

Physics of Condensed Matter I

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Ćwiczenia

Ćwiczenia środowe odrabiamy:

28.10 i 4.11 – 16:00-17:00 (prośba o ustalenie z prowadzacymi
Termodynamikę)

Od przyszłego tygodnia 2 grupy

1.37 Maciej Ściesiek (parzyste nr. indeksu)

2.25 Aneta Drabińska (nieparzyste nr. indeksu)

Magnetic field and spin

Magnetic field:

$$H' = -\vec{m} \vec{B}$$

Here \vec{m} is the magnetic moment

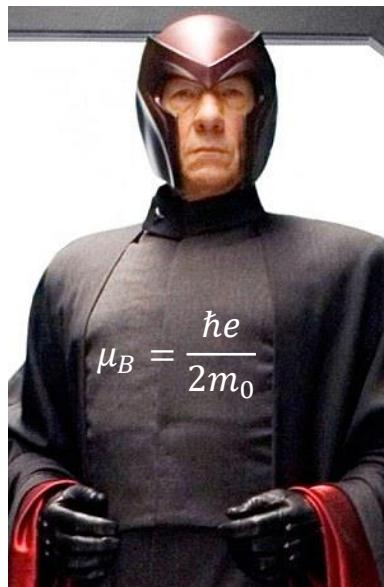
Classically:

$$|\vec{m}| = |I\vec{S}| = \frac{e}{T}\pi r^2 = \frac{e}{2\pi r/v}\pi r^2 = \frac{e}{2}rv \quad [\text{Am}^2]$$

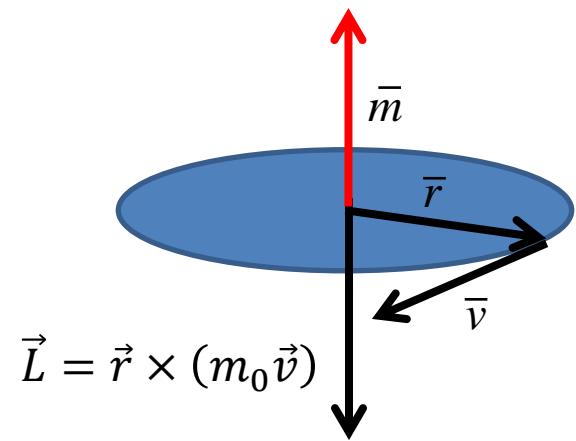
thus: $\vec{m} = -\frac{e}{2m_0}\vec{L} = -\frac{\mu_B}{\hbar}\vec{L}$

Bohr magneton $\mu_B = \frac{\hbar e}{2m_0}$
 $\mu_B = 9,274009994(57) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$

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$$\mu_B = \frac{\hbar e}{2m_0}$$



$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times (m_0 \vec{v})$$

$$\hat{L} = (\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z)$$

Magnetic field and spin

Spin, spin-orbit interaction

Spin operators $\hat{S}_x, \hat{S}_y, \hat{S}_z, \hat{S}^2$

$$H' = \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} (\hat{L} + g\hat{S}) \vec{B}$$

$$\mu_B = \frac{\hbar e}{2m_0}$$

g-factor for the agreement with experiments

Total angular momentum operator $\hat{j} = \hat{L} + \hat{S}$, the base $|j, m_j\rangle$

$$\text{Total magnetic moment } \hat{M} = \hat{M}_L + \hat{M}_S = -g_L \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \hat{L} - g_S \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \hat{S}$$

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 $=1$ $=2$

$\hat{M} \neq \hat{j}$ - magnetic anomaly of spin

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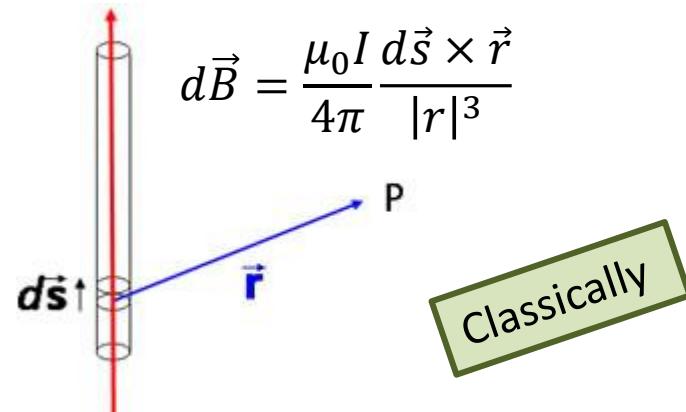
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$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{s} \times \vec{r}}{|r|^3}$$

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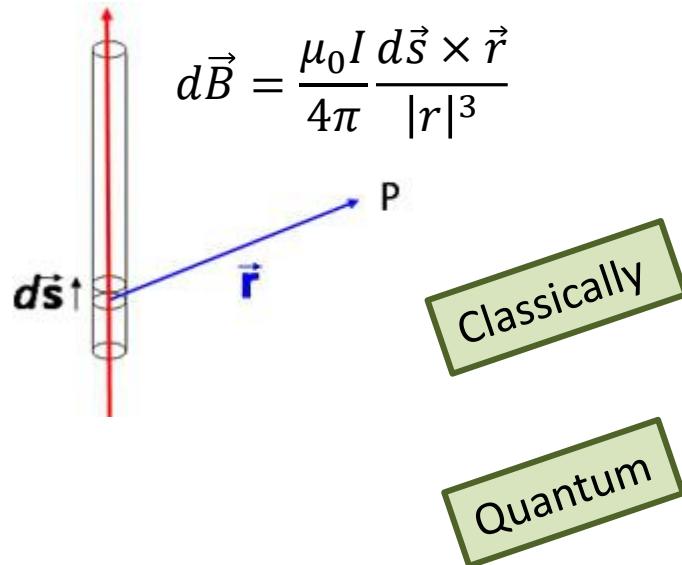
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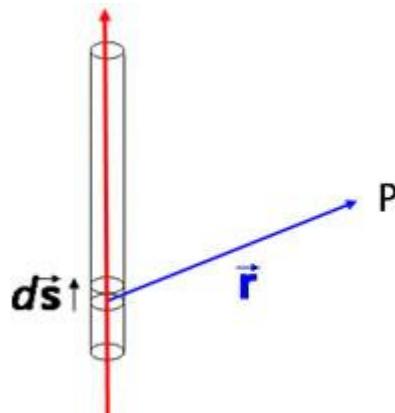
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$$H' = \frac{e}{m_e} \hat{S} \cdot \vec{B}_L = \frac{Ze^2 \mu_0}{8\pi m_e^2} \frac{1}{r^3} \hat{S} \cdot \hat{L} = \frac{\lambda}{\hbar^2} \hat{L} \hat{S}$$

(Note: sometimes convention is $H' = \lambda \hat{l} \hat{S}$)

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fine-structure constant α

$$\lambda = \frac{Ze^2 \mu_0 \hbar^2}{8\pi m_e^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{r^3} \right\rangle = \frac{Z\hbar^3 \alpha}{2m_e^2 c} \left\langle \frac{1}{r^3} \right\rangle$$

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137.037}$$

$$Ry = hc R_\infty$$
$$R_\infty = \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 \hbar^3 c}$$

$$R_\infty = 1,097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$E_{SO} = \int \psi^* H_{SO} \psi dV = \frac{Z}{2(137)^2} \int \psi^* \frac{\hat{L} \hat{S}}{r^3} \psi dV$$

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$$\left\langle \frac{1}{r^3} \right\rangle = uff \dots ufff \dots ufffff \dots = \frac{Z^3}{n^3 a_B^3} \frac{1}{l \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) (l + 1)}$$

$$\langle \hat{L} \hat{S} \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} [j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1)]$$

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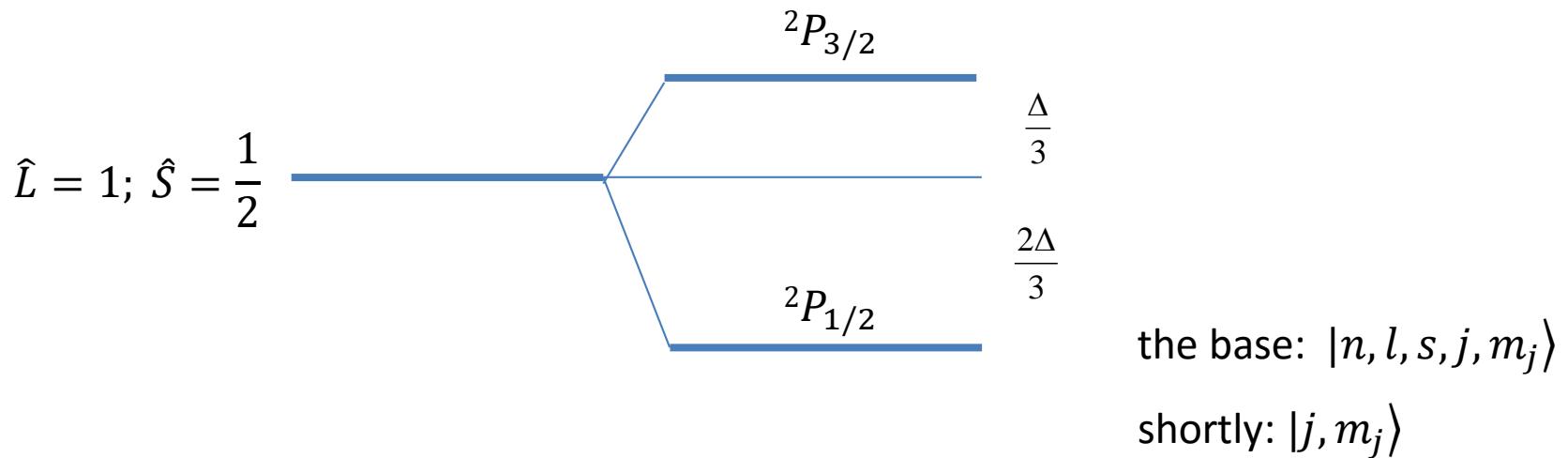
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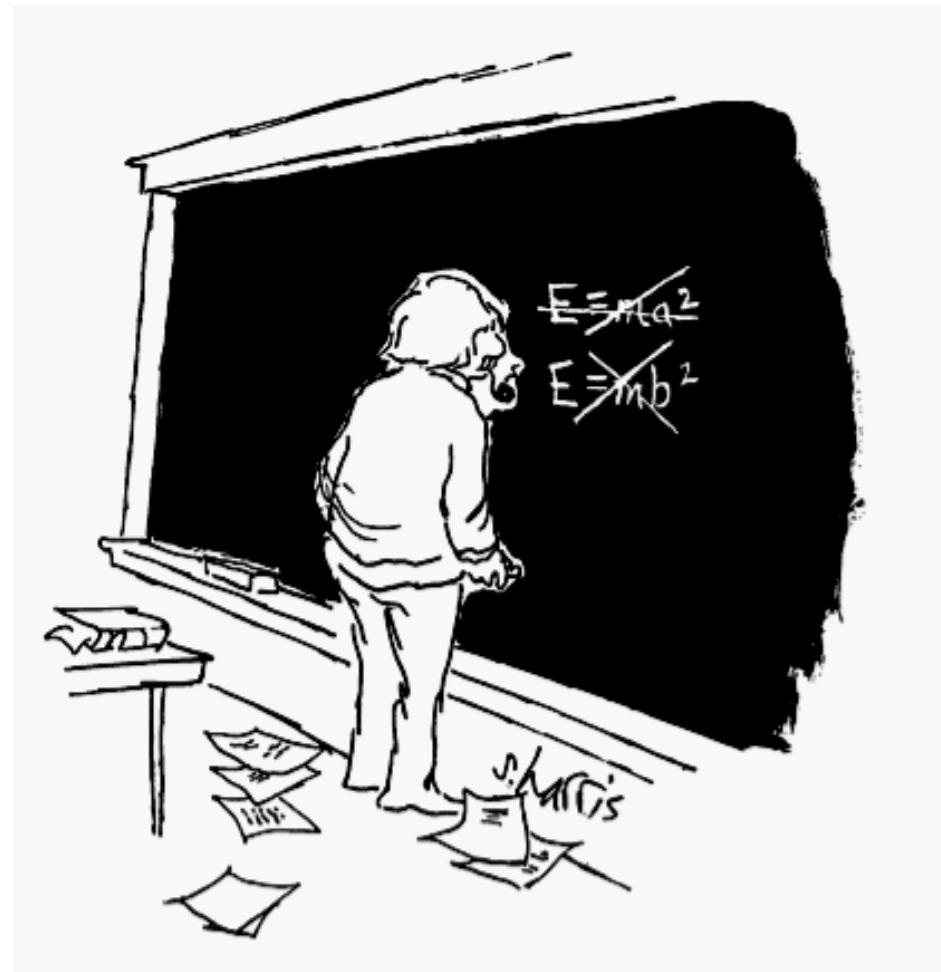
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- Kinetic energy relativistic correction

$$E = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4}$$

The correct description of the atom requires taking into account the relativistic effects which lead to the Dirac Hamiltonian.

The square root can be expanded into a series:

$$E = m_0 c^2 \left(1 + \frac{p^2}{2m_0^2 c^2} - \frac{p^4}{8m_0^4 c^4} + \dots \right) = m_0 c^2 + \frac{p^2}{2m_0} - \frac{p^4}{8m_0^3 c^2} + \dots$$

thus kinetic energy can be expressed as

$$E_K = E - m_0 c^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m_0} - \frac{p^4}{8m_0^3 c^2} + \dots$$

and the Hamiltonian is:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) - \frac{\hbar^4}{8m_0^3 c^2} \nabla^4 \right] \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

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Using perturbation theory one can find correction due to the **relativistic mass change** for each principal quantum number and corresponding energy E_n .

For instance the electron speed of $1s$ in gold ^{79}Au $v = 53\% c$!

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\Delta E'_n = -\frac{E_n^2}{2mc^2} \left[\frac{4n}{l + \frac{1}{2}} - 3 \right] = -\frac{\alpha^2 Z^2}{2n^4} E_n \left[\frac{n}{l + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

Correction from this perturbation:

- Small for light atoms
- Rapidly decreases with the principal quantum number n
- Significant for large Z

$$E_n = -\frac{mc^2\alpha^2 Z^2}{2} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

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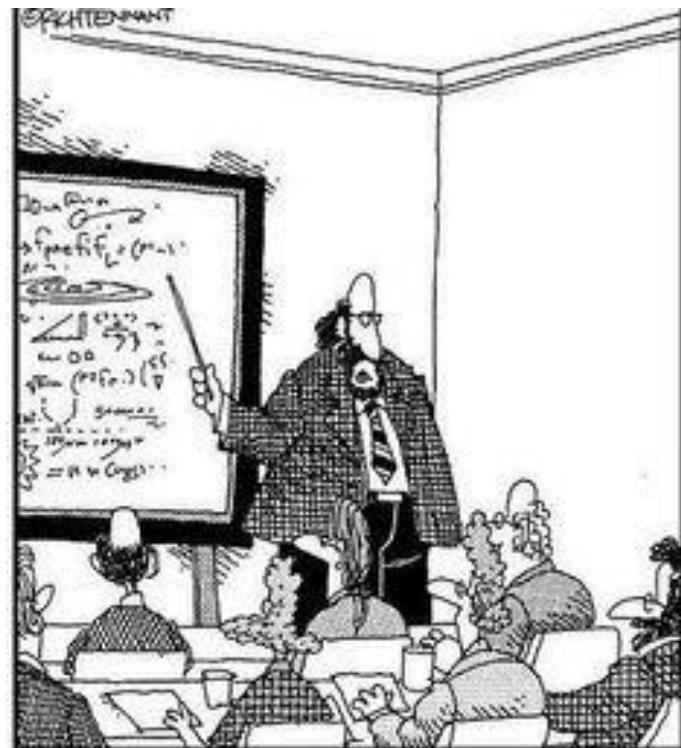
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Negative E solutions to the equation
→ antimatter



"Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."

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$$\alpha_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Only for s-orbit, because: $\psi(\vec{r} = 0) = 0$ for $l > 0$

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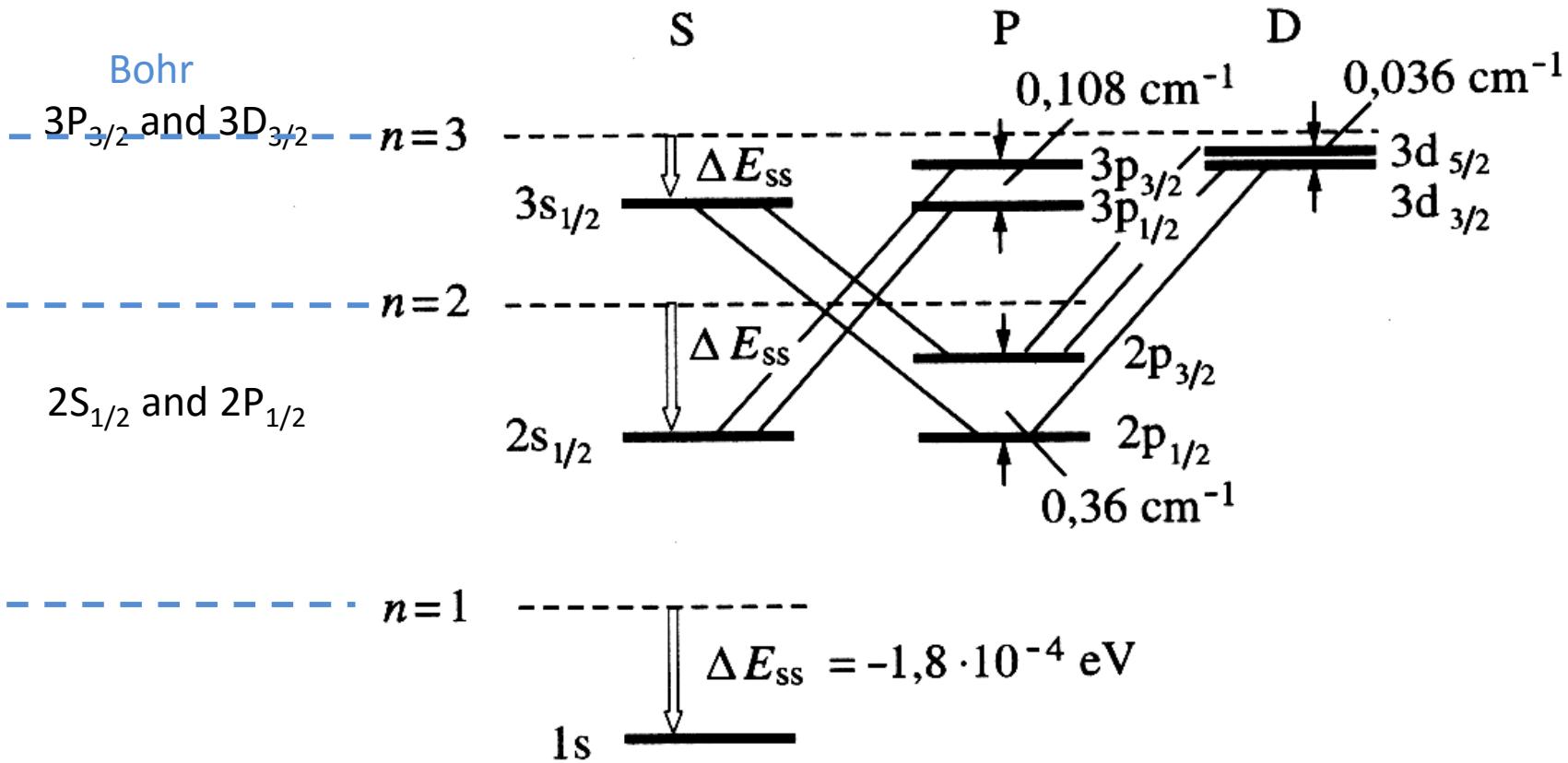
$$E_{Darwin} = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m^2 c^2} 4\pi \left(\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) |\psi(\vec{r} = 0)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} mc^2 \frac{(Z\alpha)^4}{n^3}$$

