

Spin Orbit Torque in Amorphous materials

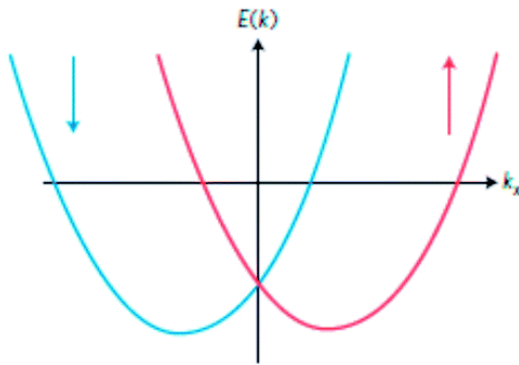
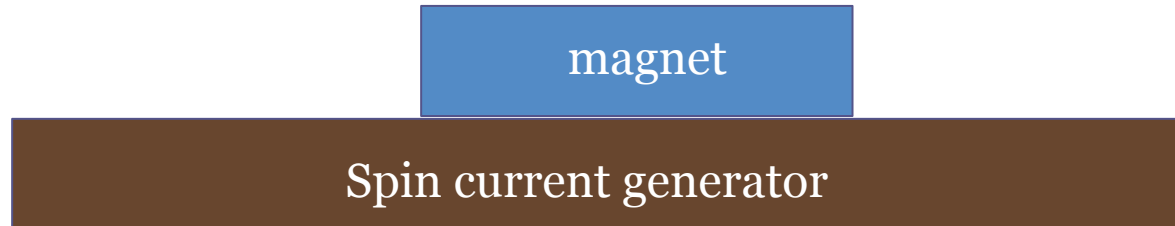
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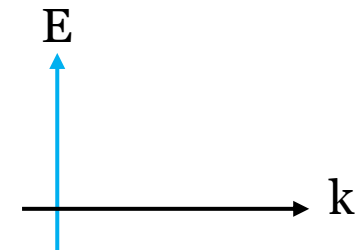
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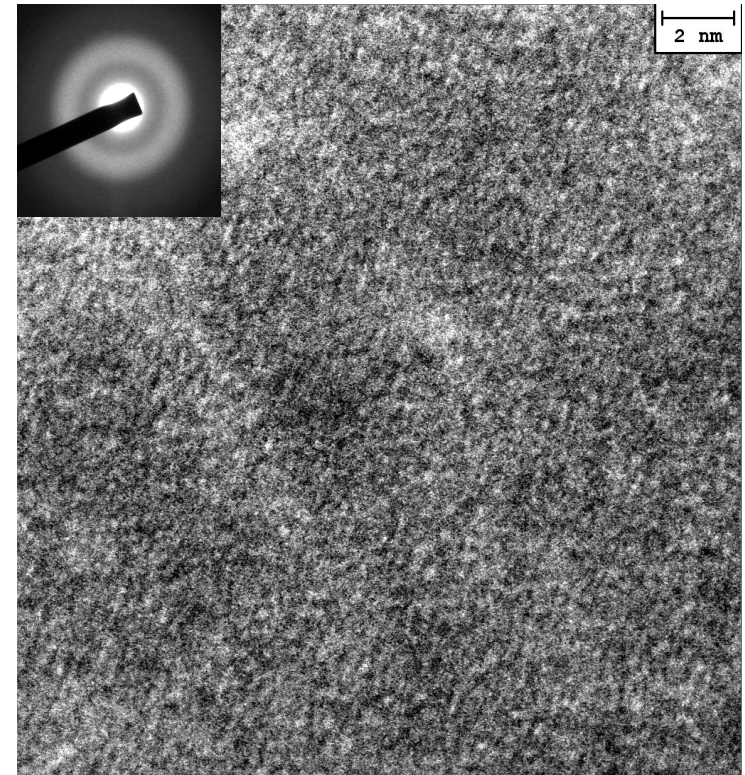
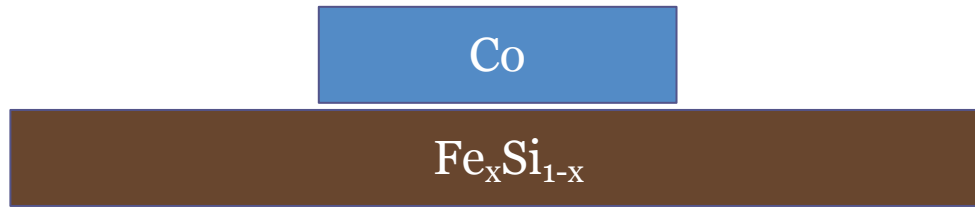
[Giant Spin Hall Effect]



$$\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \alpha \bar{\mathbf{E}} \times \bar{\mathbf{k}}$$

