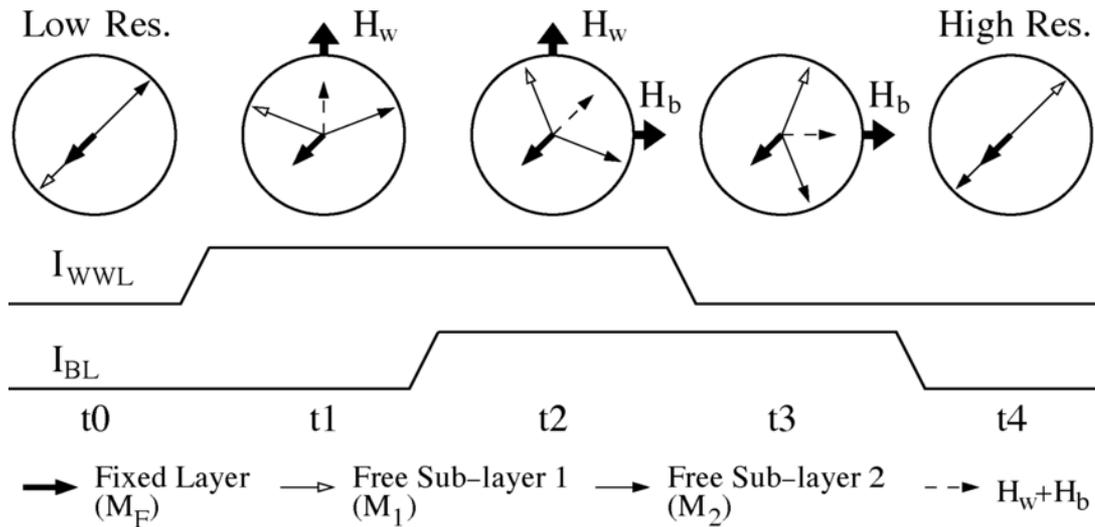
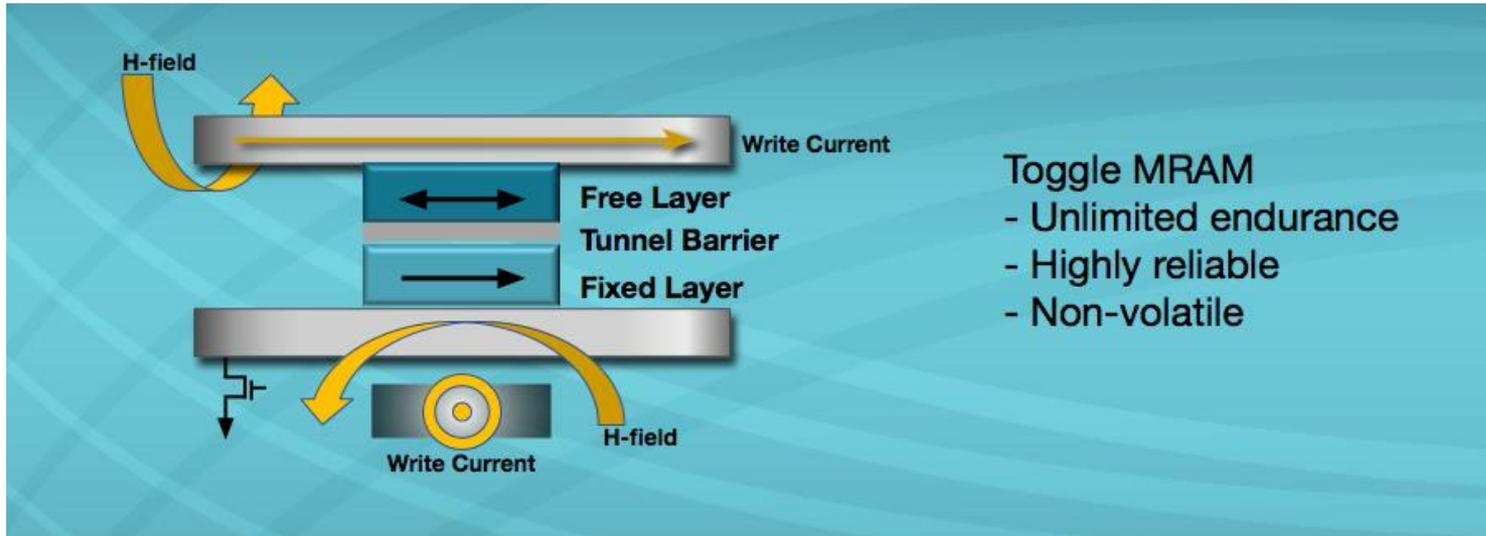
Everspin with  
GlobalFoundries