Total effect (Hydrogen atom):

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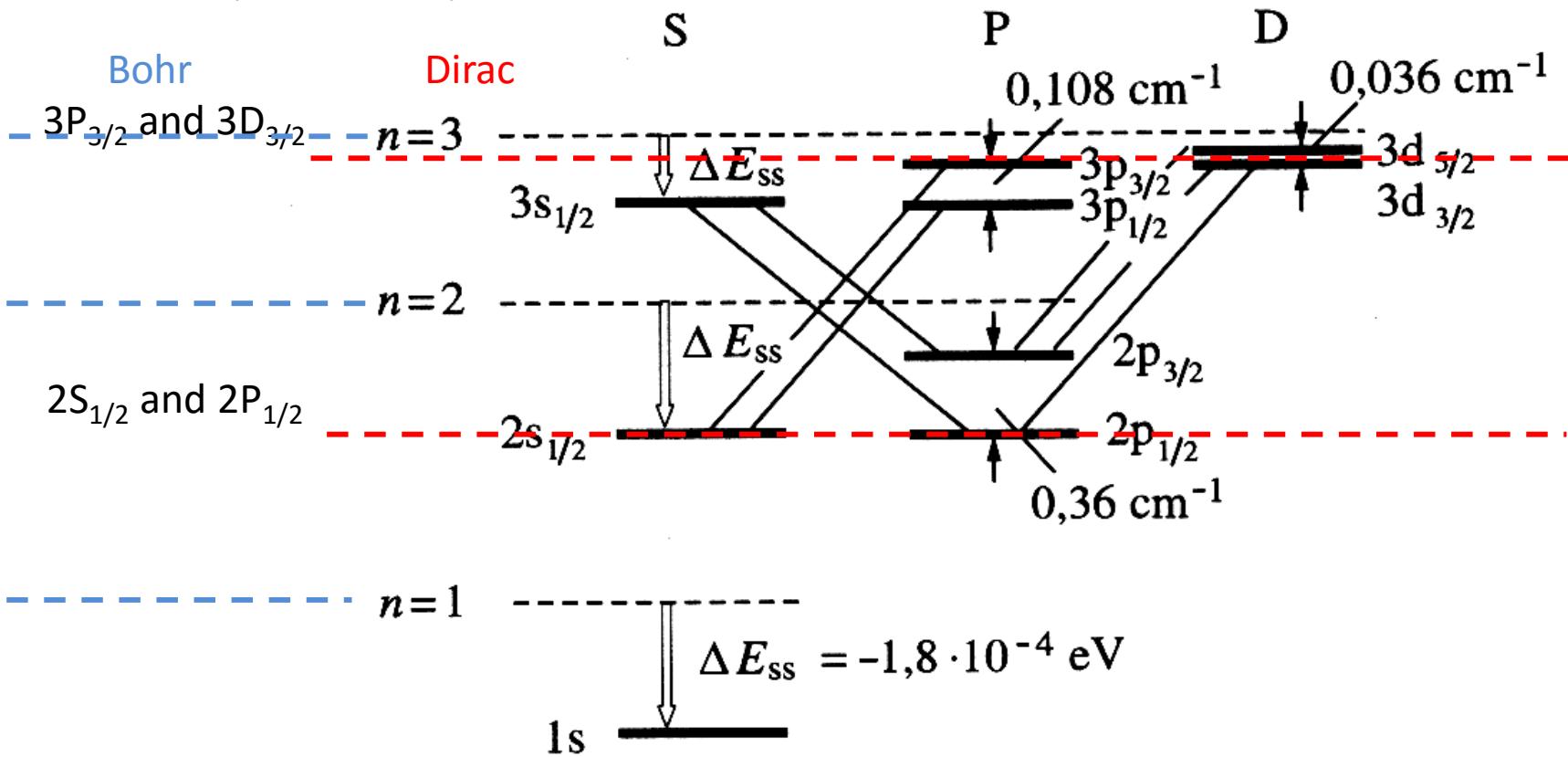
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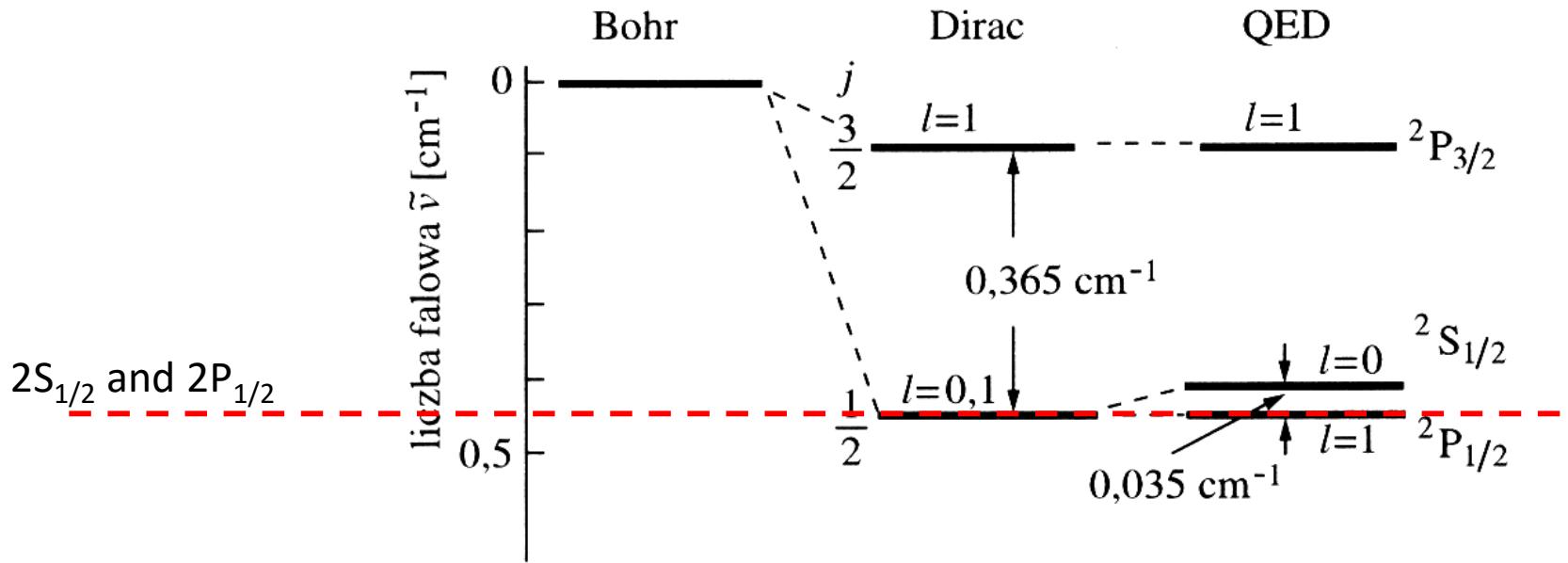
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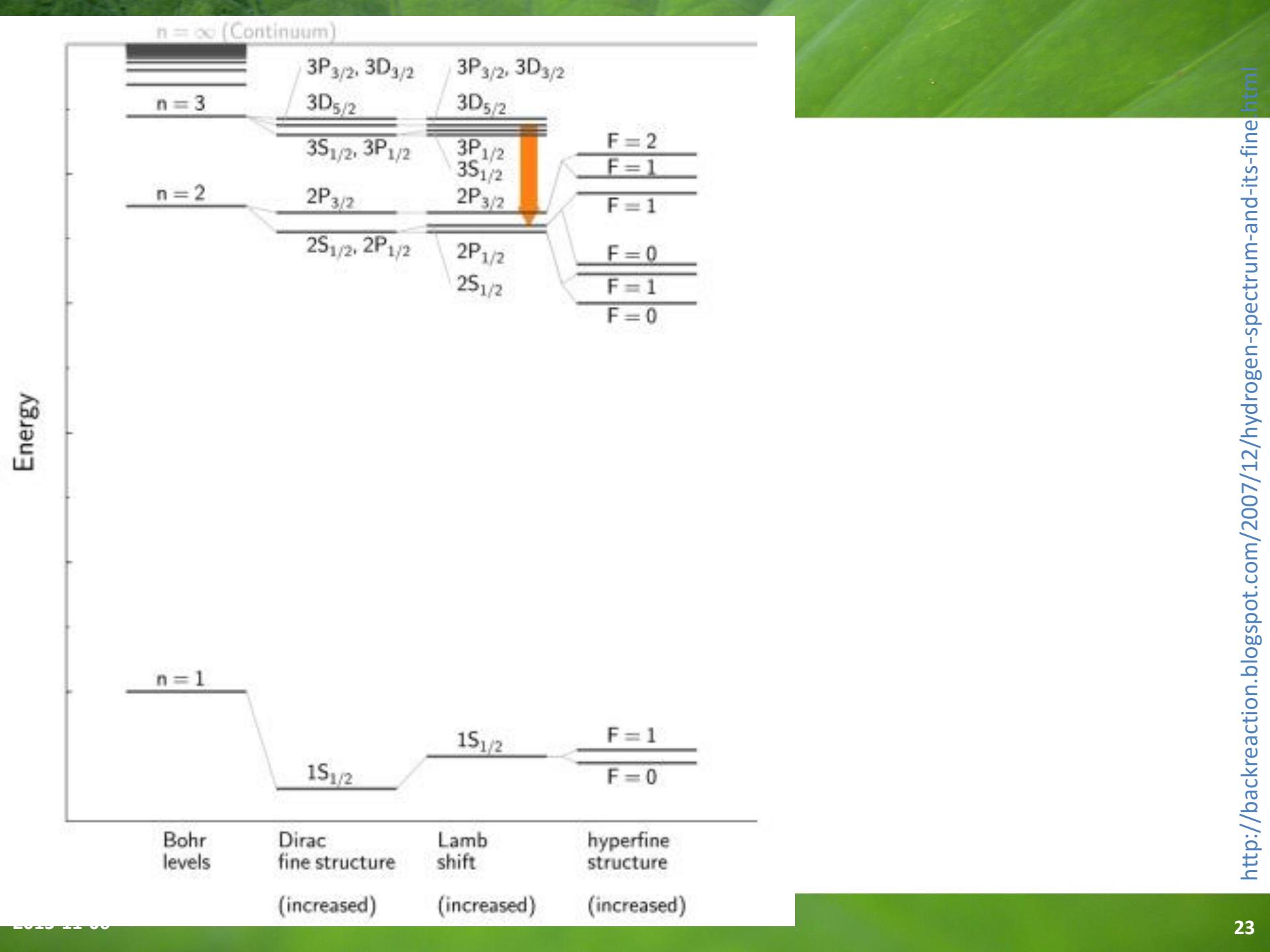


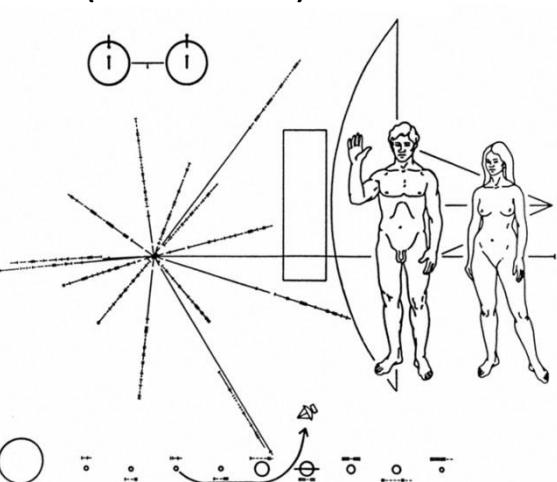
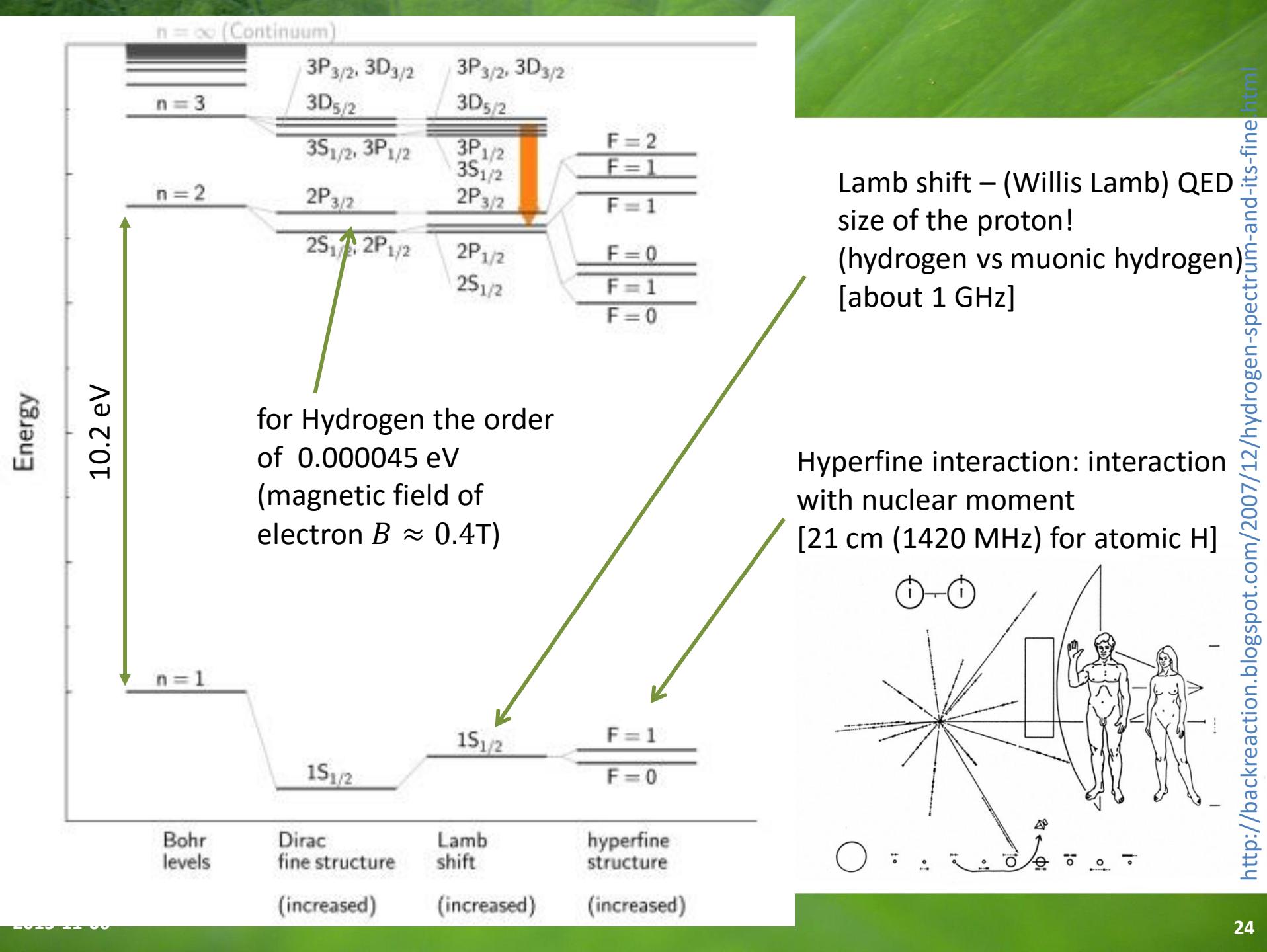
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Willis Lamb (Nobel 1955) calculations:



QED – Quantum ElectroDynamics – Lamb shift due to the interaction of the atom with virtual photons emitted and absorbed by it. In quantum electrodynamics the electromagnetic field is quantized and therefore its lowest state cannot be zero ($E_{min} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$), which perturbs Coulomb potential.





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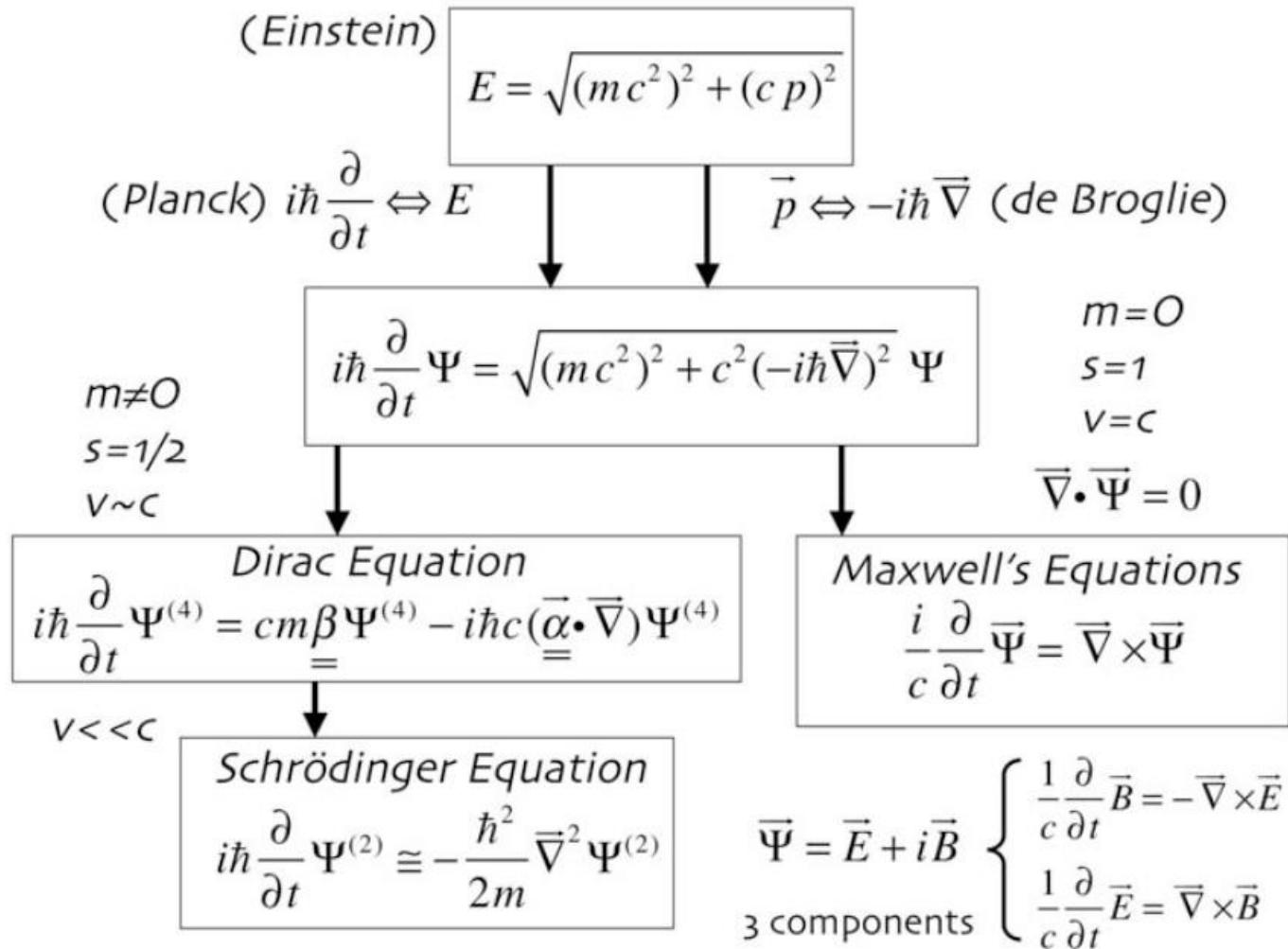


Fig.1 Flow chart for derivations of electron and photon wave equations, m = rest mass, s = spin, v = velocity.

The Maxwell wave function of the photon M. G. Raymer and Brian J. Smith, SPIE conf. Optics and Photonics 2005

Multi-electron atom

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an abbreviated description of the angular momentum quantum numbers in a multi-electron atom

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Hund's rules (soon!)