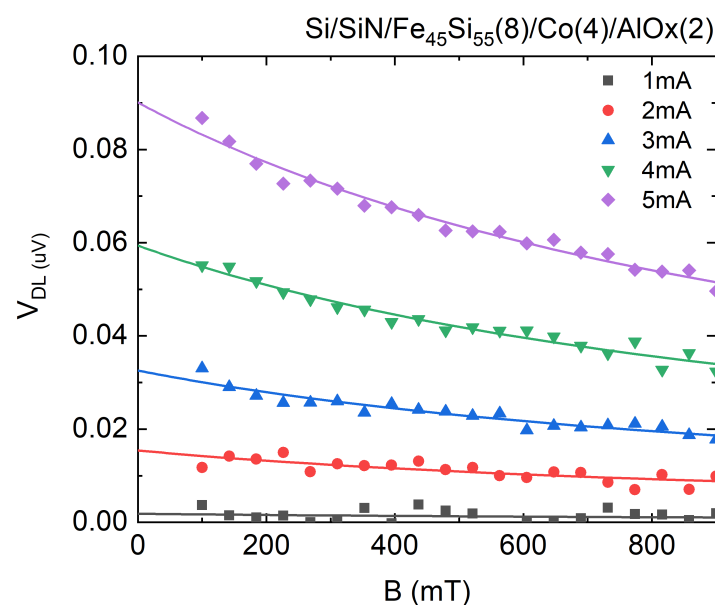
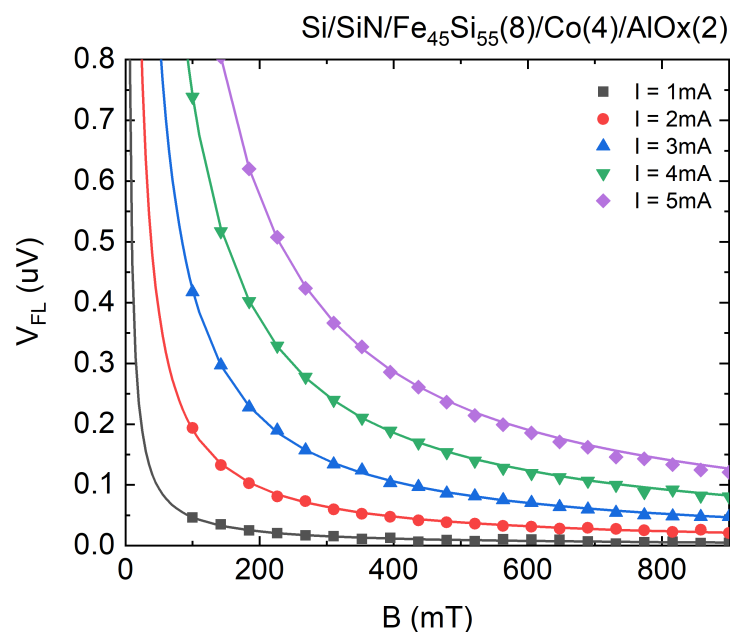
[interface effect]