## SOT-MRAM



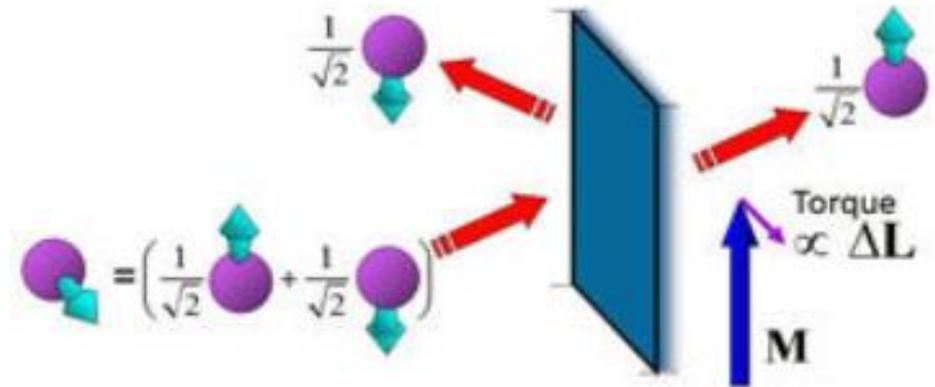
Future

# Toggle MRAM



# Spin-Transfer-Torque

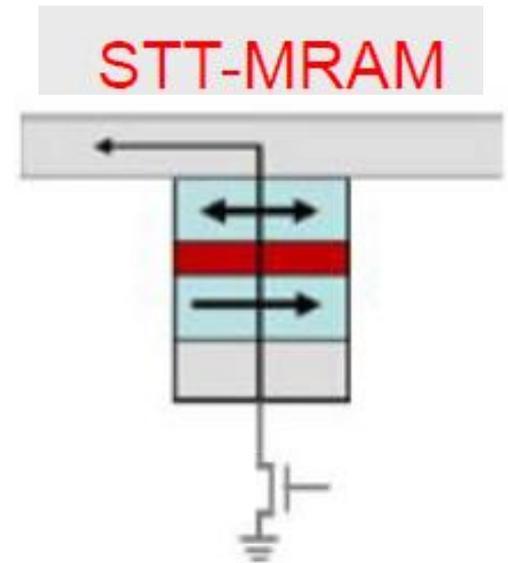
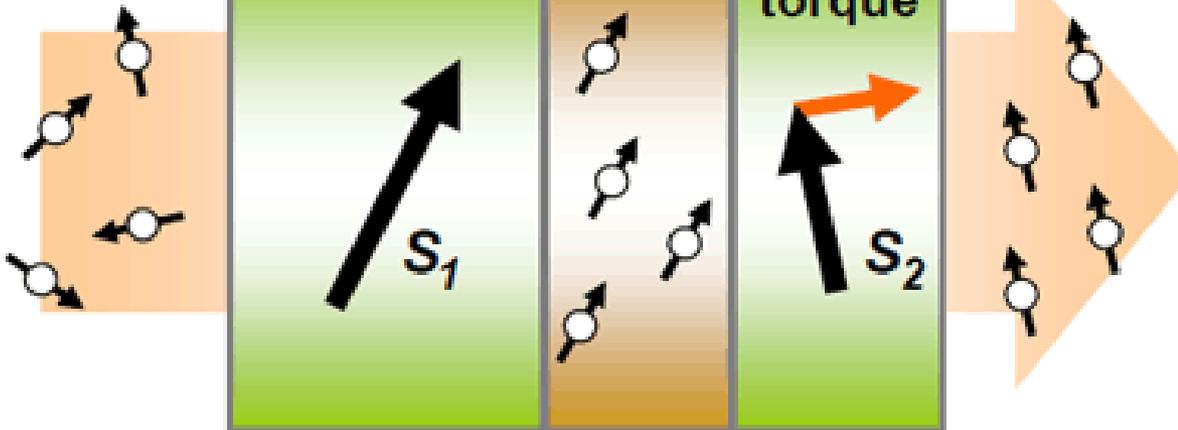
A ferromagnetic material such as iron takes on permanent magnetization when the magnetic properties of its atoms all line up in the same way. Because individual electrons also have an intrinsic magnetic alignment, defined by their so-called spin direction, they can interact with ferromagnets in some unusual ways. For example, an electric current flows more easily through a ferromagnet if electron spins line up with, rather than opposite to, the magnetization.



