

MAGNETIC STRUCTURES DOMAIN WALLS, VORTICES, SKYRMIONS ETC

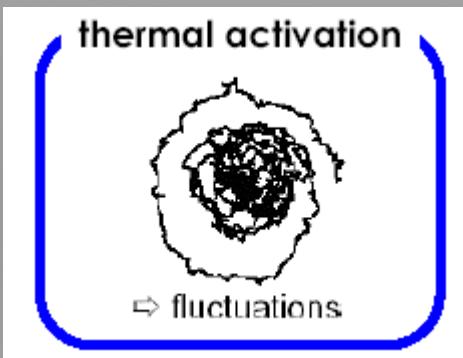
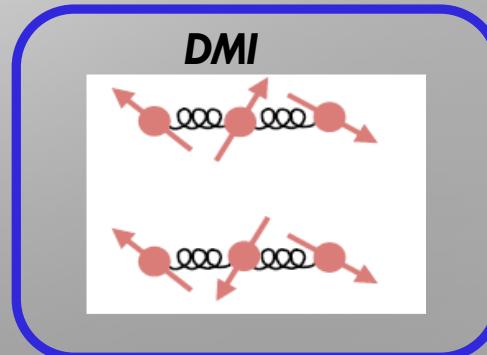
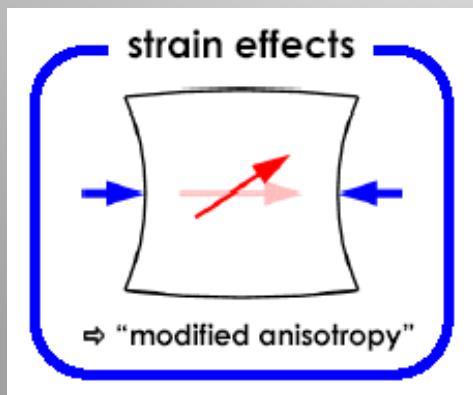
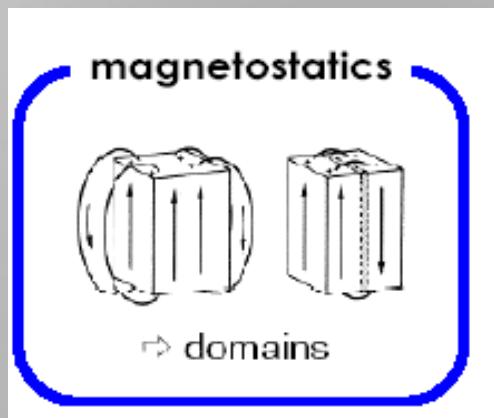
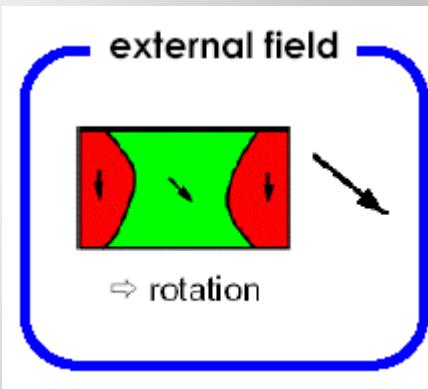
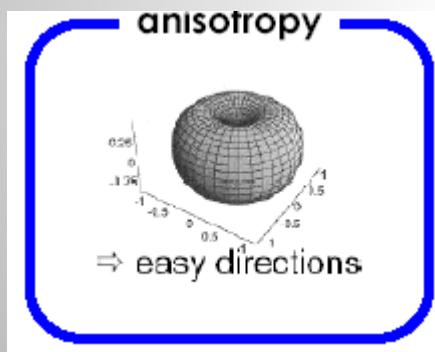
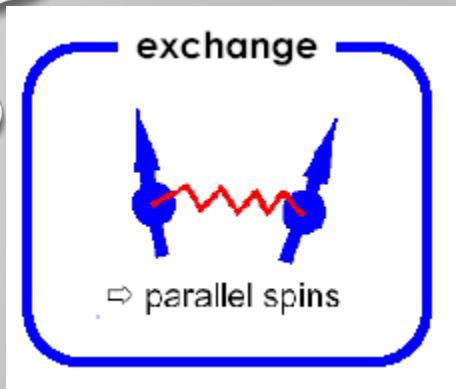
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MAGNETIC ENERGIES



The relevance of different energies depend on the system dimensions

Important Length scales:

➤ *Domain wall width*

$$\delta_o = (A/K_1)^{1/2}$$

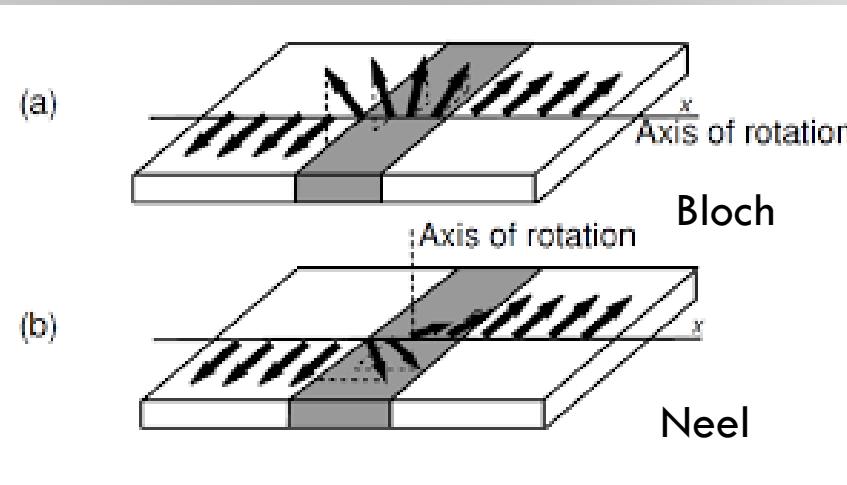
➤ *Exchange correlation length*

$$l_o = (A/\mu_o M_s^2)^{1/2}$$

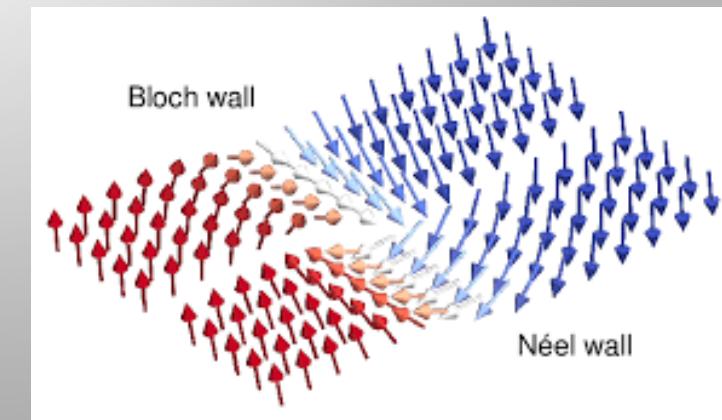
➤ *Critical nanoparticle diameter to form domains*