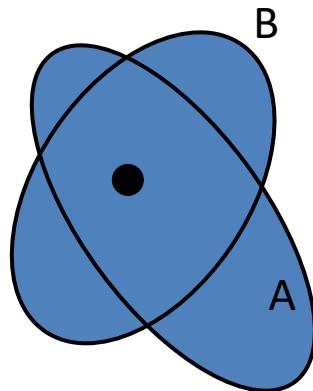
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$$\Psi = \Psi_{\text{orbital}} \times \Psi_{\text{spin}} \text{ Antisymmetric!}$$

Example:



Two electrons localized on one centrum

$$\mathcal{H}(1, 2) = H_0(1) + H_0(2) + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}}$$

Exchange interaction

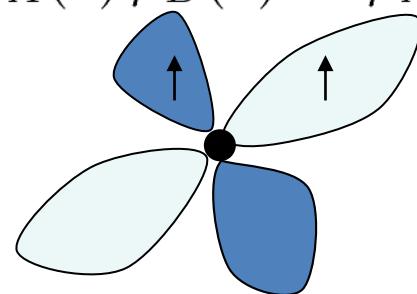
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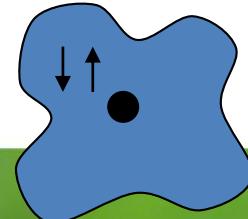
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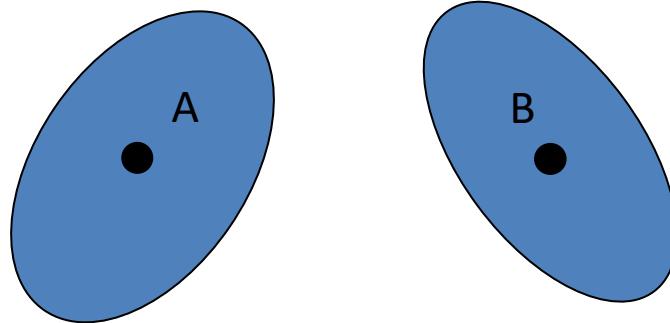


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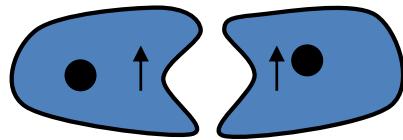
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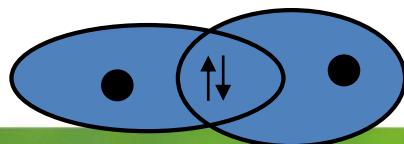
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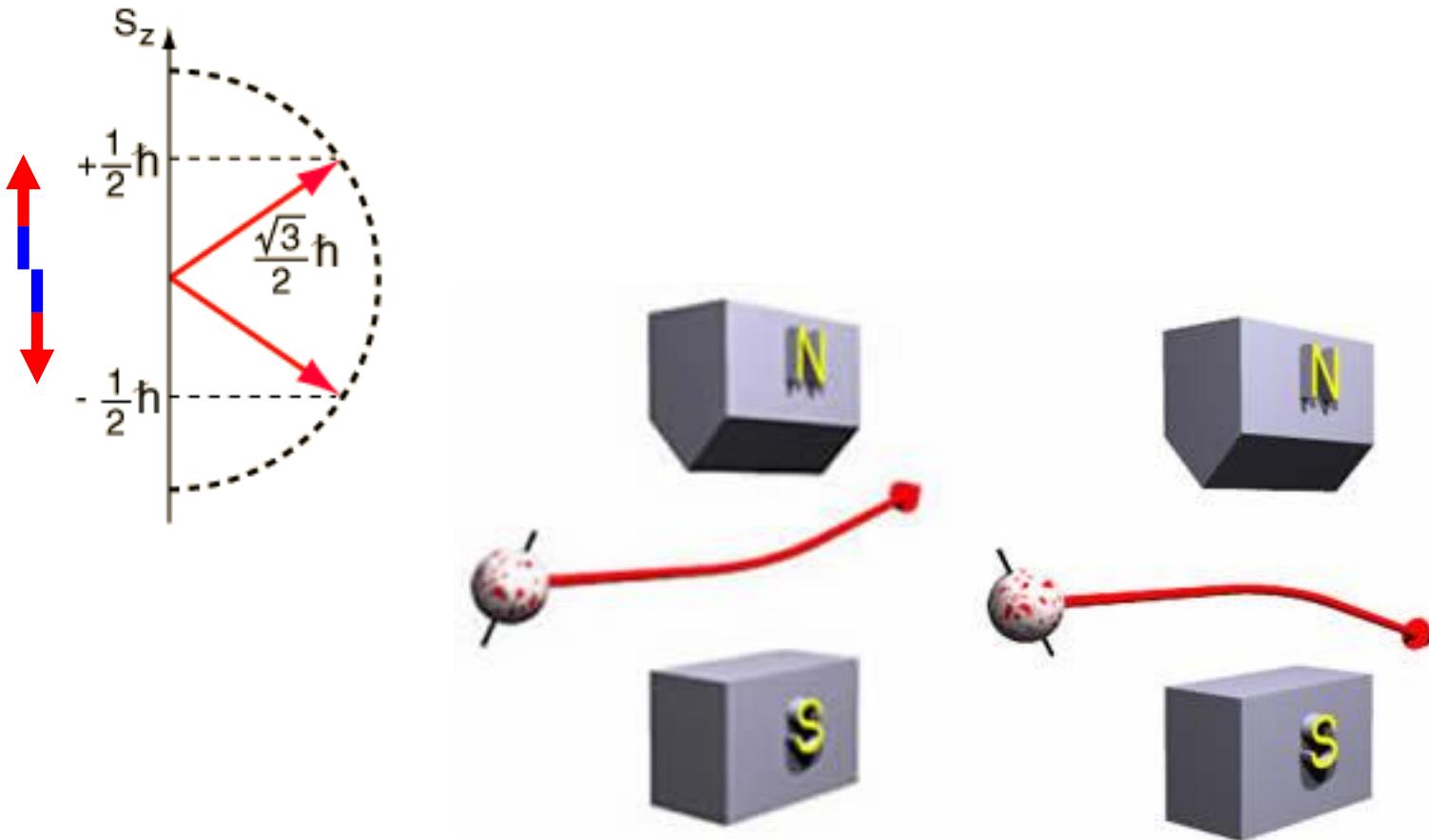


Chemical bonds, $E_S < E_T$

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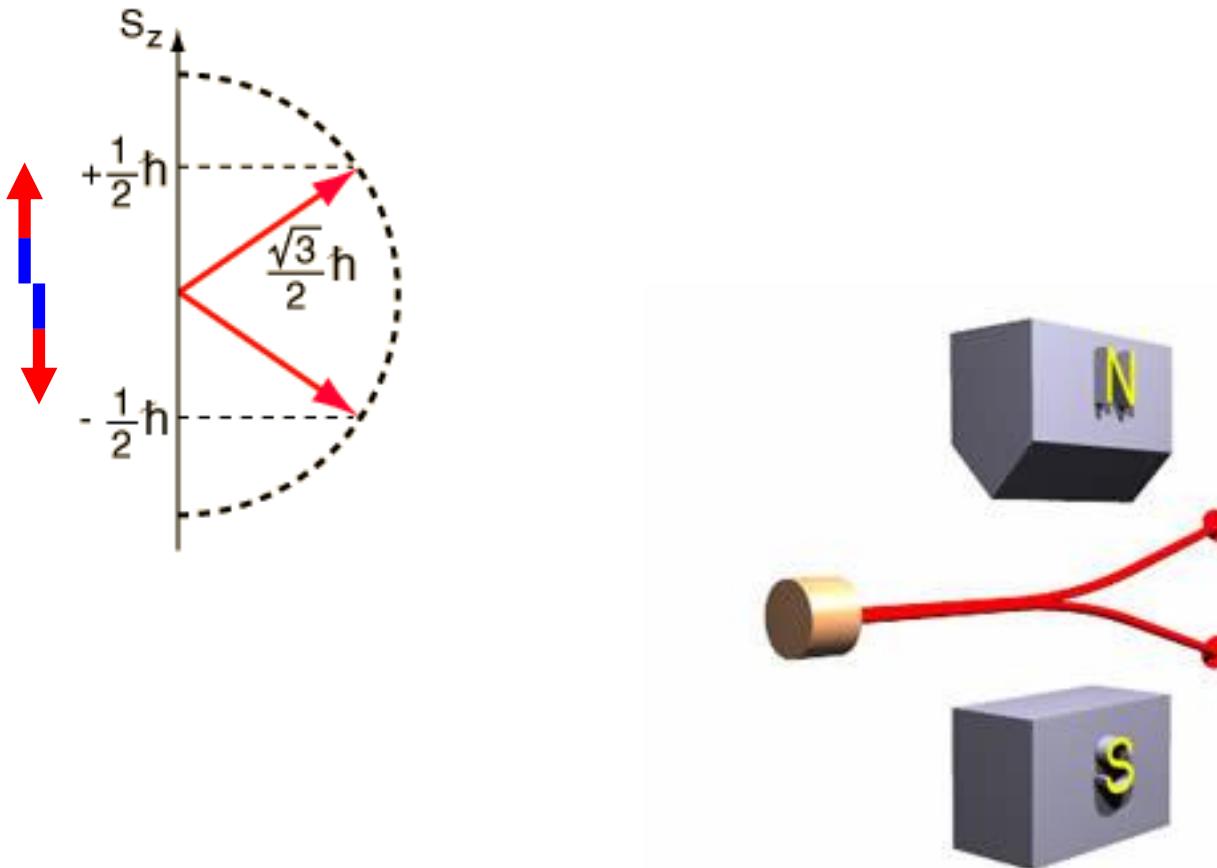


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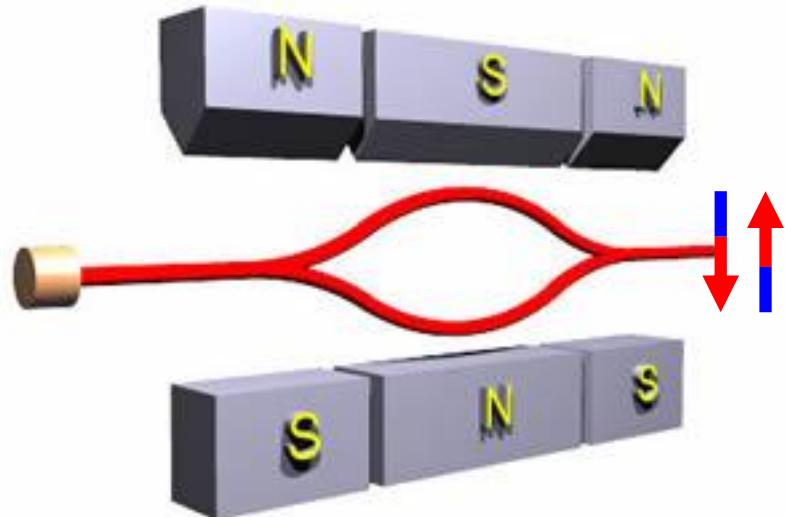
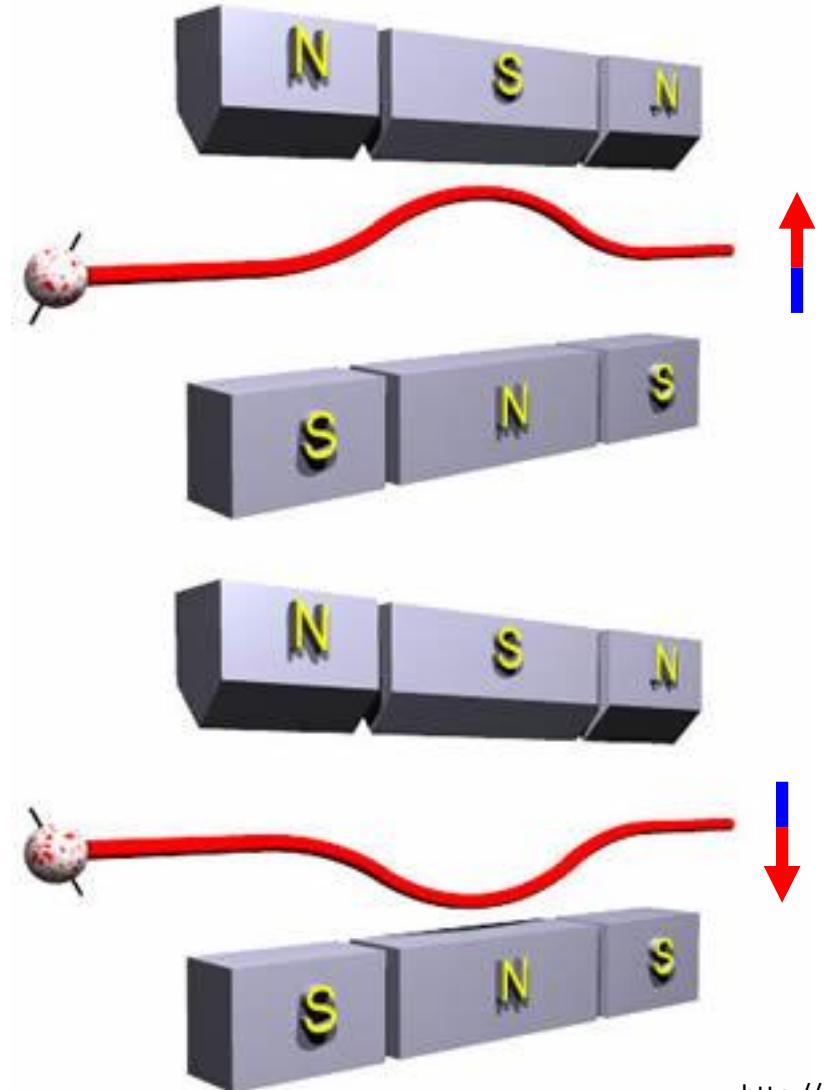
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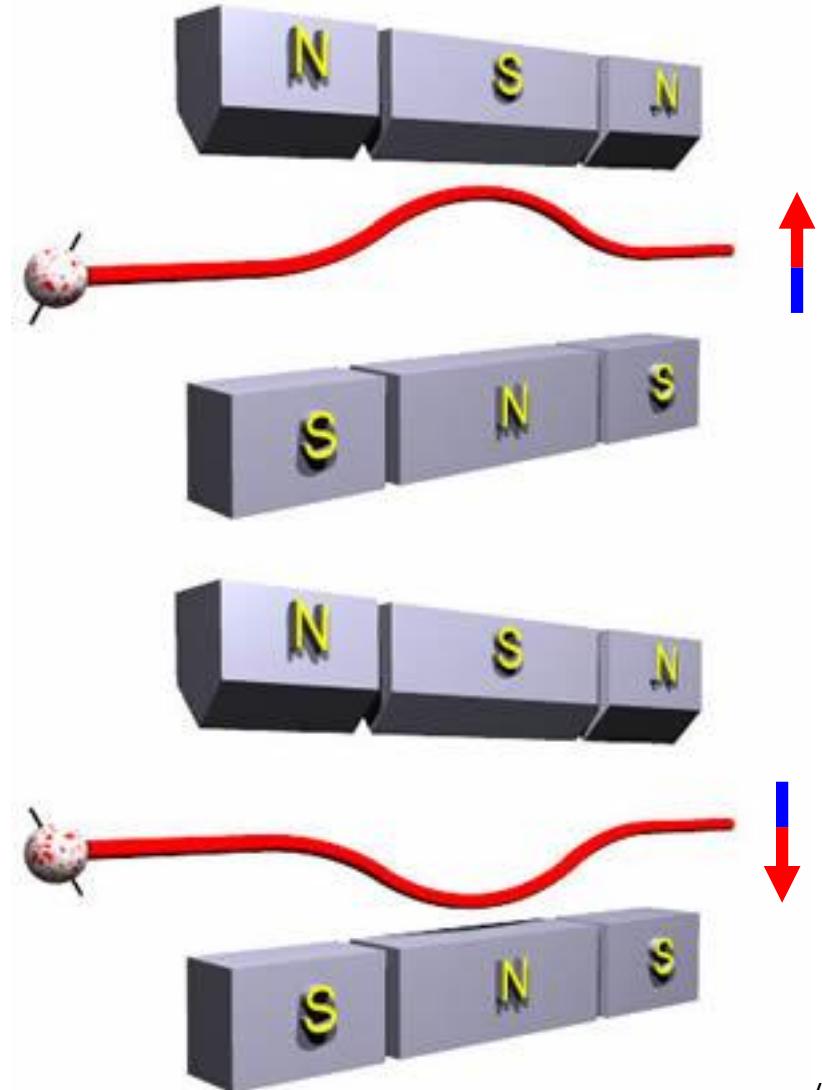
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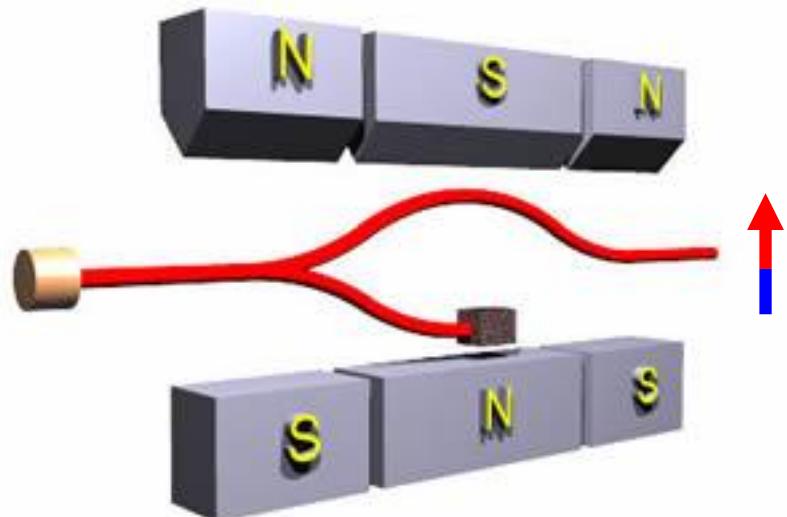
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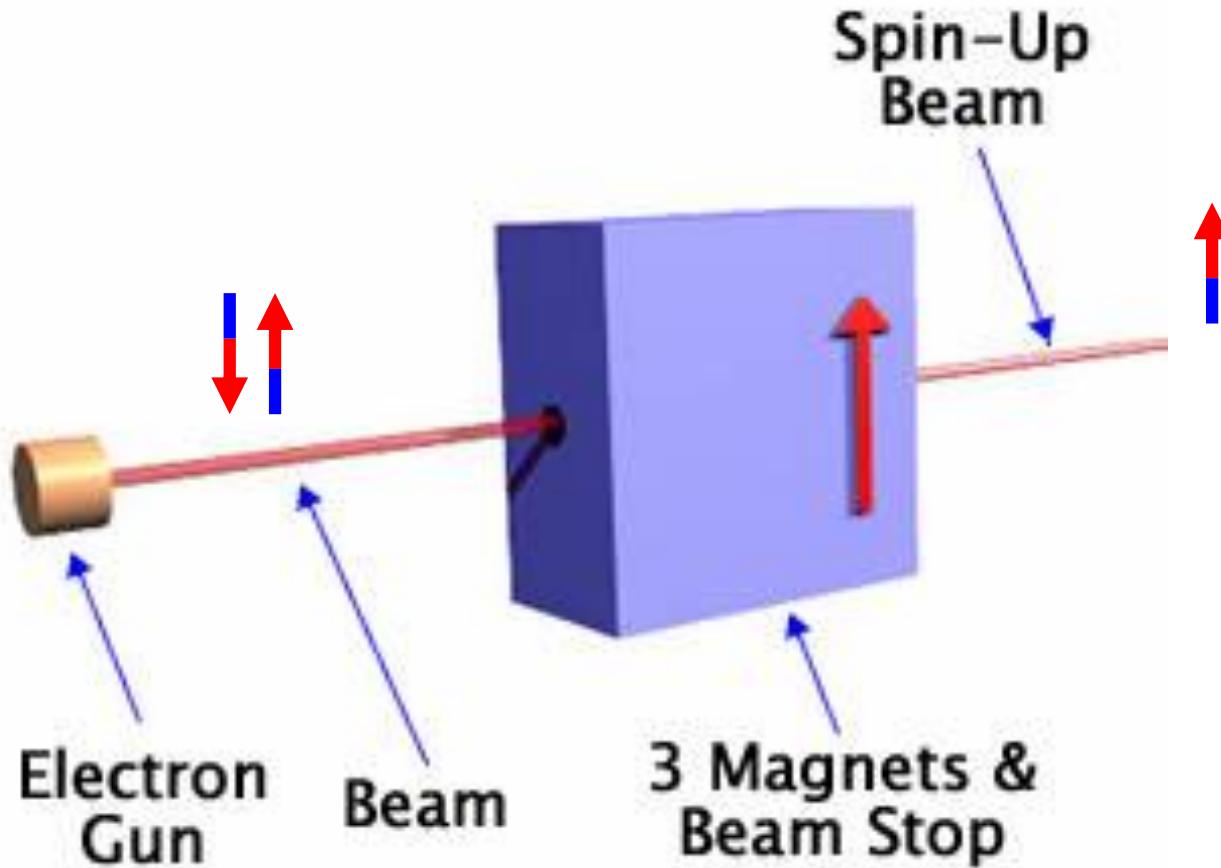


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Spin filter!

