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Spin Torque Arising from the Spin Hall Effect within Ferromagnets JONATHAN GIBBONS, Department of Physics, Cornell University, ROBERT BUHRMAN, School of Applied and Engineering Physics, Cornell University, DANIEL RALPH, Department of Physics, Cornell University — Recent spin-pumping measurements have indicated that ferromagnetic materials such as permalloy can possess a significant inverse spin Hall effect, by which they convert an applied spin current to a charge current. We report experimental investigations of the inverse phenomenon, using the direct spin Hall effect within a ferromagnetic material to generate a spin current that can be used to apply a spin transfer torque to another nearby magnetic layer. Specifically, we measure spin-orbit-induced torques generated by an in-plane current in pinned ferromagnet/spacer/free ferromagnet multilayer structures. We quantify the strength of the torque using both non-resonant second harmonic magnetization tilting measurements and spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance. We focus on the dependence of the direction and strength of the spin torque on the relative orientation of the fixed-layer magnetization and the current.

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