Spin diffusion length across spacer layer  
on the 10-100 nm range

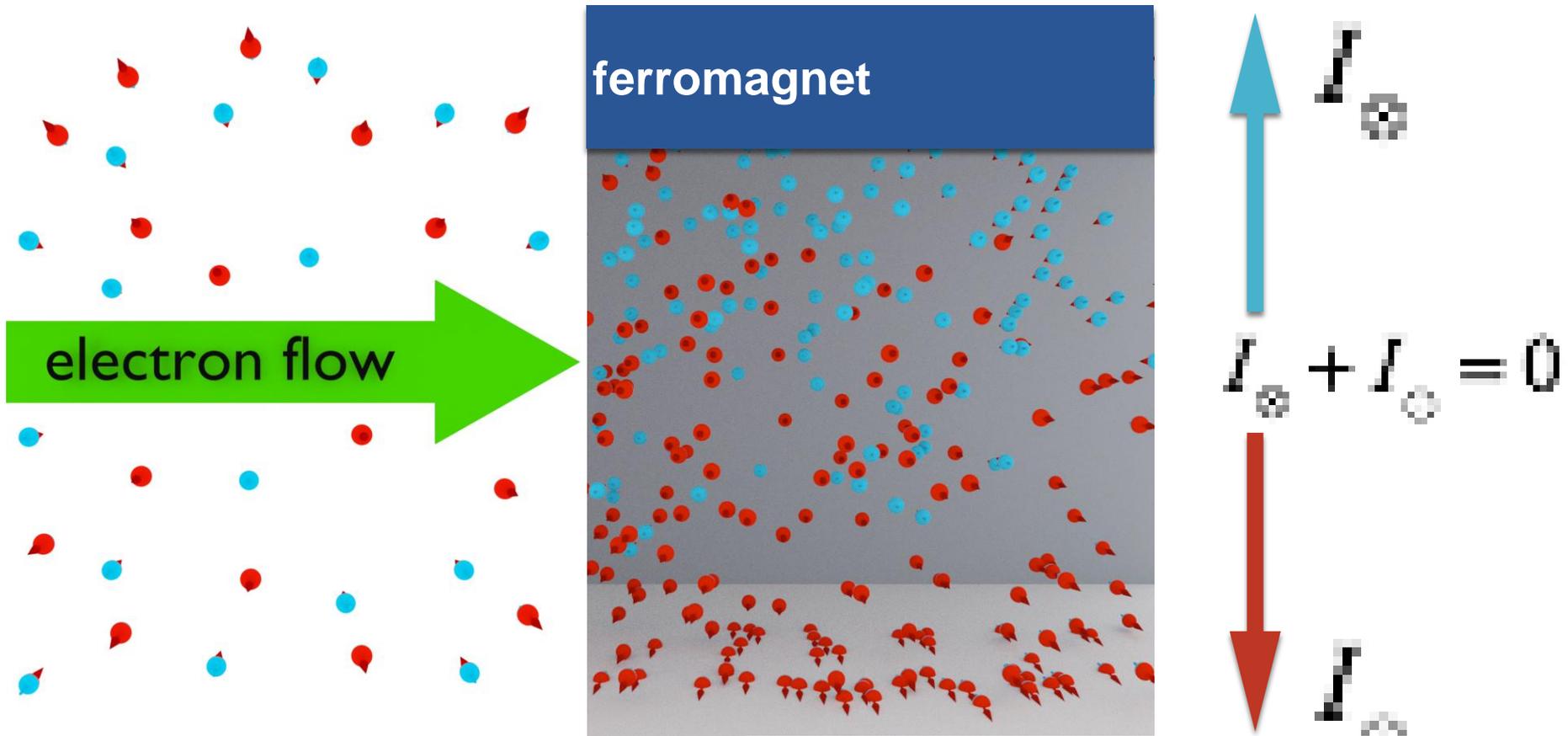
Ferro1 Spacer Ferro2

electron flow



Necessary critical current densities of the order  $10^6 - 10^7$  A/cm<sup>2</sup> are only achieved in nanostructures