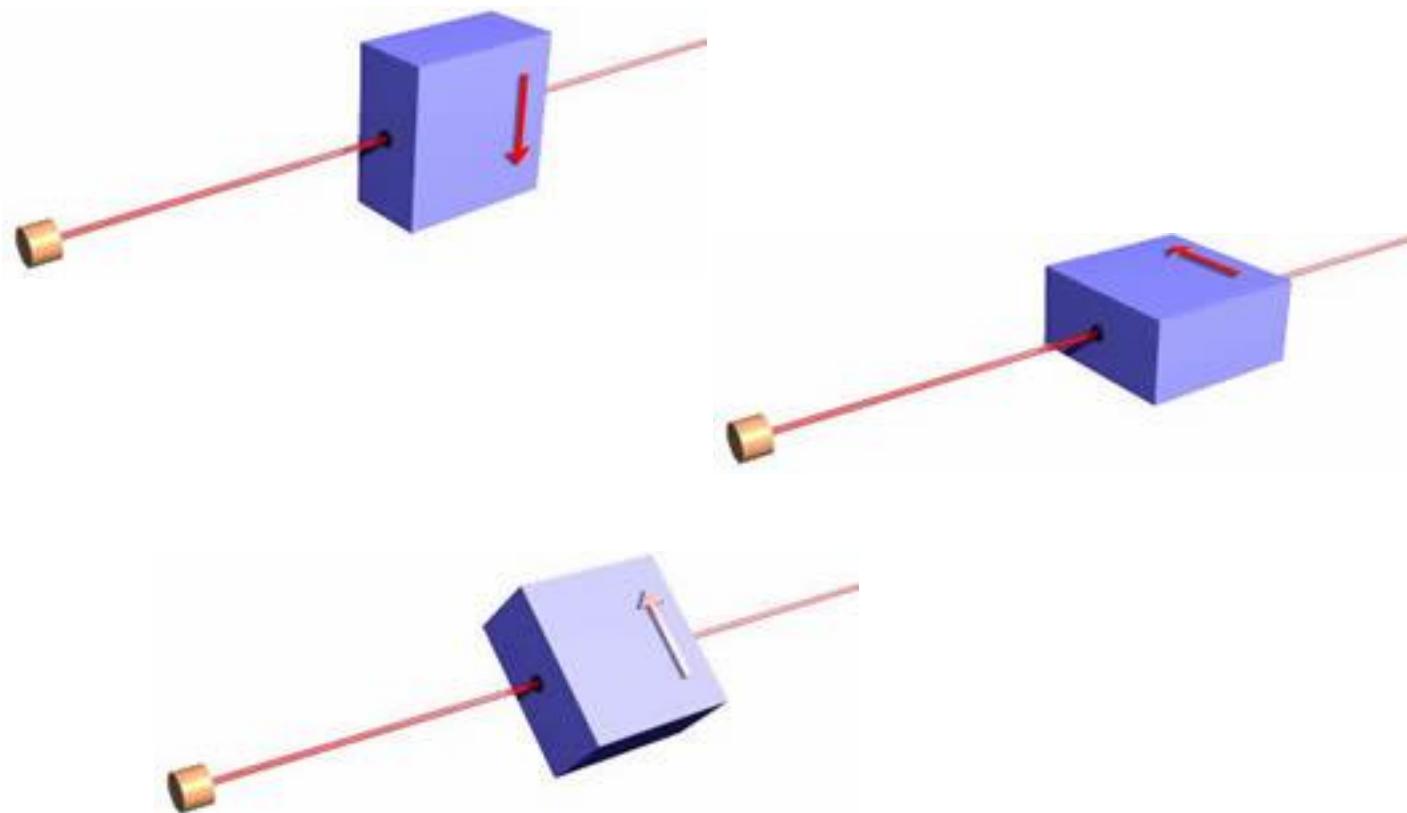


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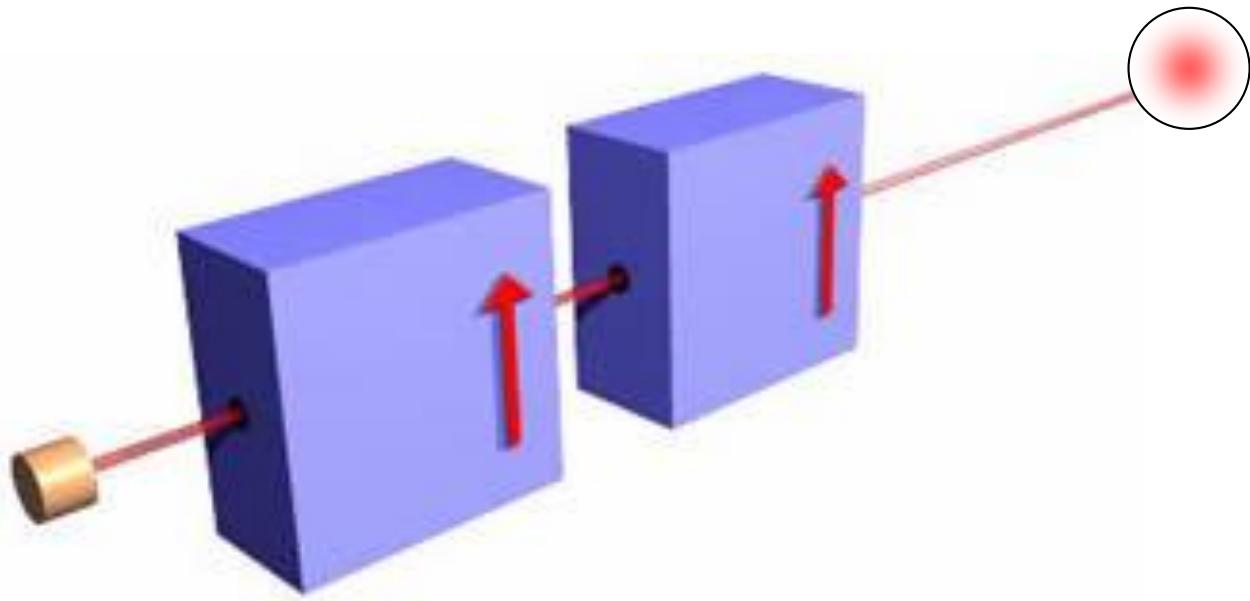
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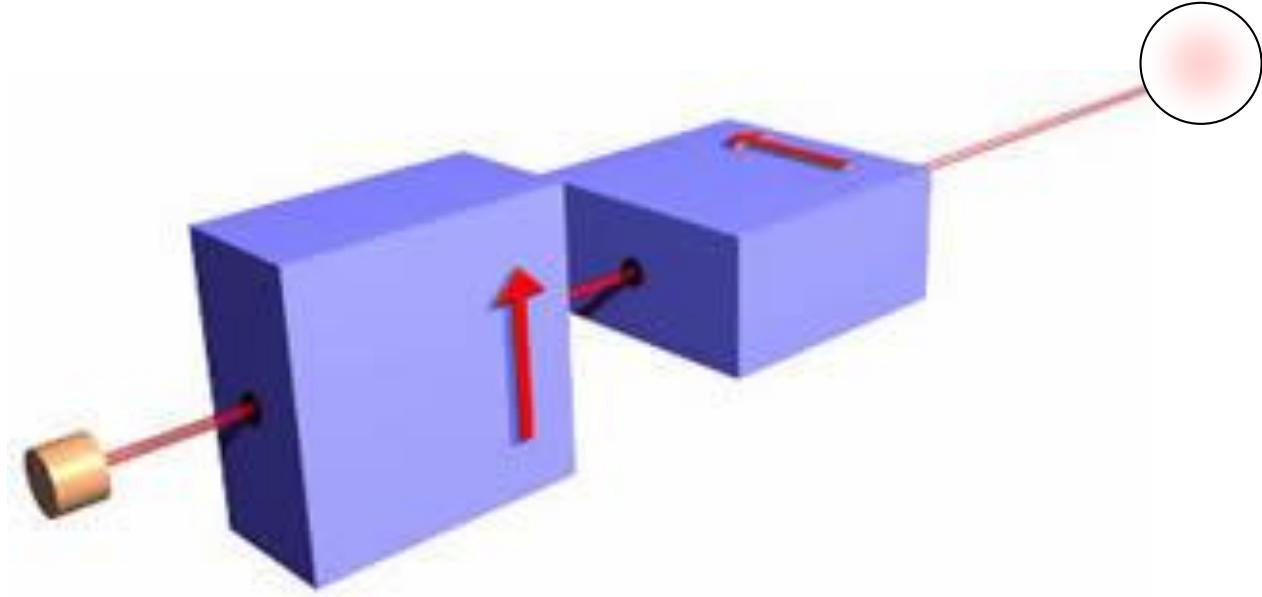
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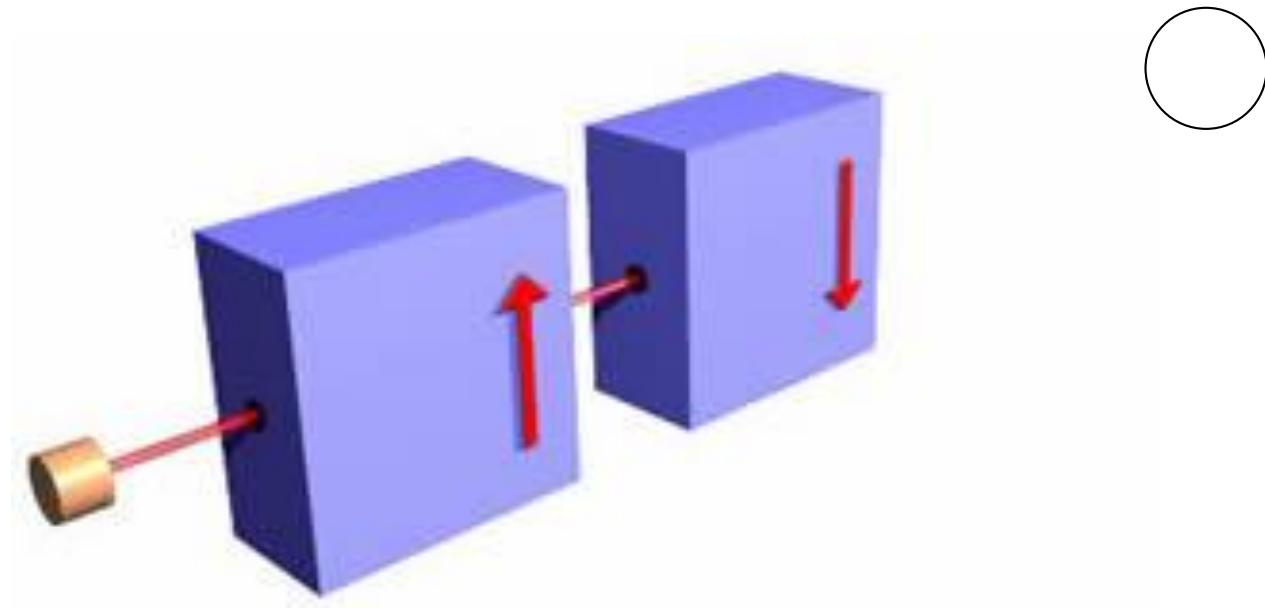
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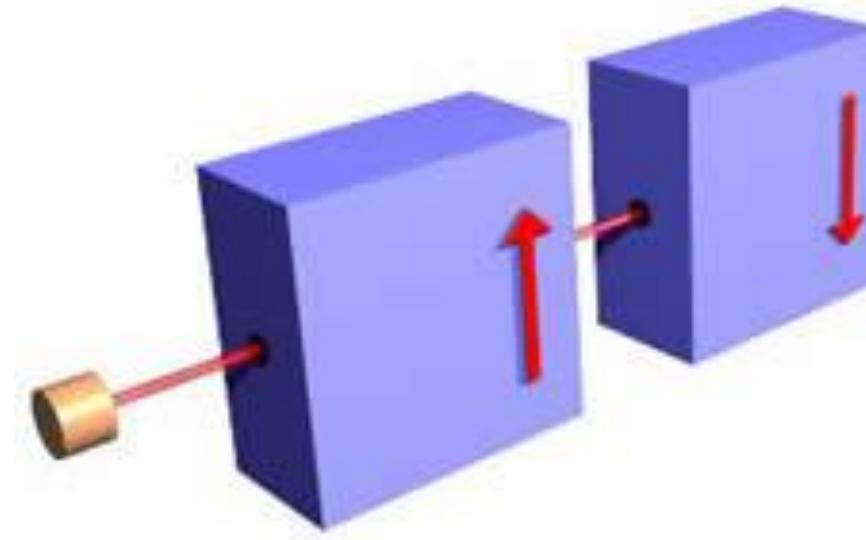
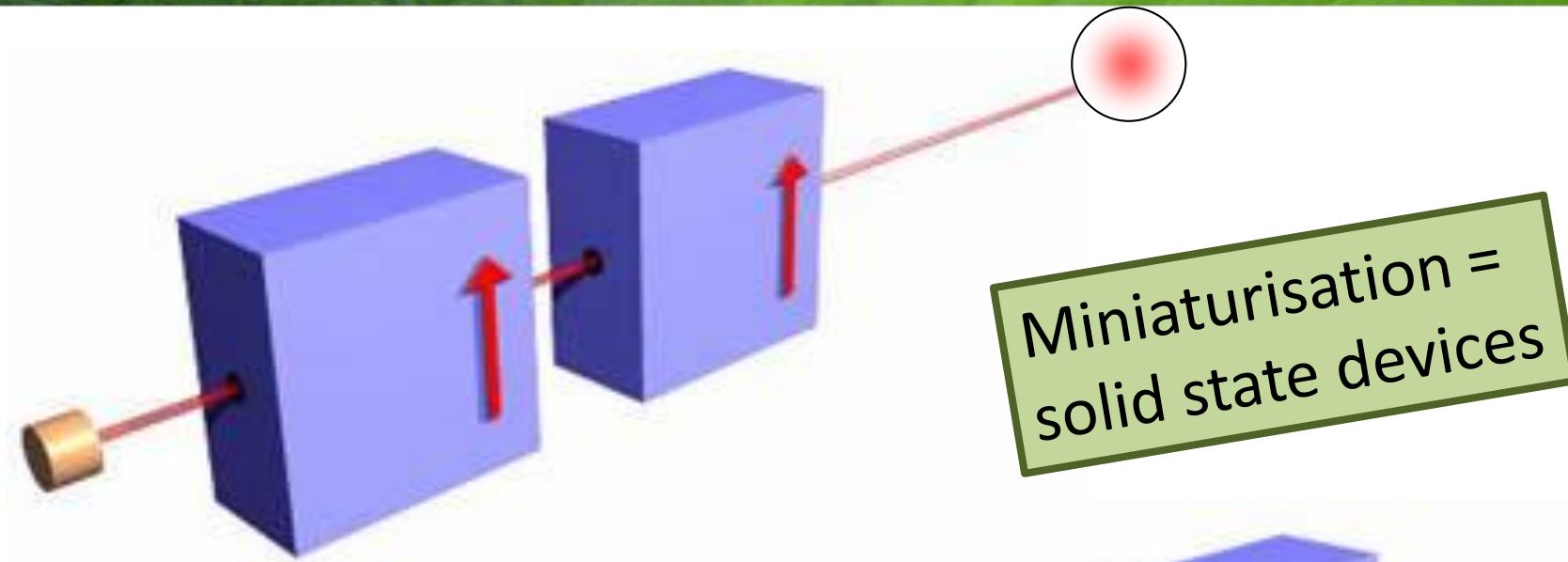
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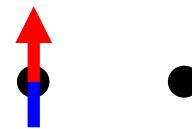
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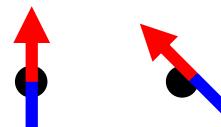


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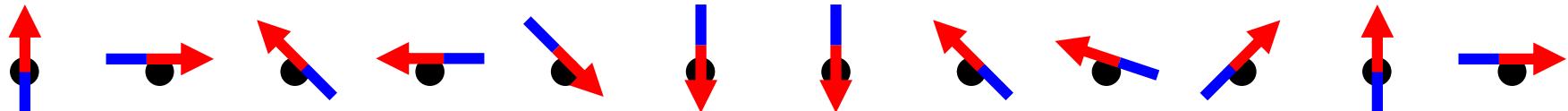


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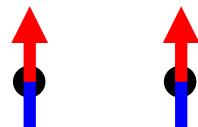


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Magnet

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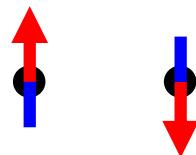


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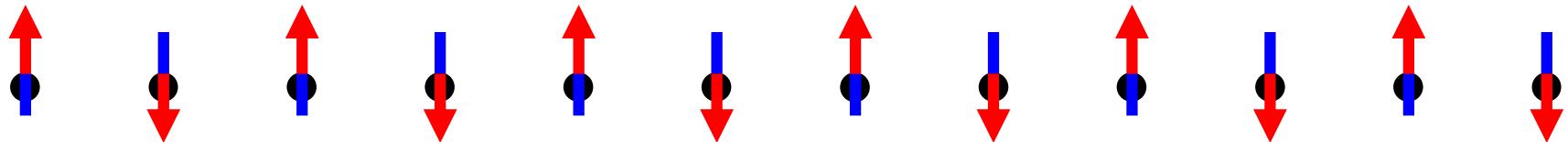


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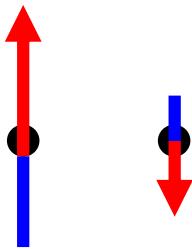


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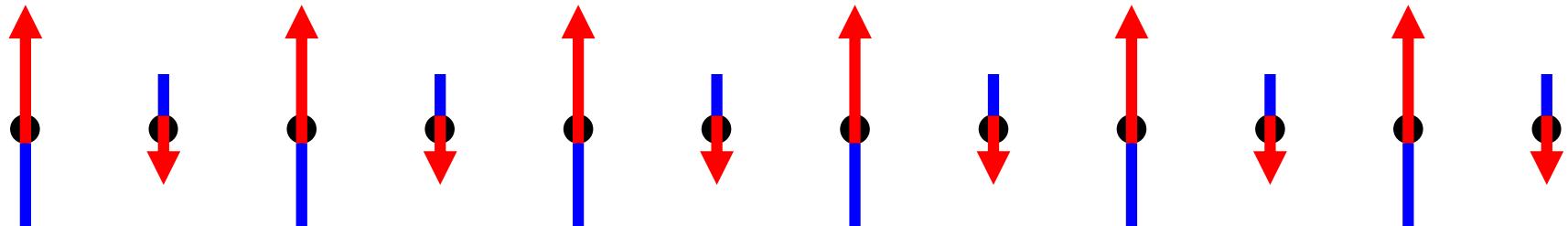