Amorphous $\text{Fe}_x\text{Si}_{1-x}$



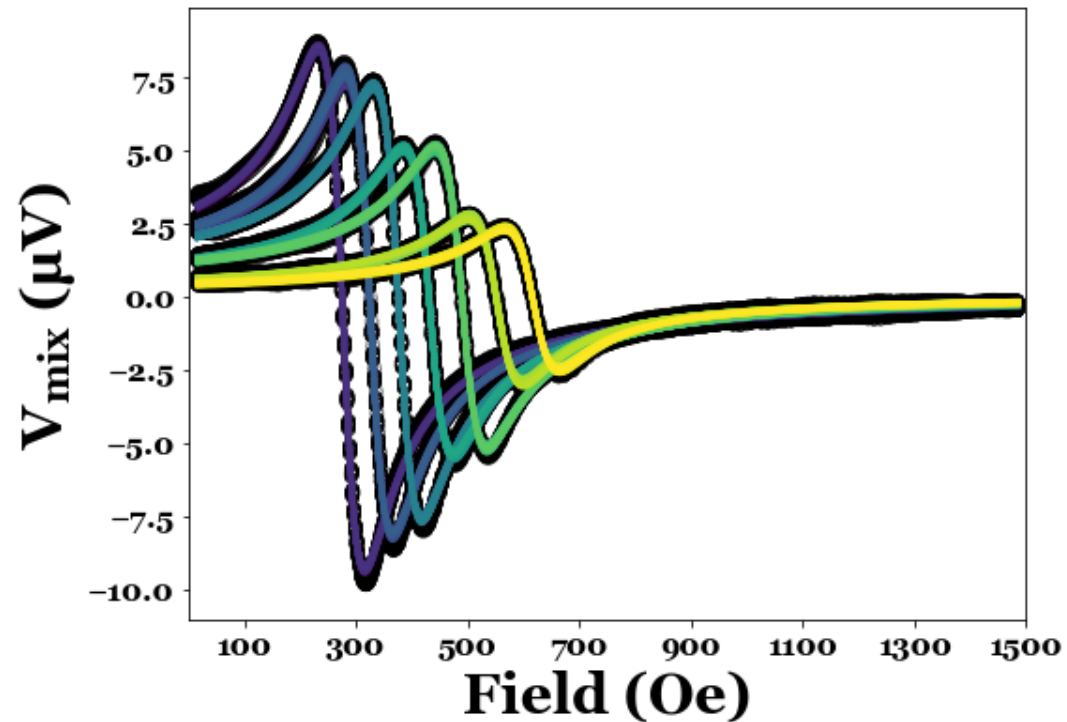
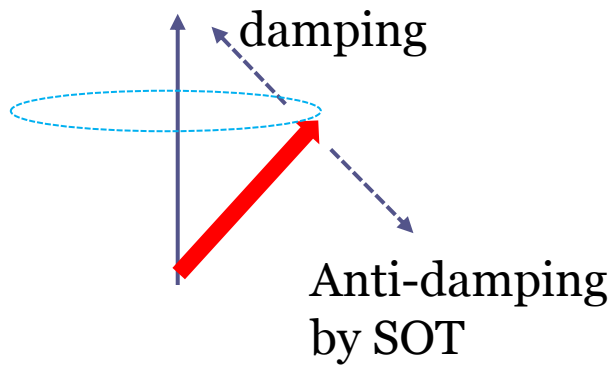
Harmonic Analysis

$$V_{xy}^{2\omega} = \left(\underbrace{\frac{V_{\text{AHE}}}{2} \frac{\Delta B_{\text{DL},y}^{\text{IP}}}{B_{\text{ex}} + \mu_0 M_{\text{eff}}}}_{\text{Damping-like Torque}} + \underbrace{\alpha \nabla T}_{\text{anomalous Nernst Effect}} + \underbrace{\beta \nabla T \cdot B_{\text{ext}}}_{\text{ordinary Nernst Effect}} \right) \cos(\varphi_B) + \left(\underbrace{V_{\text{PHE}} \frac{\Delta B_{\text{FL},y}^{\text{IP}}}{B_{\text{ext}}}}_{\text{Field-like Torque}} \right) \cos(2\varphi_B) \cos(\varphi_B)$$



$$\theta_{\text{SHA}} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} M_{\text{stFM}} \frac{B_{\text{dl}}}{j_{\text{FeSi}}} \cong 3.03\%$$

ST-FMR



$$\theta_{SHA} = \frac{V_S}{V_A} \frac{e\mu_0 M_{std}}{\hbar} \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\pi M_{eff}}{H_{ext}}} \sim 2.74\%$$

Conclusion

- Sizable spin orbit torque ($\sim 3\%$) was observed in completely amorphous material
- Two independent methods provide consistent results
- Indicates purely interface driven SOT is possible