- transport of angular momentum without transport of electric charge



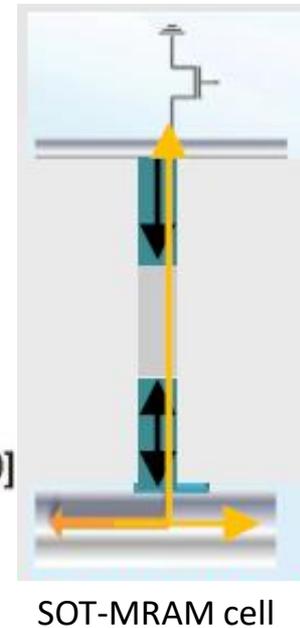
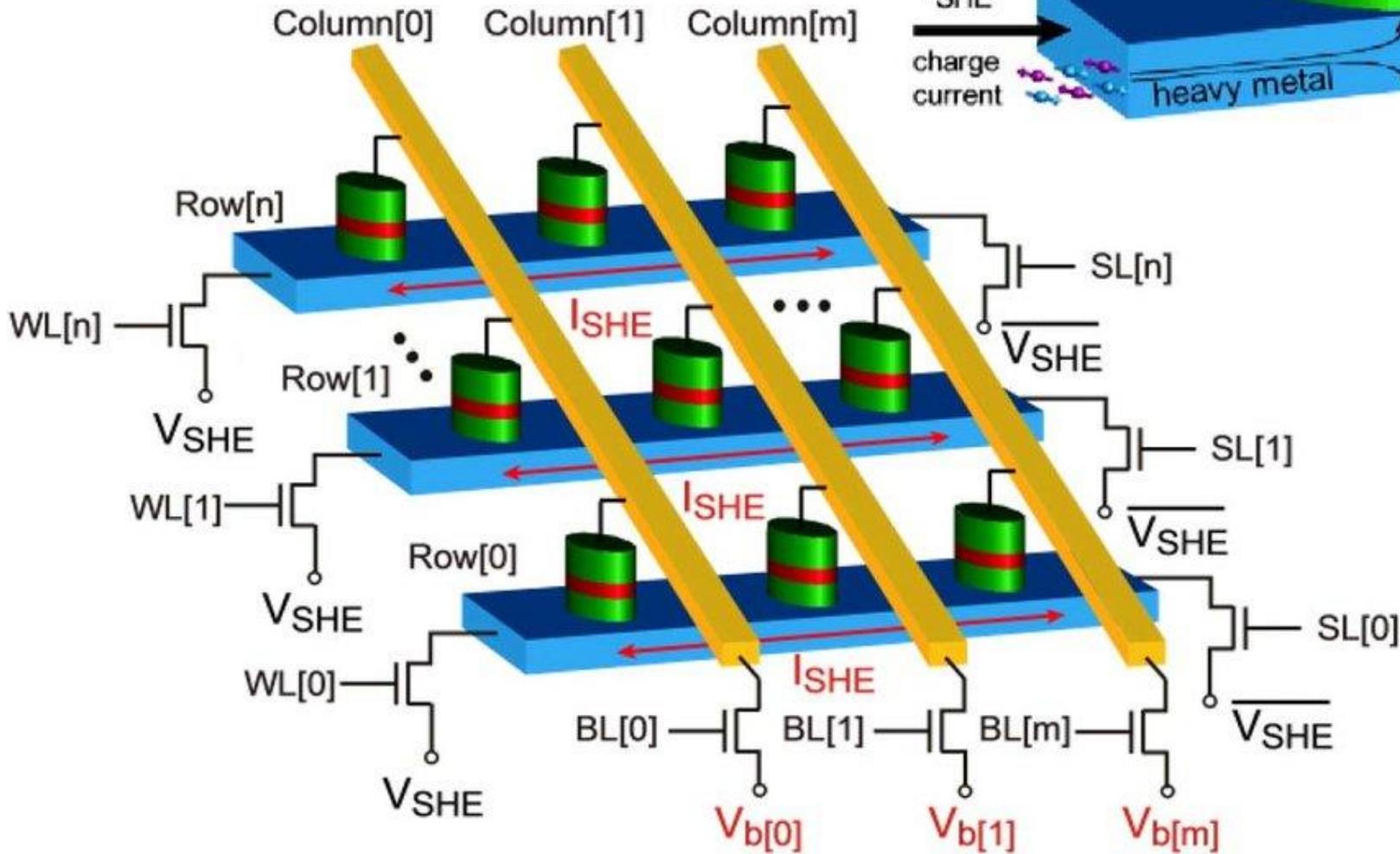
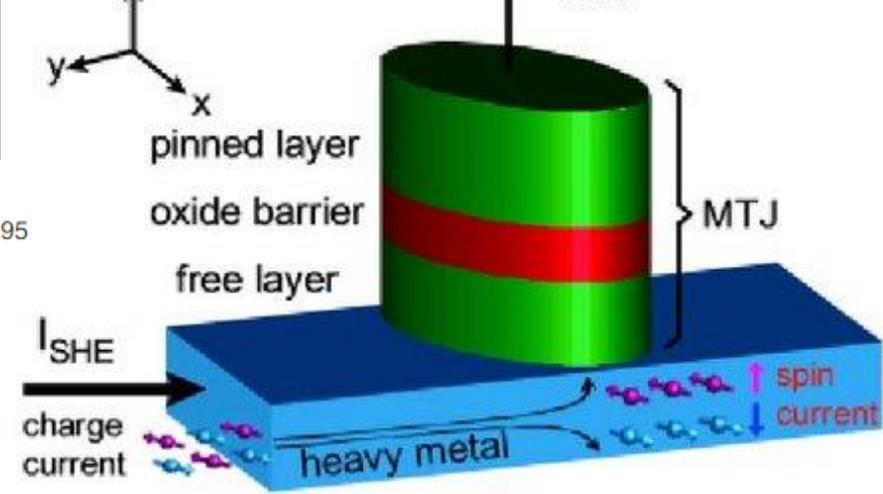
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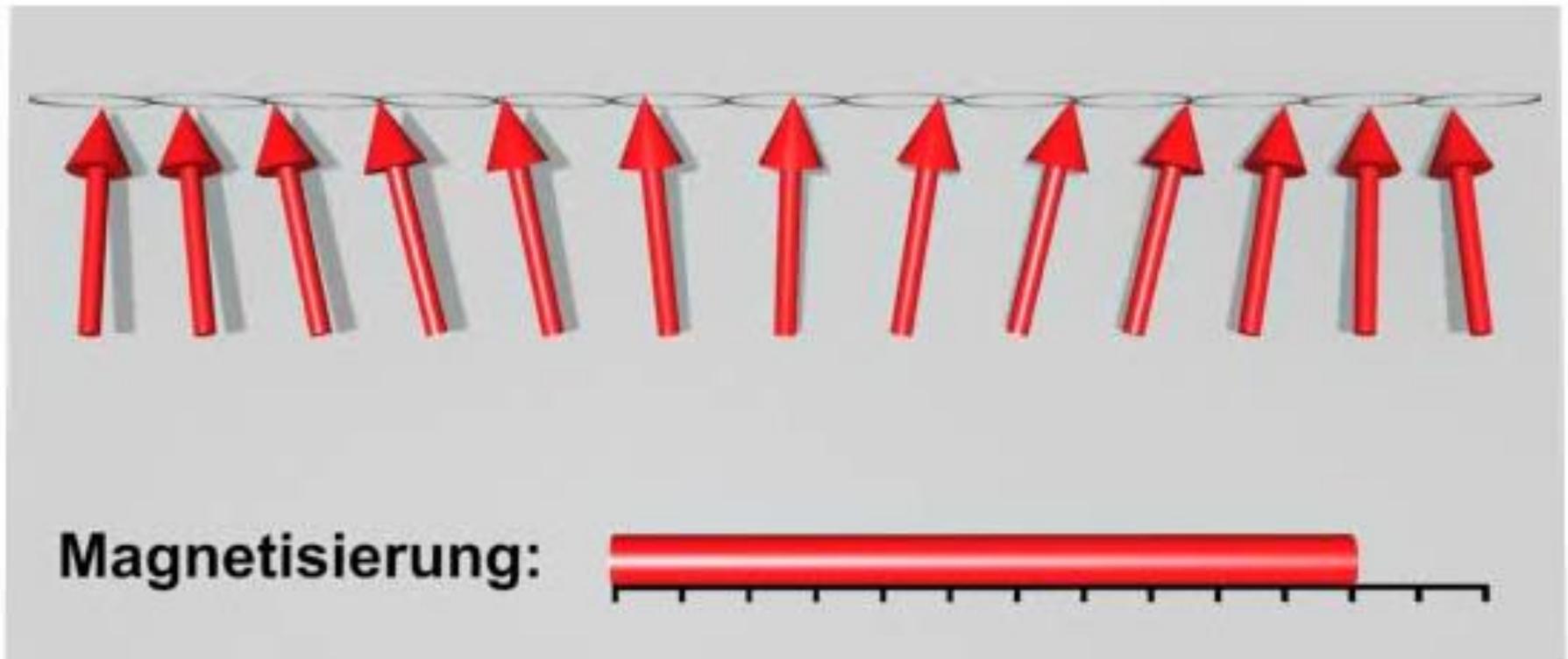
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## Concept

- Instead of flipping a single spin, readjust all spins slightly  
→ **Spin wave**





**Video des Helmholtz-Zentrums Dresden-Rossendorf zum Thema Datenspeicherung und Datenübertragung.**

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  - Separation von Ladungs und Spinströmen: Spin orbit torque in Dünnschichtsystemen
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  - Die Spinwelle als Informationsträger (HZDR-movie)