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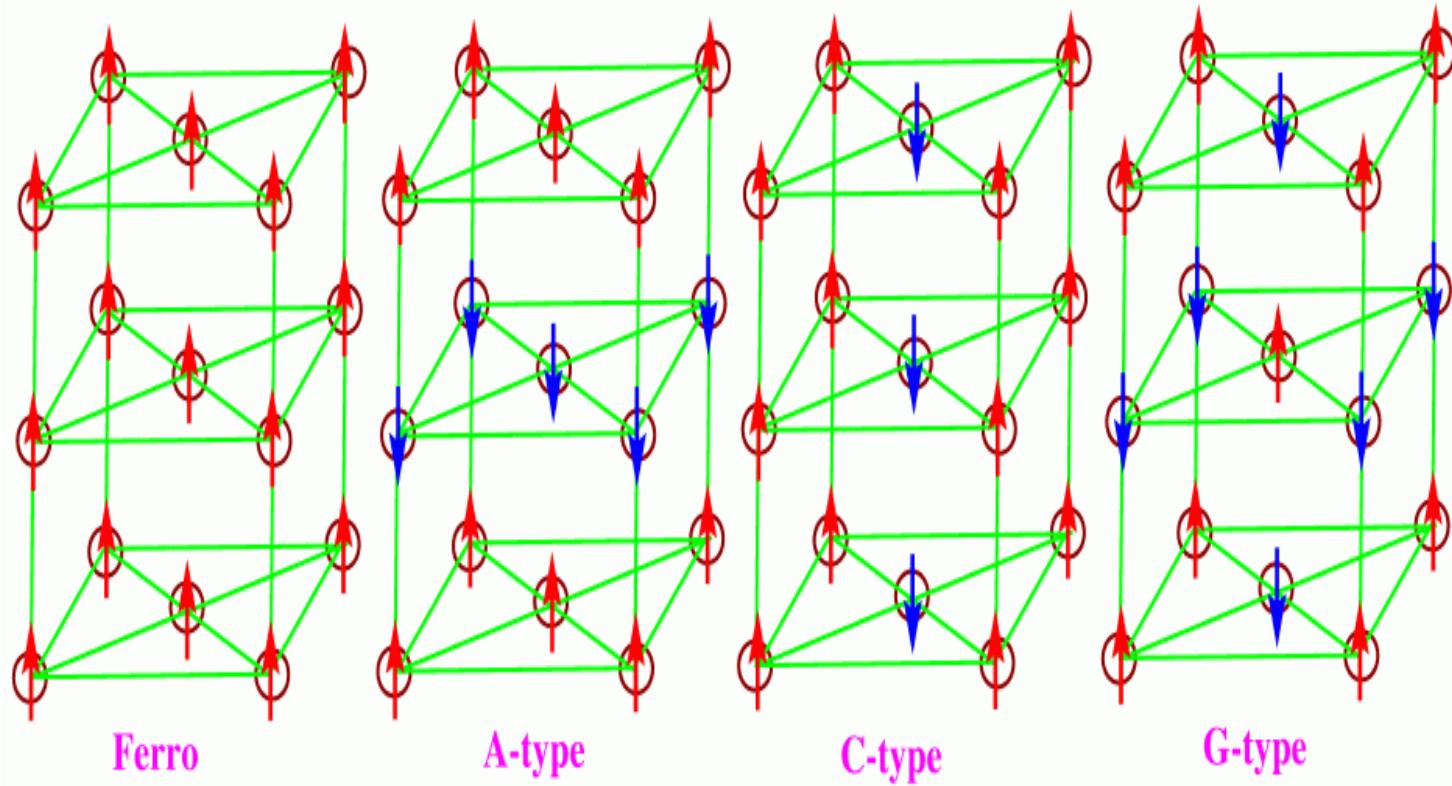
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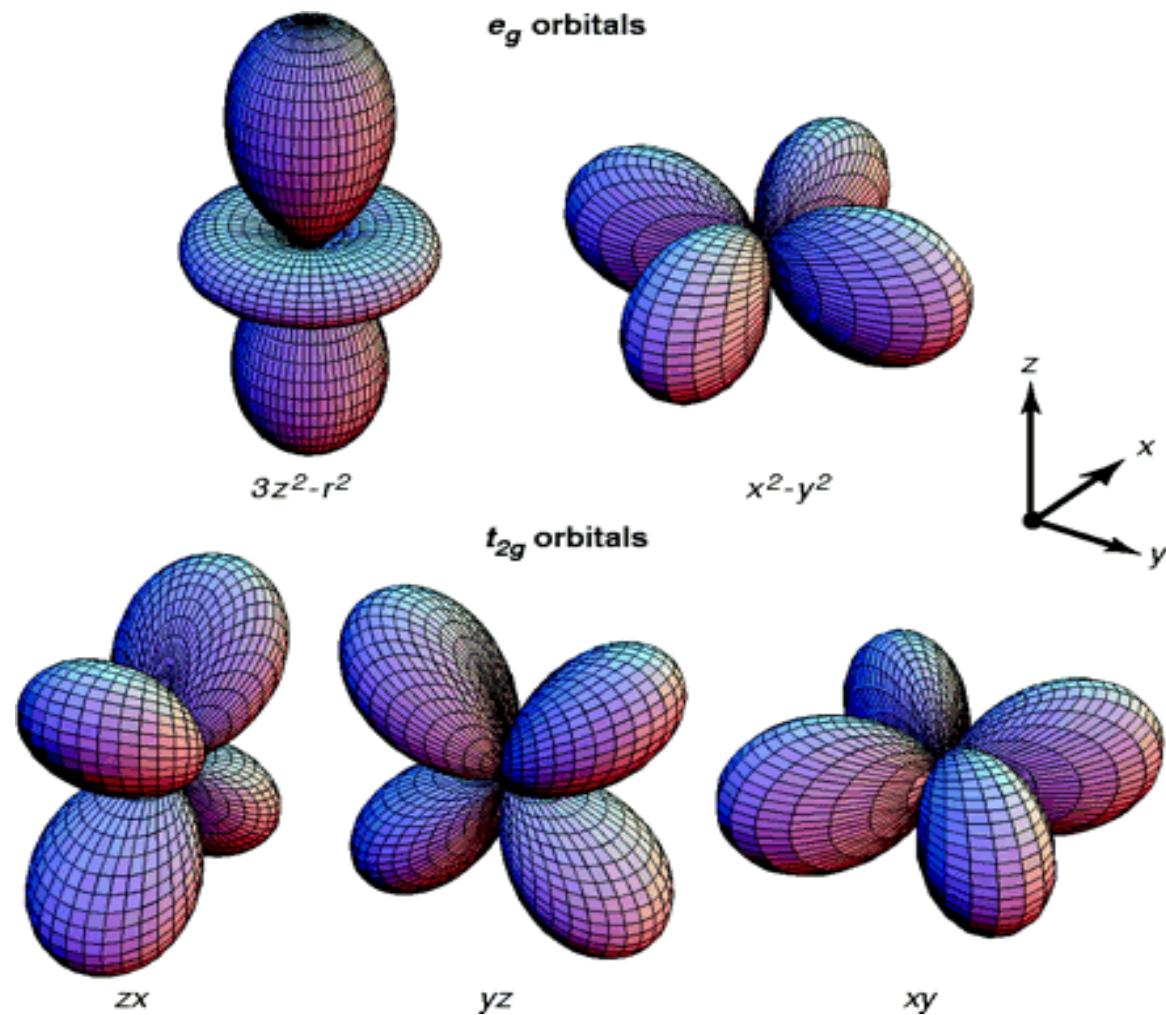
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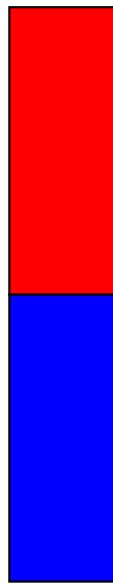
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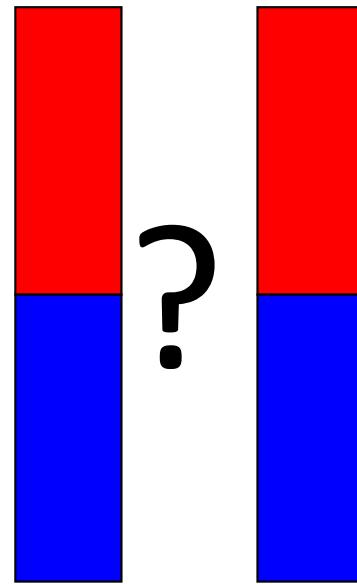


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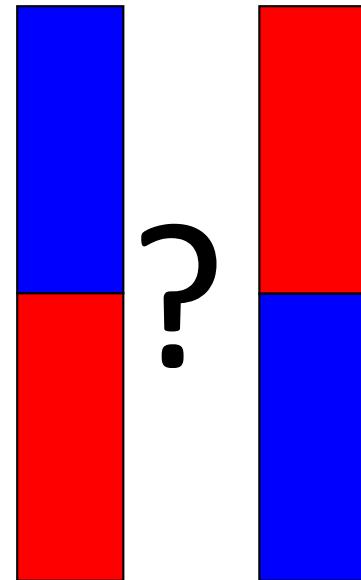
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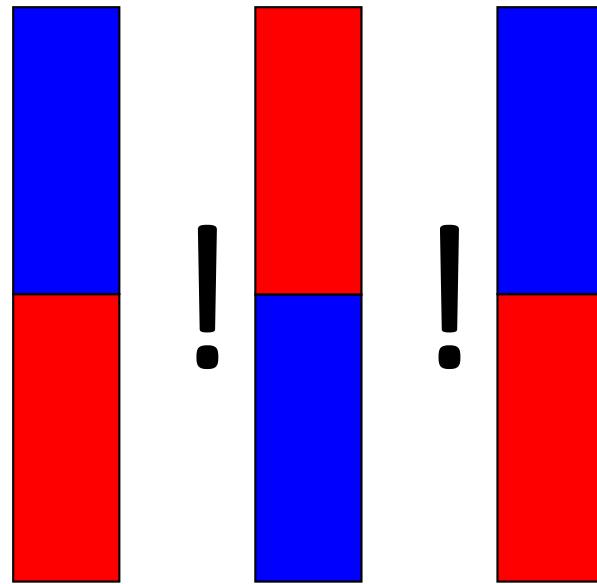


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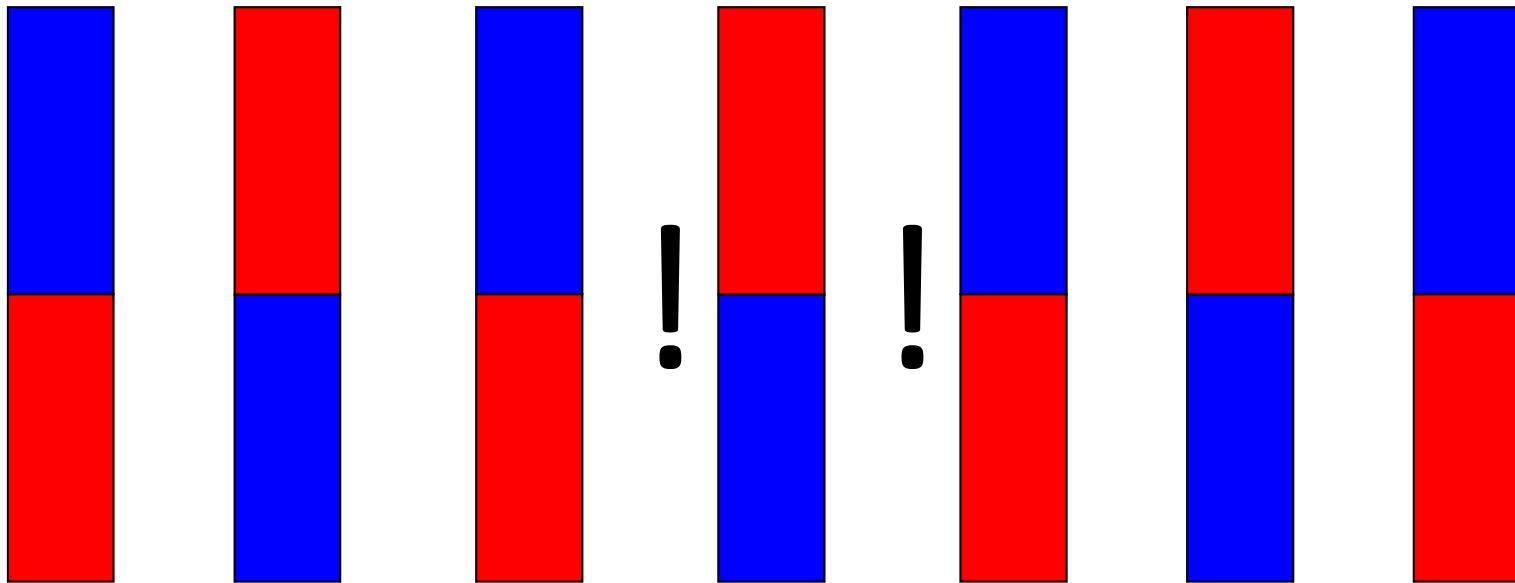
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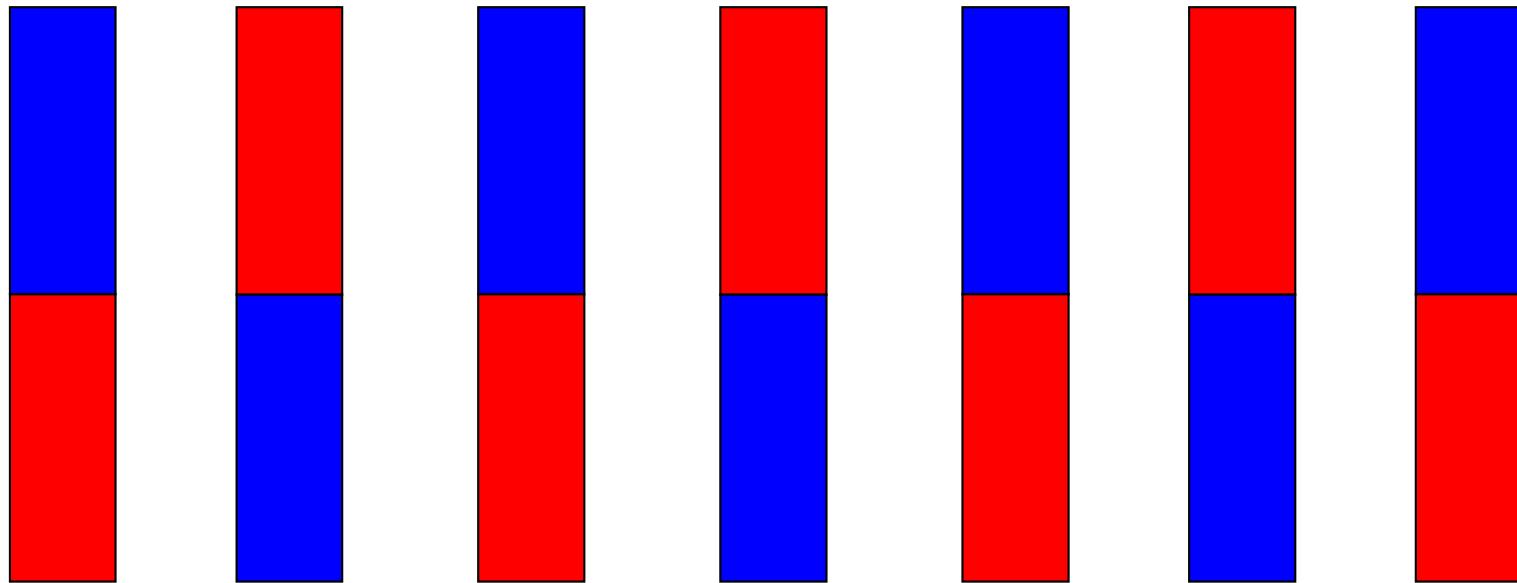


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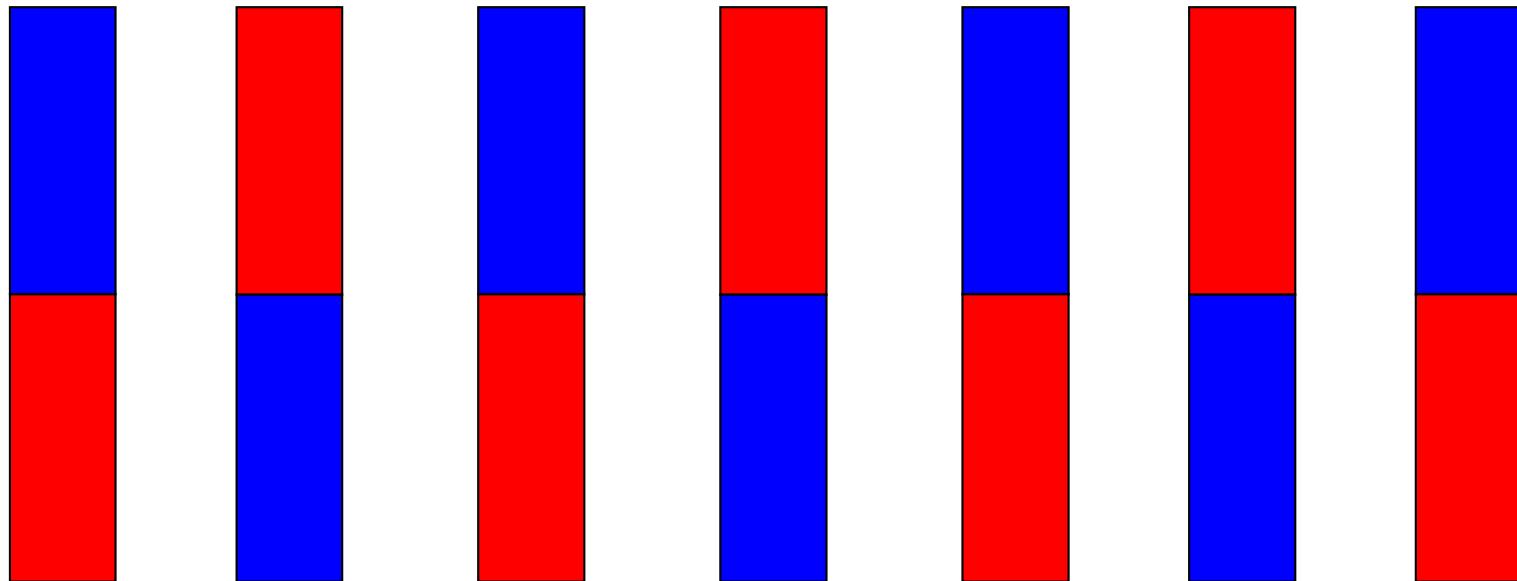
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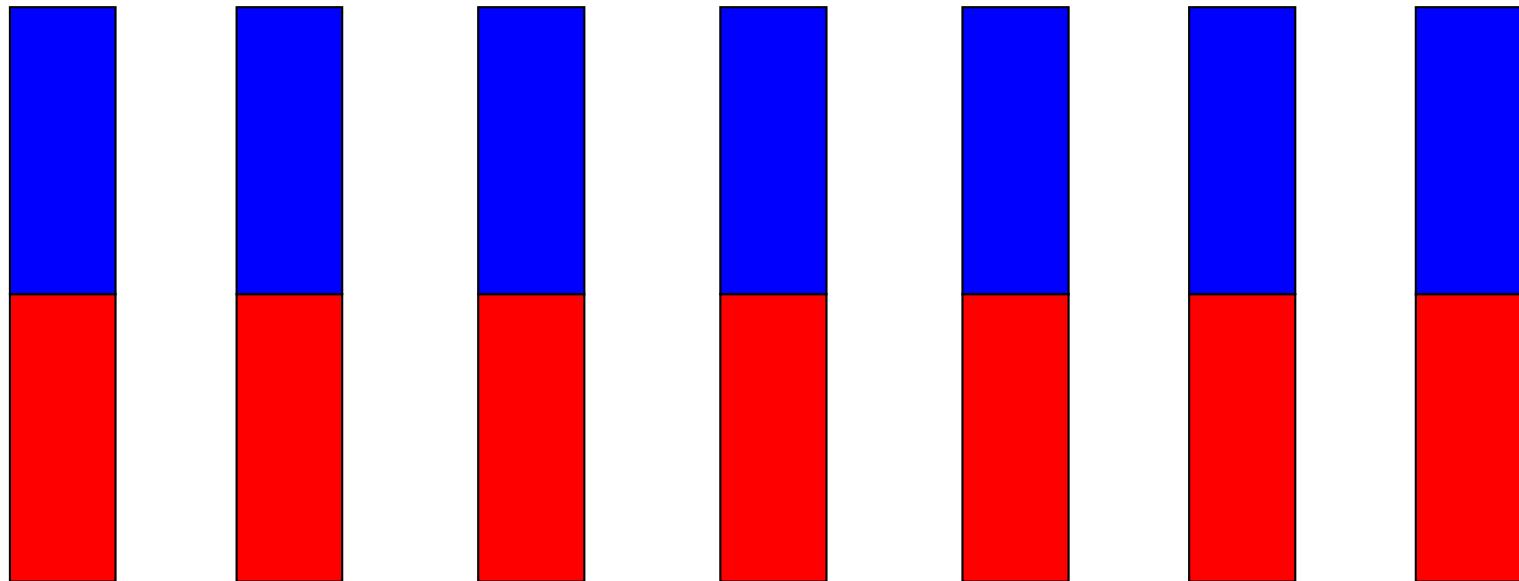
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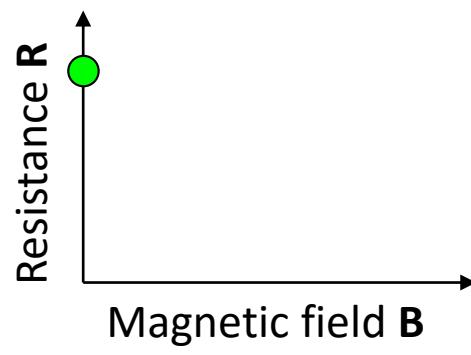
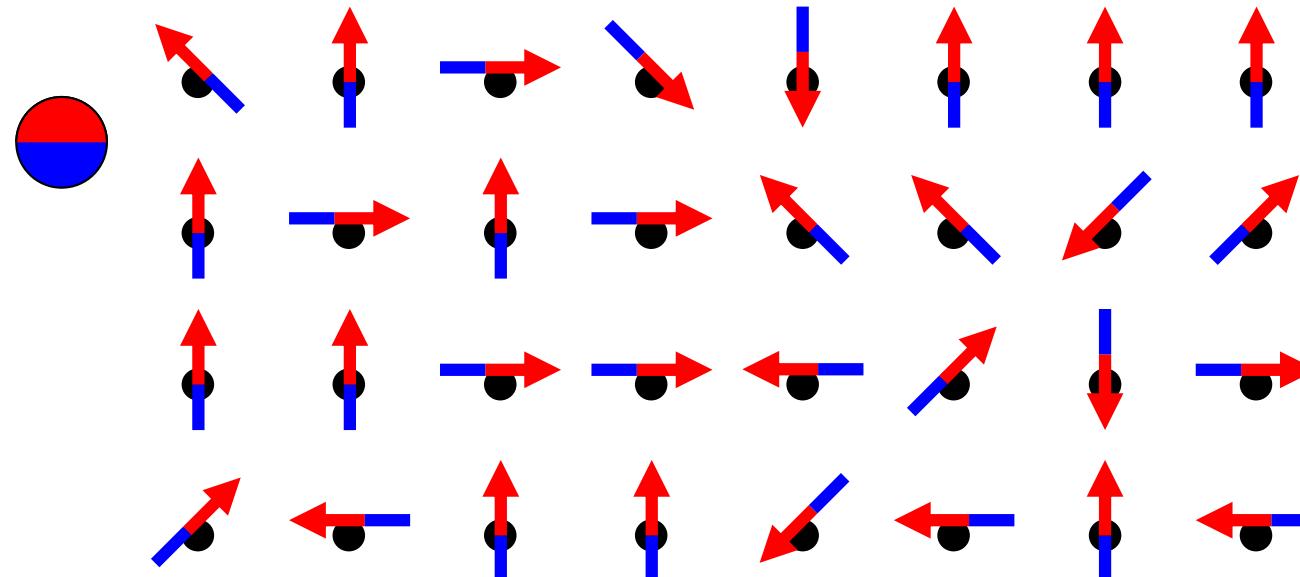
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Why there are magnets?

Magnetoresistance

External magnetic field $B = 0 \text{ T}$

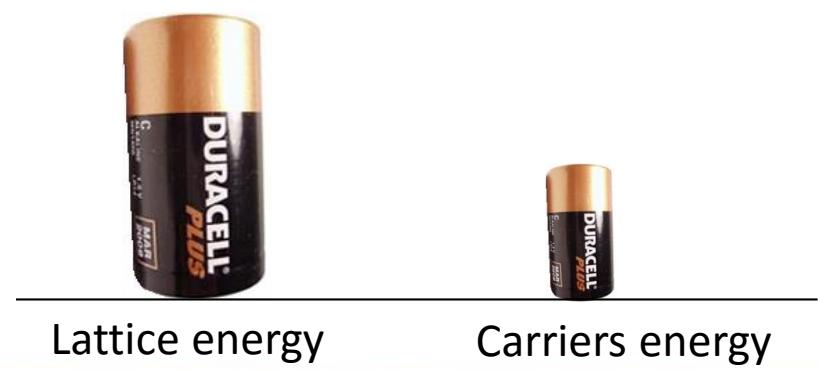
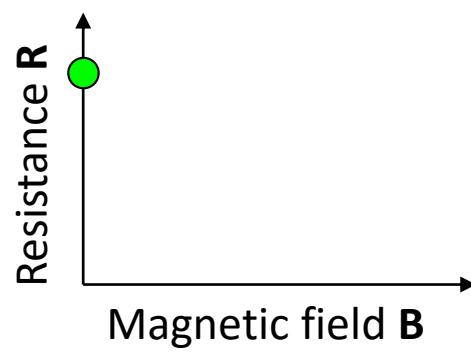
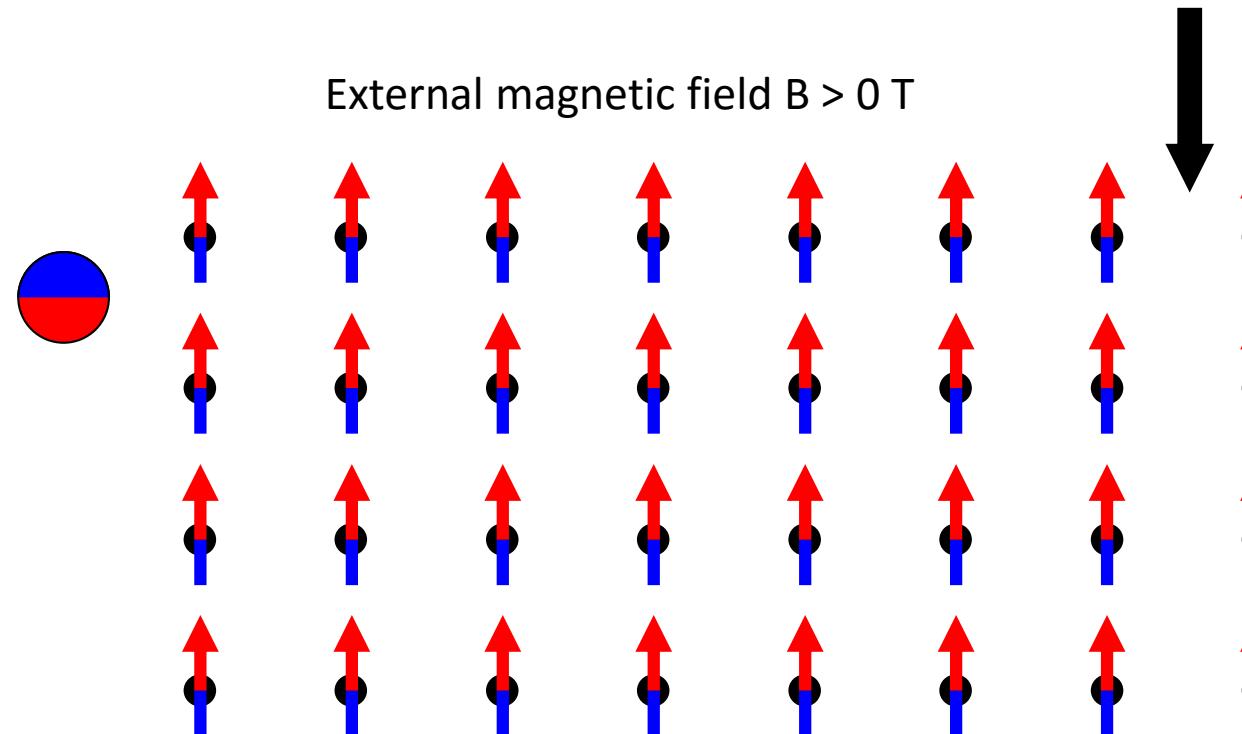


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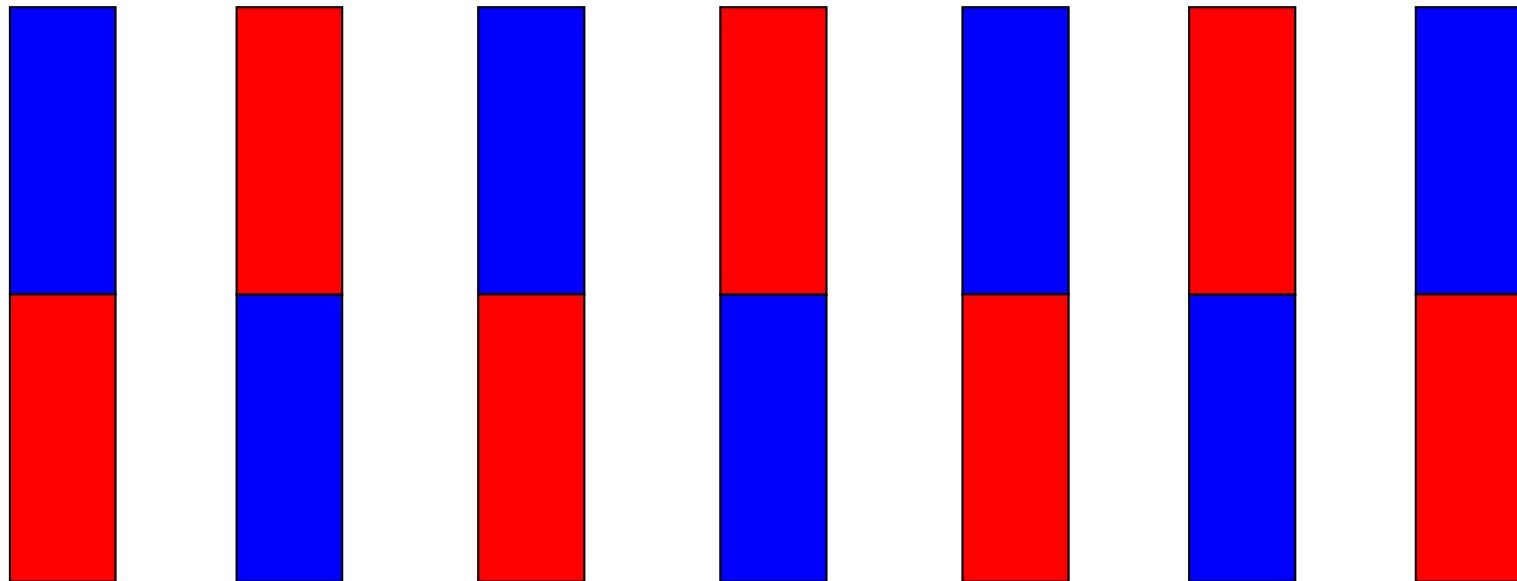


Carriers energy

Magnetoresistance

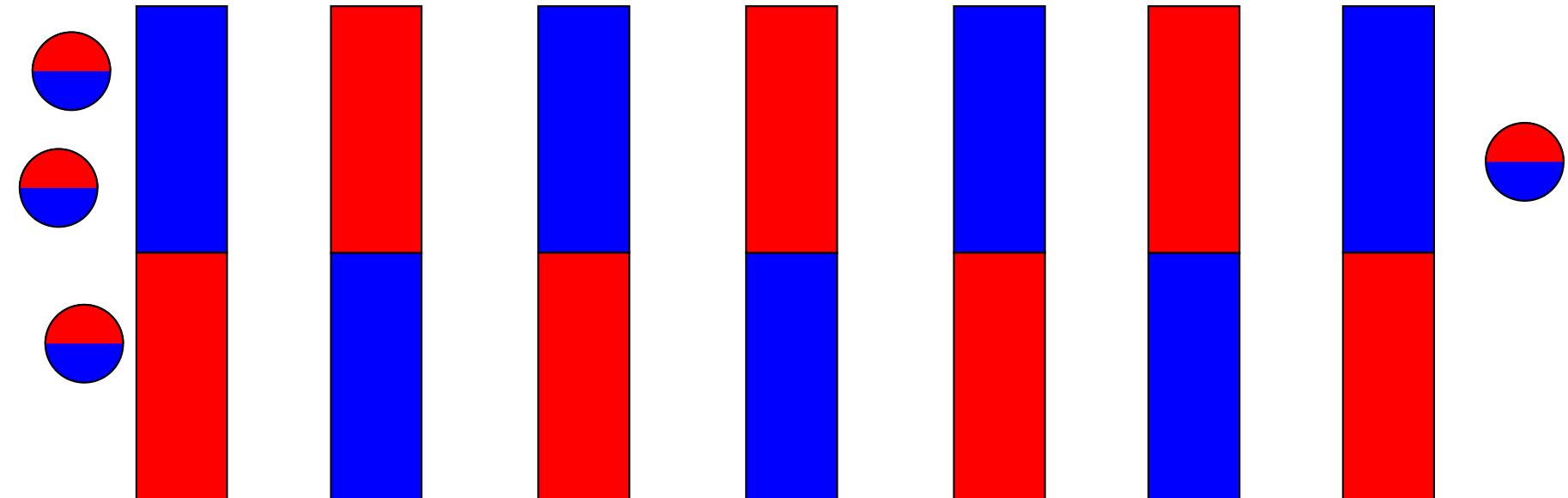


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Carriers!!!

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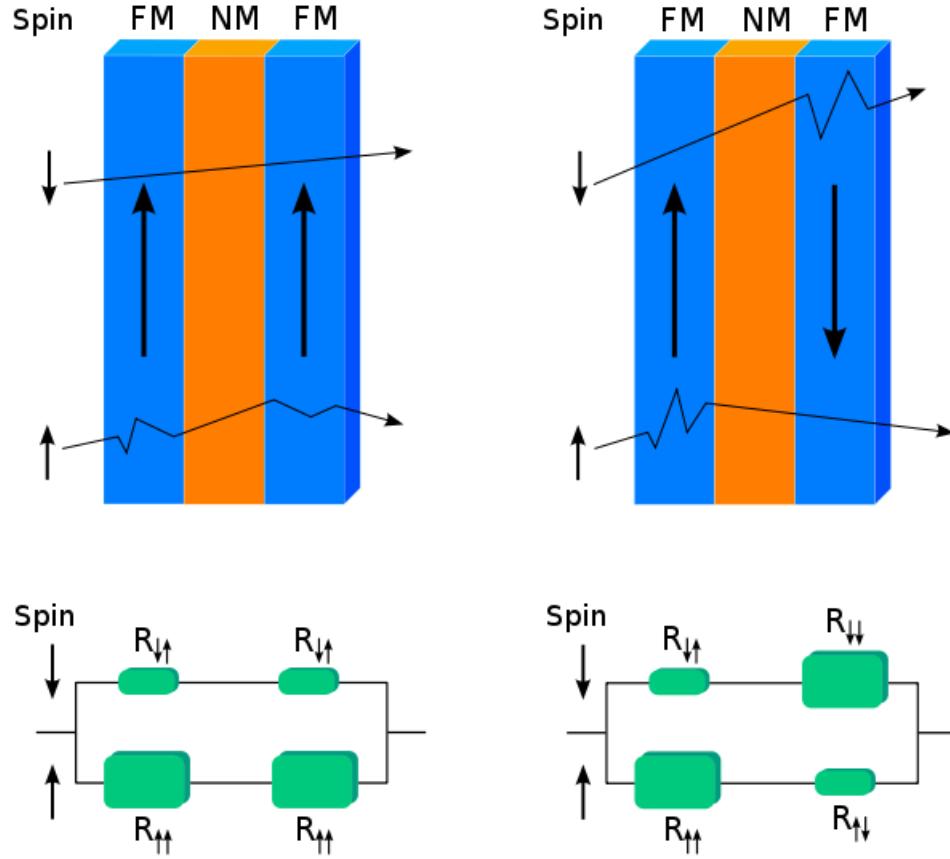
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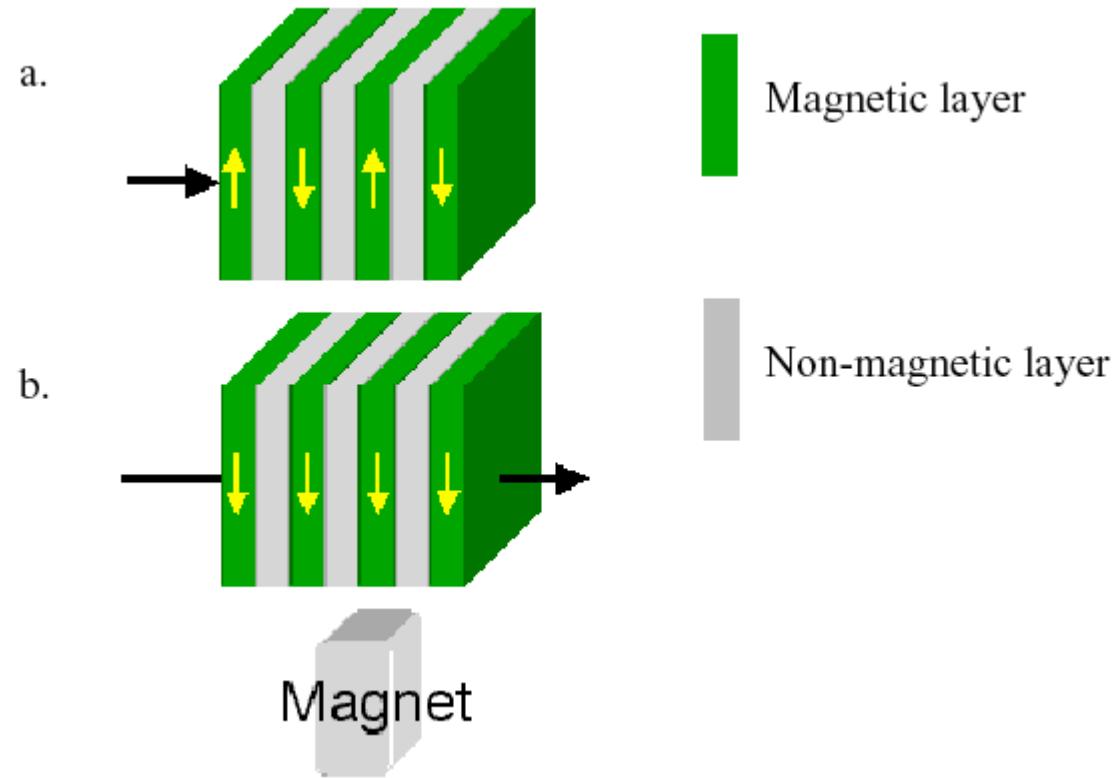


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2006



Seagate 60GB 1.8-inch Hard Drive



Hitachi 1.0-inch 6GB Micro Drive



Toshiba 60GB 1.8-inch Hard Drive



2009



1TB



HTC Desire Z



2011



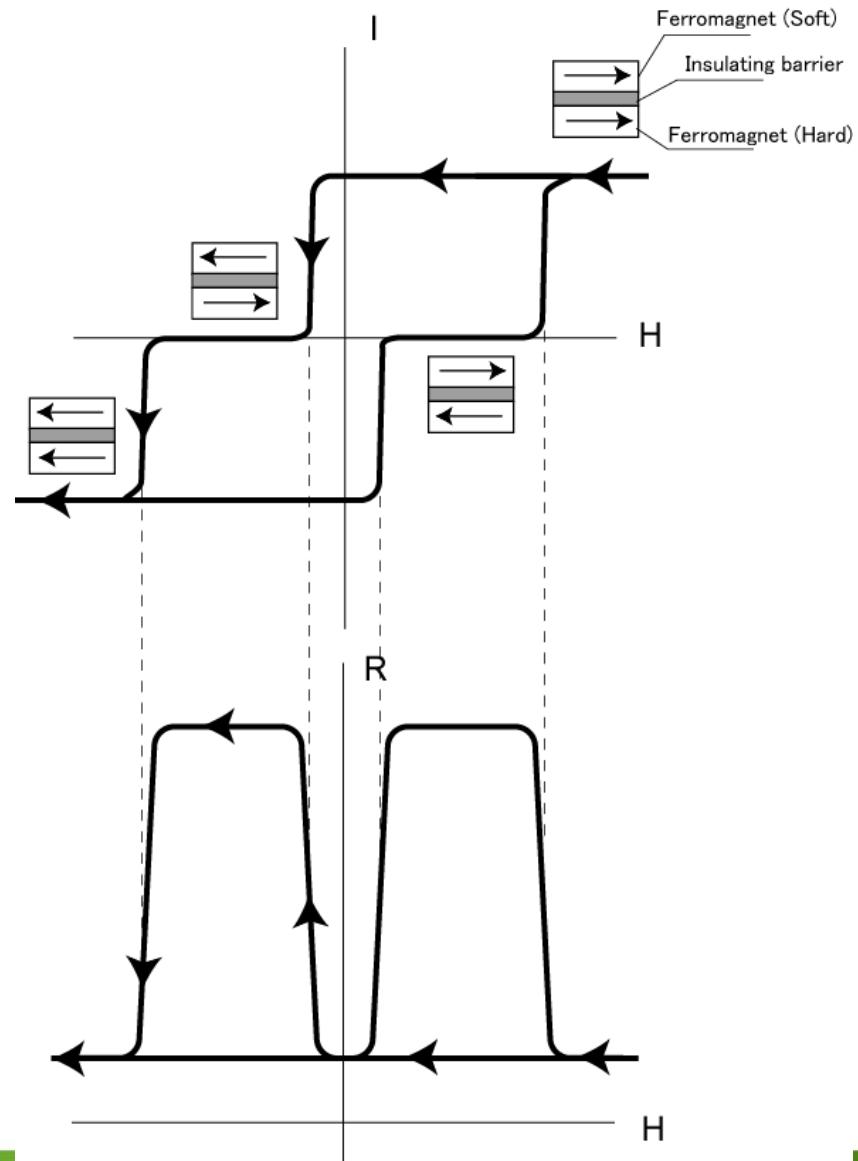
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Magnetic tunnel junction (MTJ)



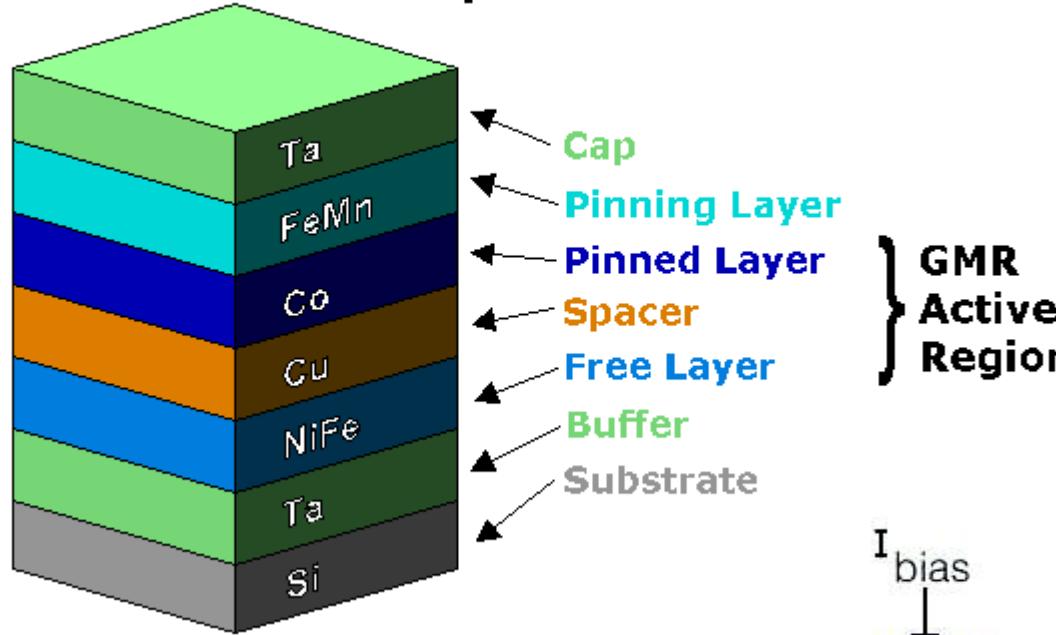
Ferromag.
Co, Py, FeCo, etc.
Barrier
Al₂O₃, MgO, etc.

$$TMR(\%) = (R_{AP} - R_P) / R_P * 100$$

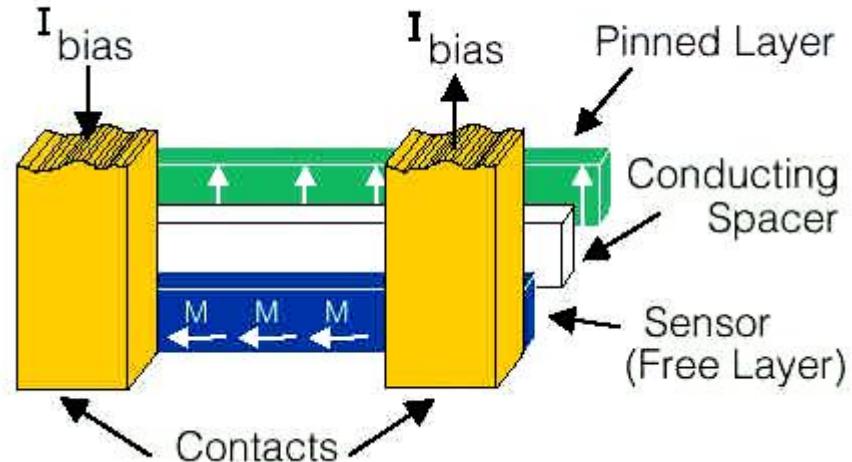


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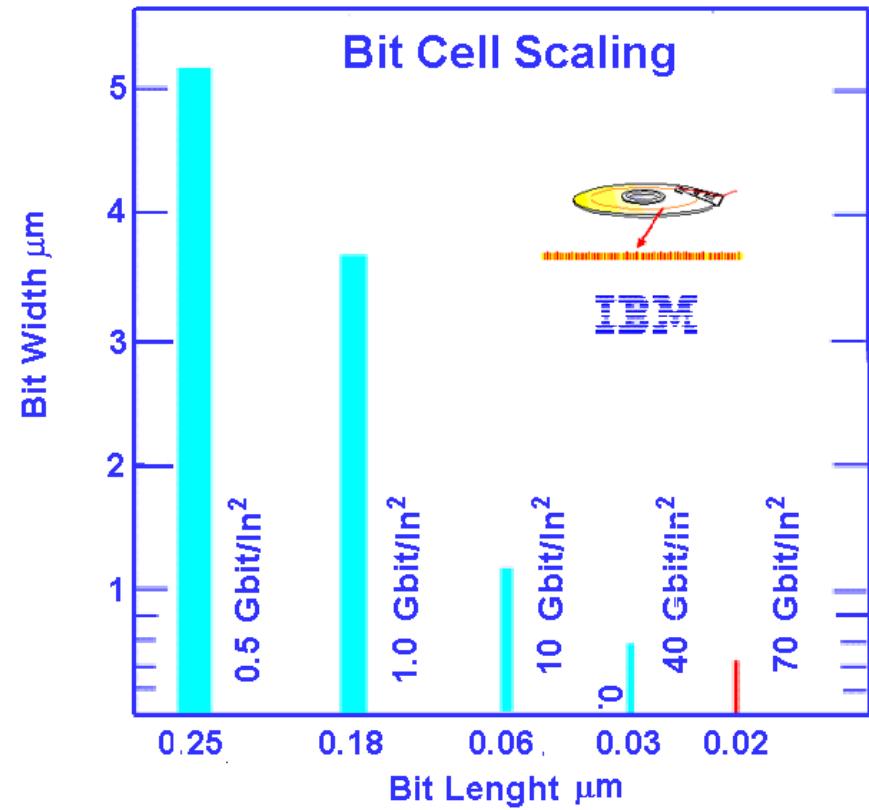
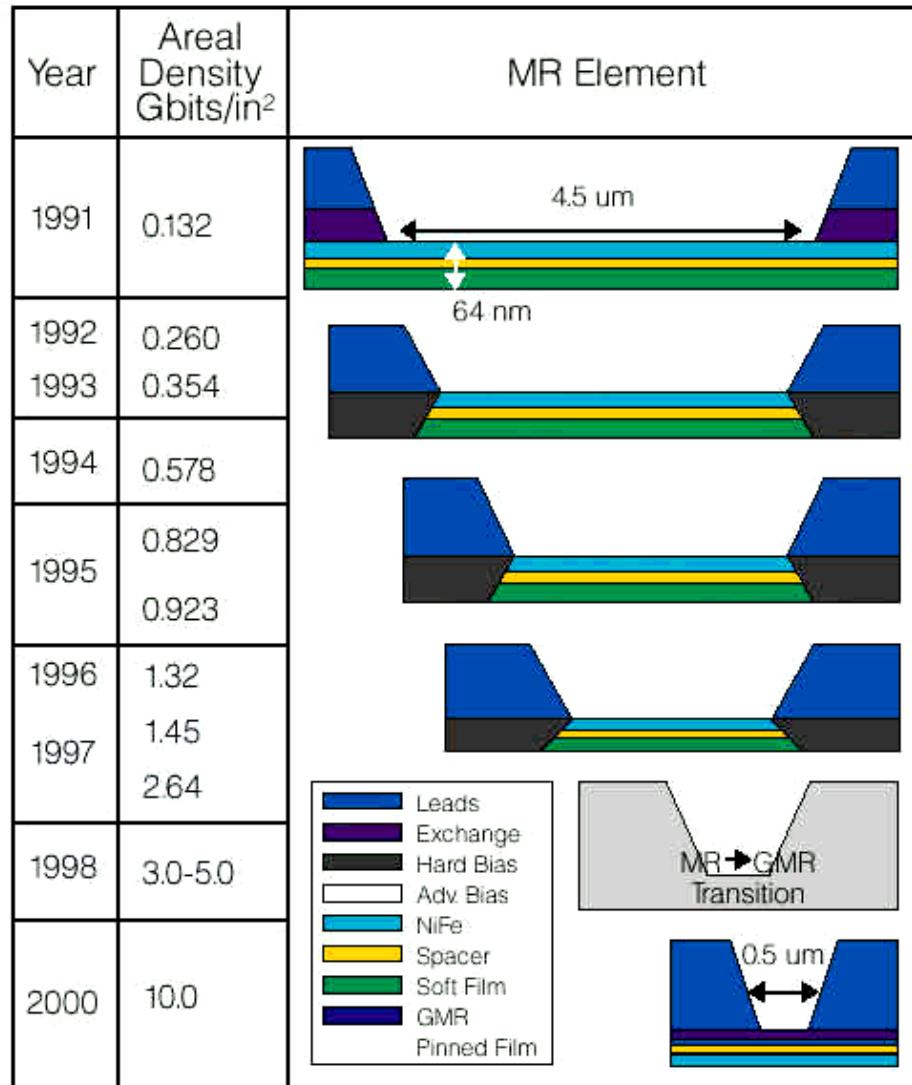
Spin Valve Structure



[gmr_pc.exe](#)



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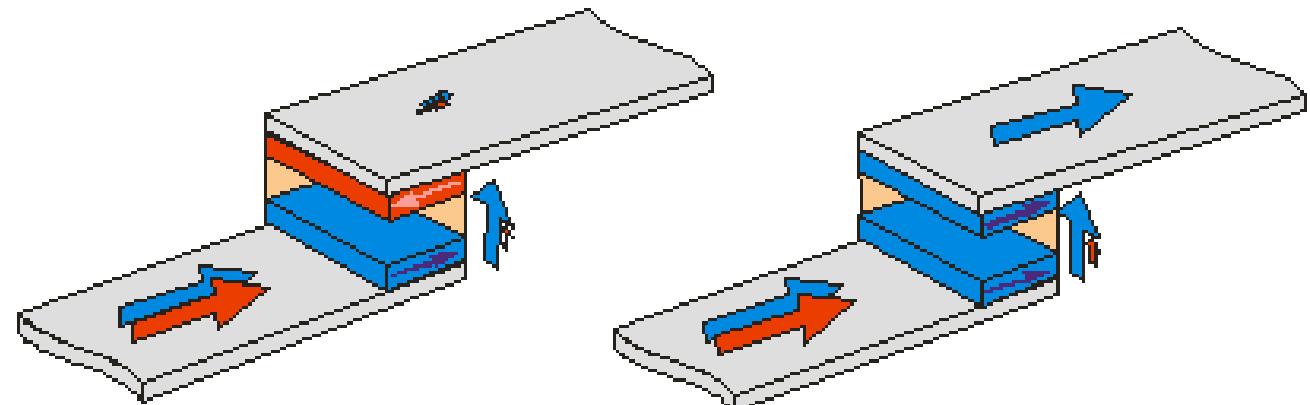
*insulating space layer
current perpendicular to
plane*

Ferromagnetic
electrode 1

Tunneling
barrier
Ferromagnetic
electrode 2

spin-polarized
current

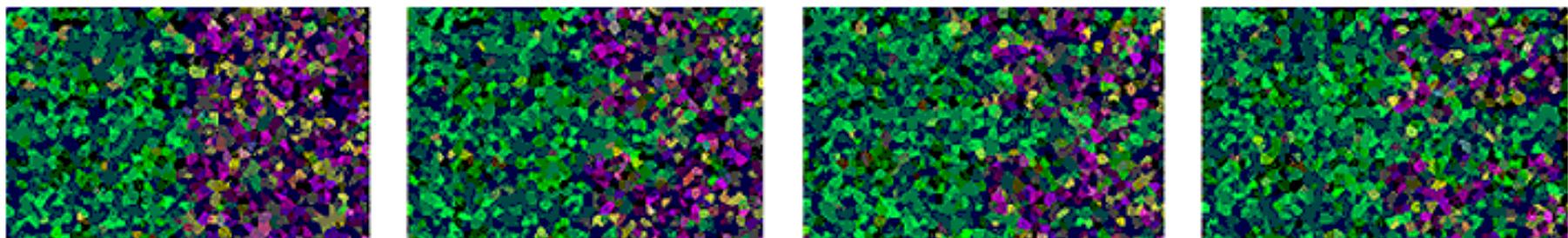
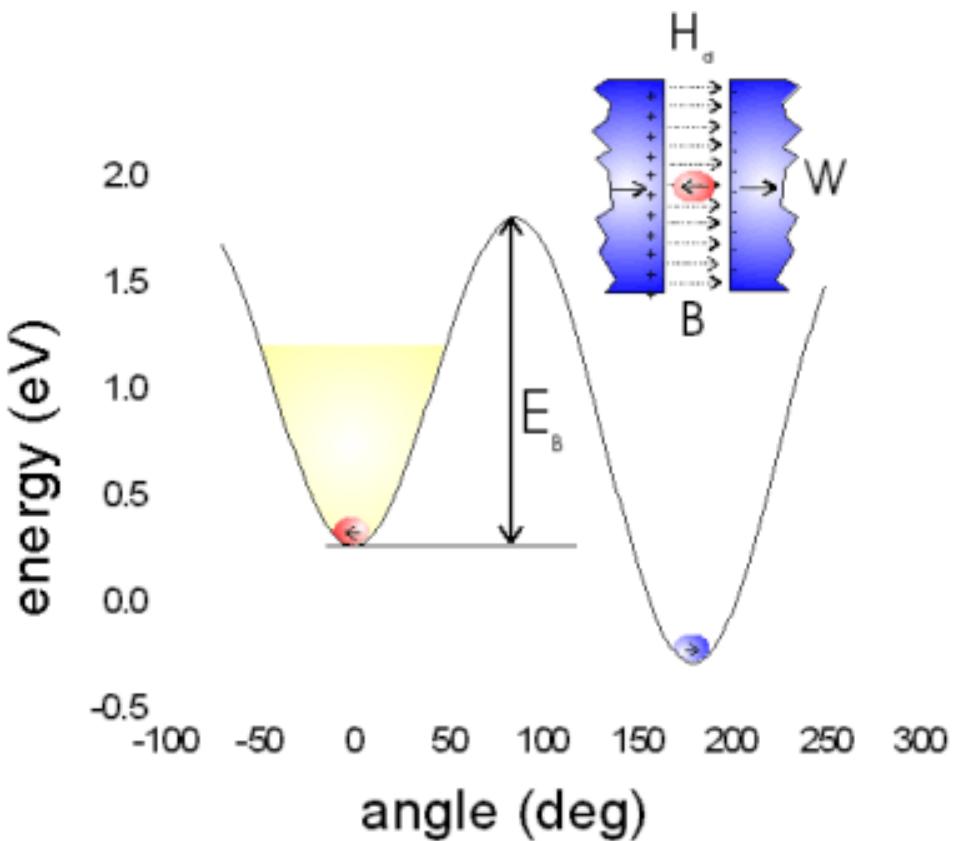
un-polarized
current



first ferromagnetic electrode acts as spin filter
second FM layer acts as spin detector

Spintronika

Limit Superparamagnetyczny

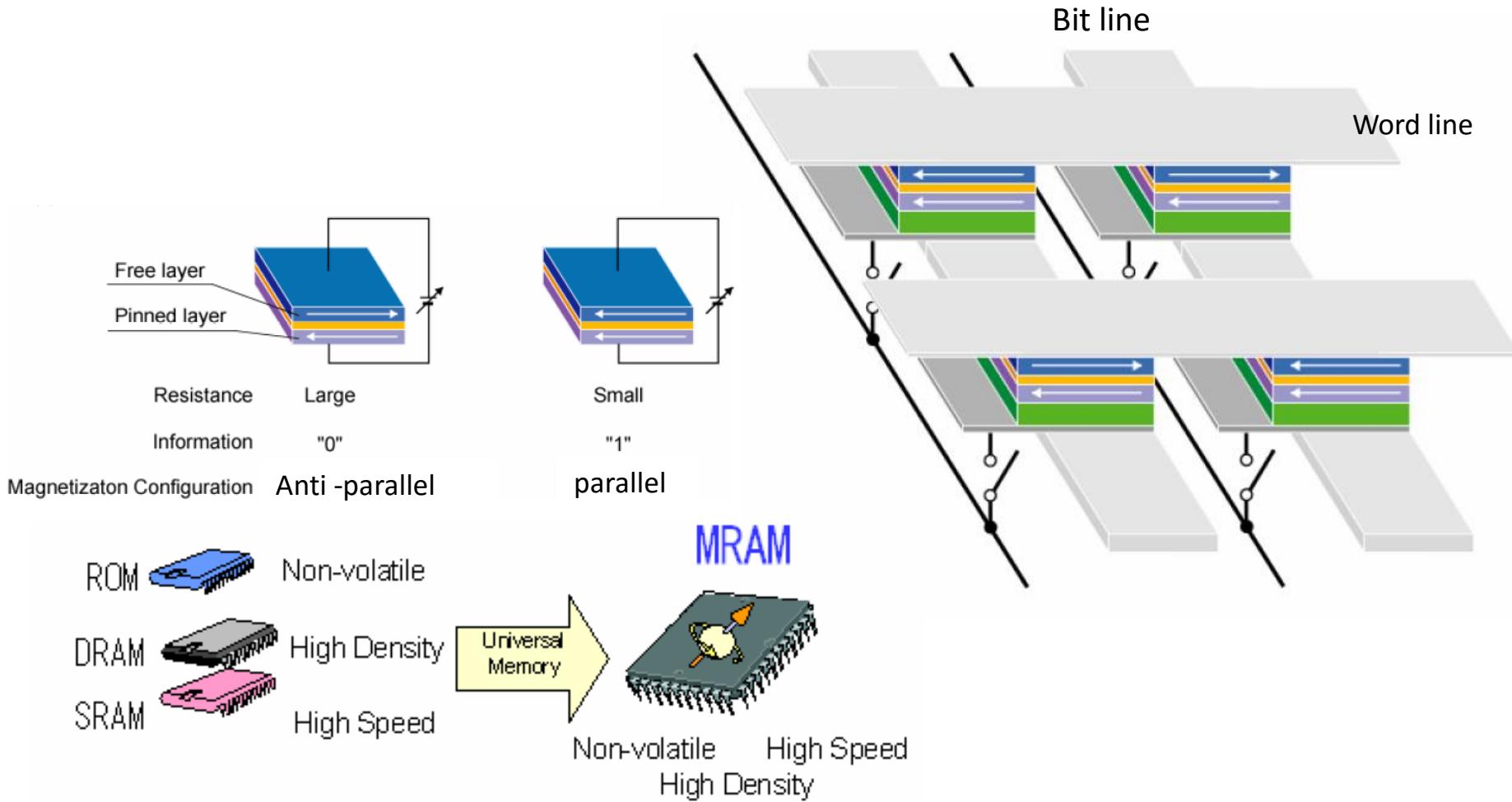


$$E_k = K_u V \sin^2(\vartheta)$$

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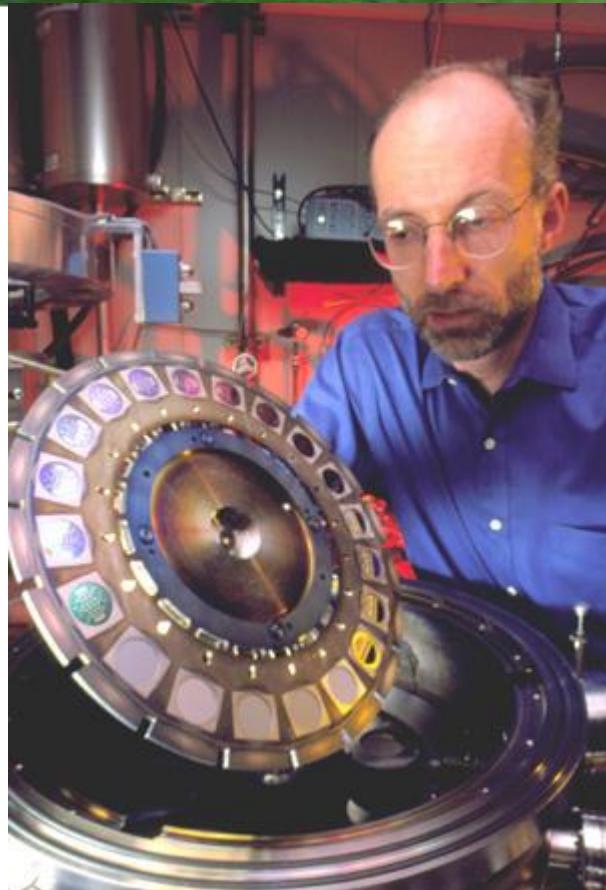
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MRAM architecture

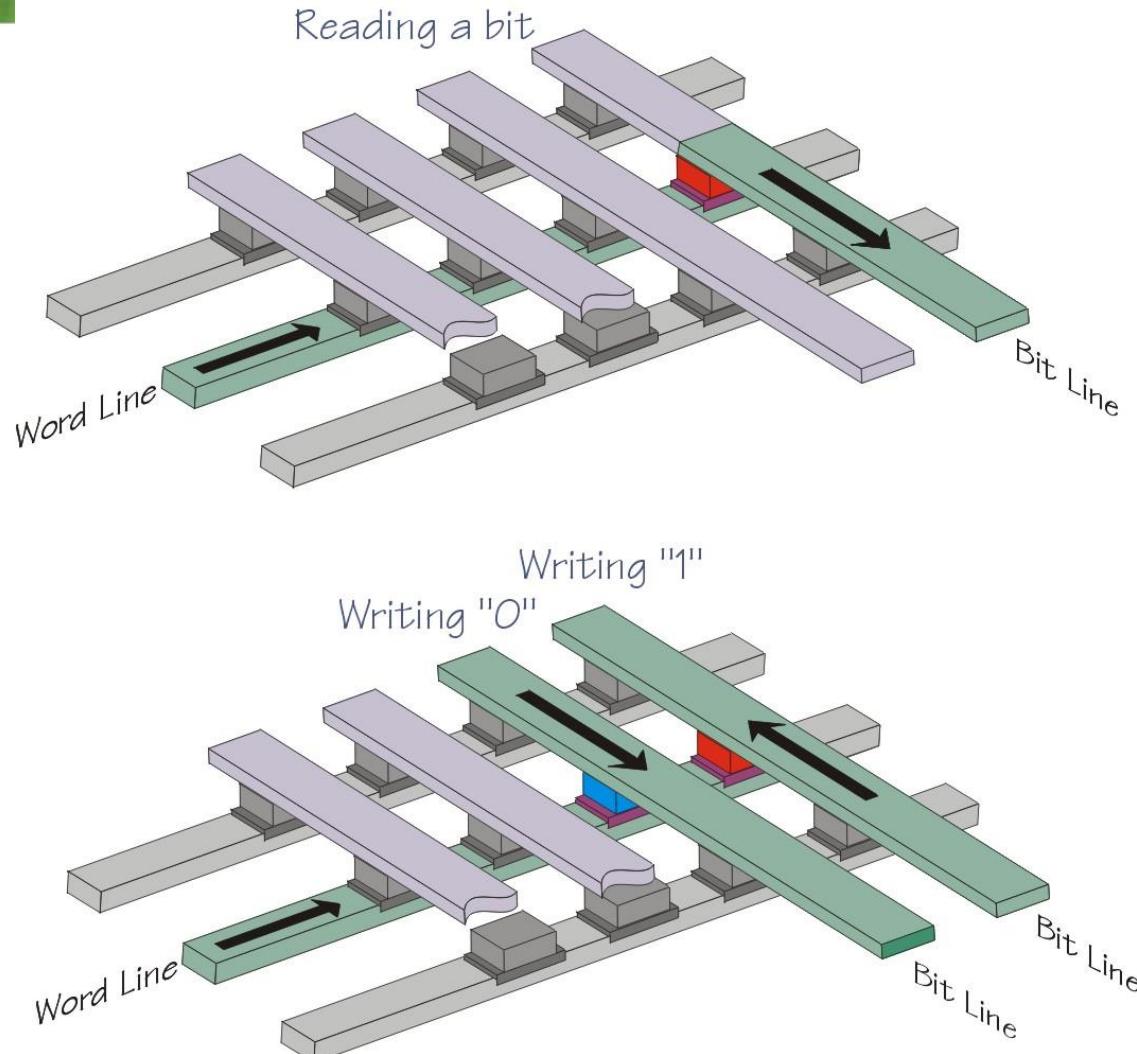


Takahiro Moriyama <http://www.ece.udel.edu/~appelbau/spintronics/>

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MagRAM Architecture



MTJ MagRAM promises

- density of DRAM
- speed of SRAM
- non-volatility

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Zalety MRAM

	DRAM	MRAM	Flash EEPROM	FeRAM
Trwałość zapisu	Nie	TAK	TAK	TAK
Czas zapisu	50ns	10 to 50ns	1us or longer	30 to 200ns
Czas odczytu	50ns	10ns to 1us	20 to 120ns	30 to 200ns
Metoda odczytu	Destructive	Non-Destructive	Destructive	Non-Destructive
Rewrite cycle	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^5	10^{12} to 10^{15}
Pobór prądu	100mA	10mA	10 to 100mA	10mA
Prąd uśpienia	100uA	1uA or lower	1uA or lower	1uA or lower

DRAM: Dynamic Random Access Memory

Flash EEPROM: Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

FeRAM: Ferroelectric RAM

MRAM pokonuje DRAM !!

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Giant Negative Magnetoresistance in Perovskitelike $\text{La}_{2/3}\text{Ba}_{1/3}\text{MnO}_x$ Ferromagnetic Films

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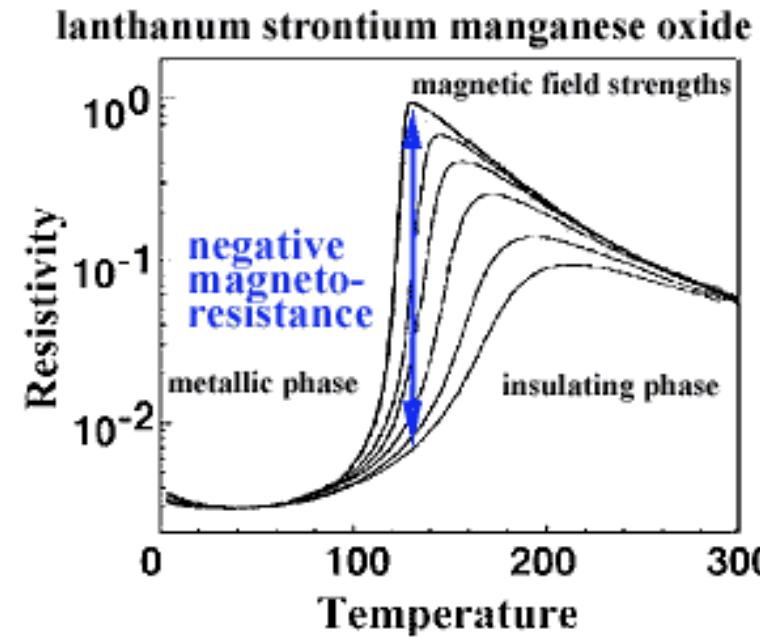
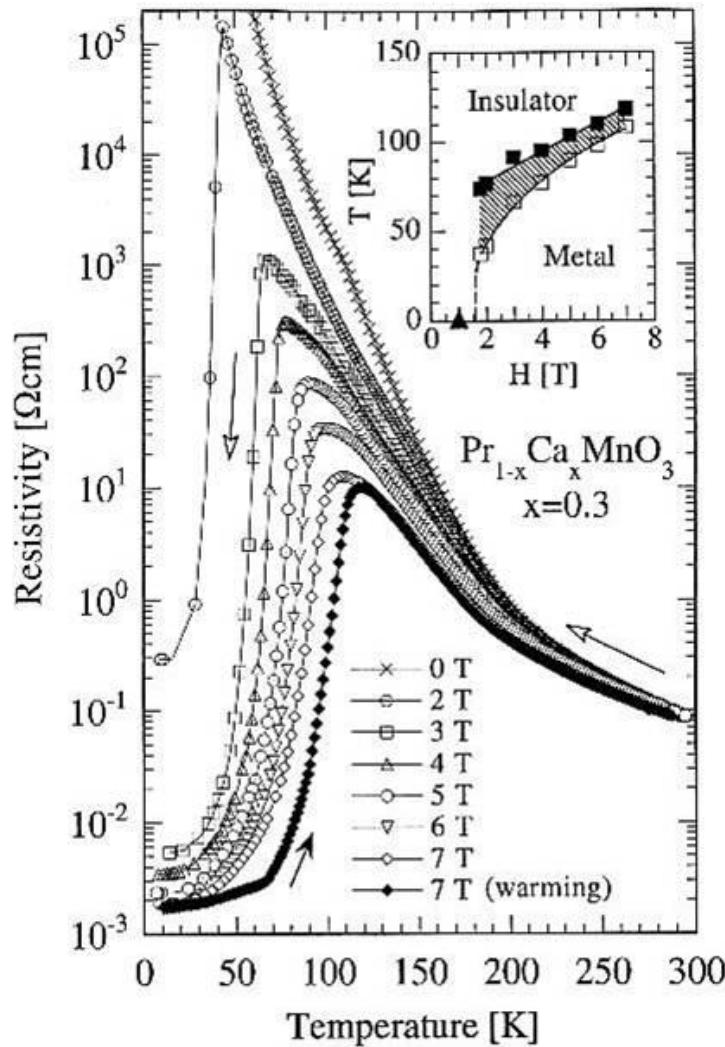
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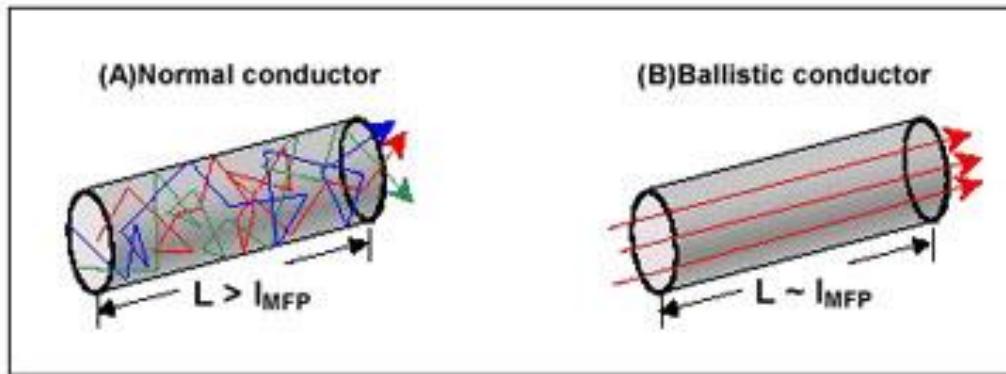
At room temperature a large magnetoresistance, $\Delta R/R(H=0)$, of 60% has been observed in thin magnetic films of perovskitelike La-Ba-Mn-O. The films were grown epitaxially on SrTiO_3 substrates by off-axis laser deposition. In the as-deposited state, the Curie temperature and the saturation magnetization were considerably lower compared to bulk samples, but were increased by a subsequent heat treatment. The samples show a drop in the resistivity at the magnetic transition, and the existence of magnetic polarons seems to dominate the electric transport in this region.

JIN S, TIEFEL TH, MCCORMACK M, FASTNACHT RA, RAMESH R, CHEN LH *et al.*
Thousandfold change in resistivity in magnetoresistive La-Ca-Mn-O films. *Science*
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Colossal magnetoresistance



Ballistic magnetoresistance

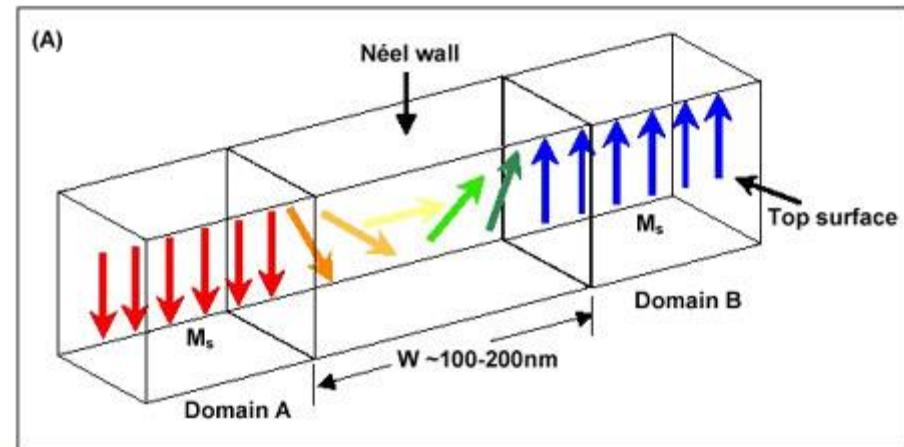


In normal conductors, the conductor length is larger than the electron mean free path and motion is zigzag, figure (A) above.

For electrons passing through a nanocontact, the nanocontact length is comparable to or less than electron mean free path and motion is ballistic, figure (B) above.

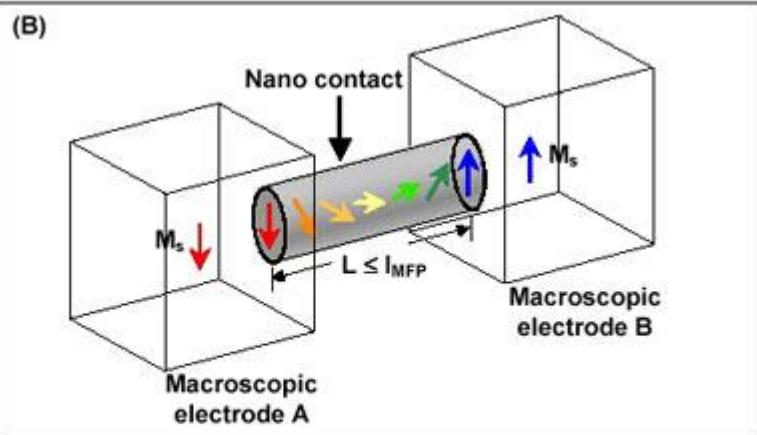
Ballistic Magnetoresistance

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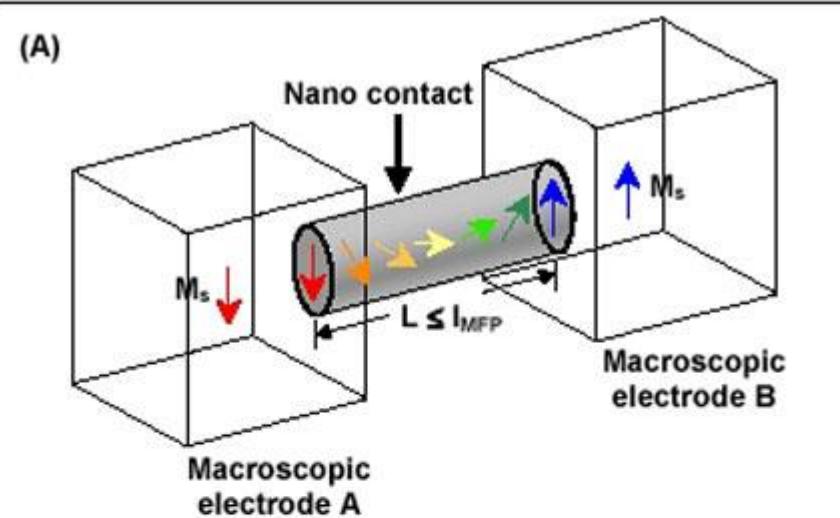


Néel wall in a thin film separates two domains of opposite magnetization. Wall width "W" is several hundred nanometers and BMR effect is negligible.

Ballistic magnetoresistance



Wall width within a nanocontact separating two macroscopic electrodes of opposite magnetization. Wall width is in the nanometer range and electrons passing through the nanocontact experiences a huge scattering moment.



(A) Magnetization across nanocontact opposite in direction, giving rise to high resistance state.

(B) Magnetization across nanocontact parallel in direction, giving rise to low resistance state.

Transition from state A to state B by applied magnetic field - BMR effect.