$$R_{sd} = 9\sqrt{AK}/\mu_0 M_s^2$$

NEEL AND BLOCH DOMAIN WALLS

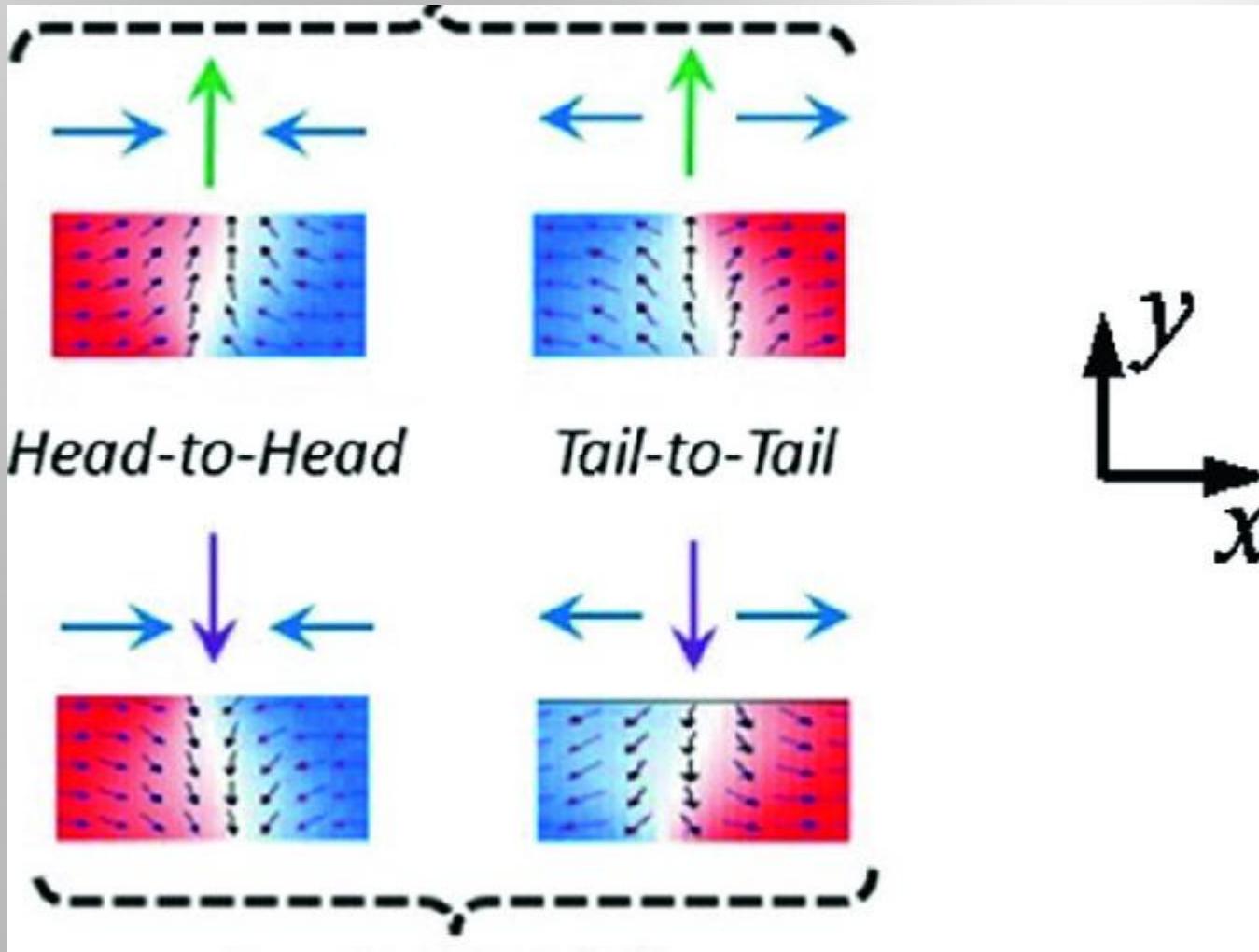


In-plane materials



Out-of-plane materials

IN-PLANE (NEEL) DOMAIN WALLS



Carry “magnetic” charges

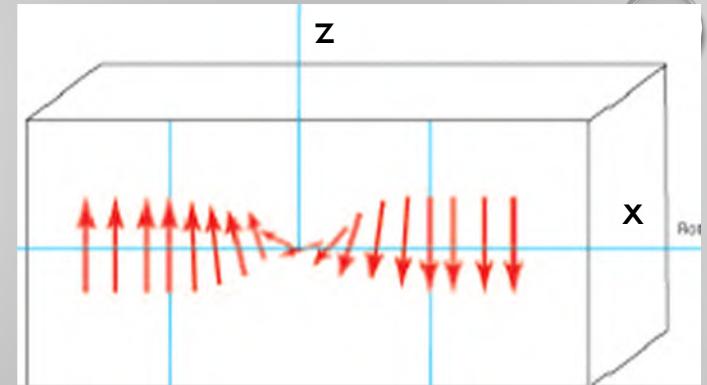
1D MODEL

$$\mathbf{m} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

DW angle $\phi = \pi/2 \quad m_x = 0$
 $\phi = 0 \quad m_y = 0$

Bloch wall
Neel wall

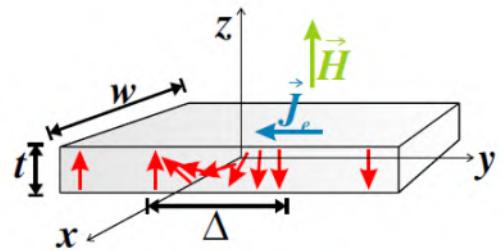
$$m_z = \tanh(x/\Delta) ; \quad m_y = 1/\cosh(x/\Delta)$$
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$$\mathcal{E} = \int dx \left[A \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right)^2 + K_u \sin^2 \theta \right] \longrightarrow 2A \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} - K_u \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$\theta(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} [\exp(x/\Delta)]$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{A/K_u}$$



1D MODEL: DYNAMICS

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = \gamma_0 \mathbf{H}_{eff} \times \mathbf{m} + \alpha \mathbf{m} \times \frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{eff} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0 M_s} \frac{\delta E}{\delta \mathbf{m}}$$

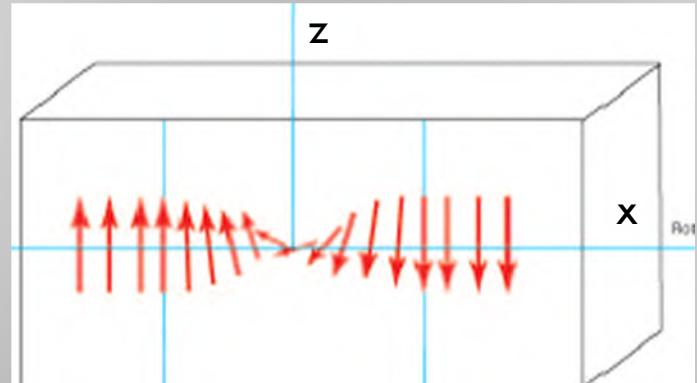
In spherical coordinates

Bloch domain wall

Collective coordinate approach:

$$\theta(x, t) = 2 \tan^{-1} \exp \left(\frac{x - q(t)}{\Delta(t)} \right); \quad \varphi(x, t) = \phi(t).$$

$$\mathbf{H}_a$$



Applied field tilts
magnetic moments out-of-plane

$$\dot{\theta} + \alpha \sin \theta \dot{\phi} = \gamma_0 H_\varphi,$$

$$\alpha \dot{\theta} - \sin \theta \dot{\phi} = \gamma_0 H_\theta,$$

$$\alpha \frac{\dot{q}}{\Delta} + \dot{\phi} = \gamma_0 H_a$$

$$\frac{\dot{q}}{\Delta} - \alpha \dot{\phi} = \gamma_0 H_K \frac{\sin 2\phi}{2}$$

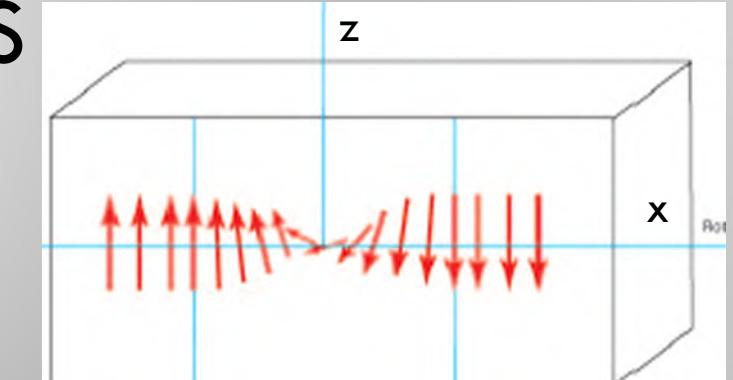
1D MODEL: DYNAMICS

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\gamma_0}{1 + \alpha^2} \left(H_a - \frac{\alpha}{2} H_K \sin 2\phi \right)$$

if $H_K = 0$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\gamma_0 H_a}{1 + \alpha^2}$$

Precession and movement with a constant velocity



$$H_K \neq 0$$

$$\dot{\phi} = 0$$

Defines stationary domain wall angle, it exists if $H_a < \frac{\alpha H_K}{2}$ Walker field

In soft materials

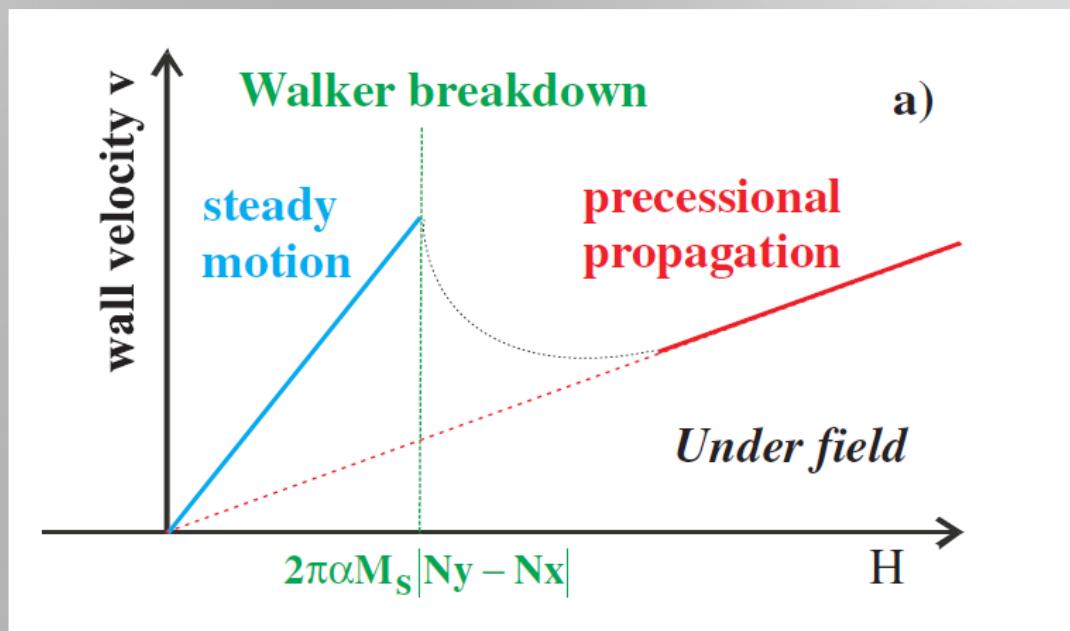
$$H_K = 4\pi M_s^2 (N_x - N_y)$$

The Walker break-down field

$$H_W = 2\pi\alpha M_s (N_x - N_y)$$

Velocity below
Walker field

WALKER BREAKDOWN PHENOMENON



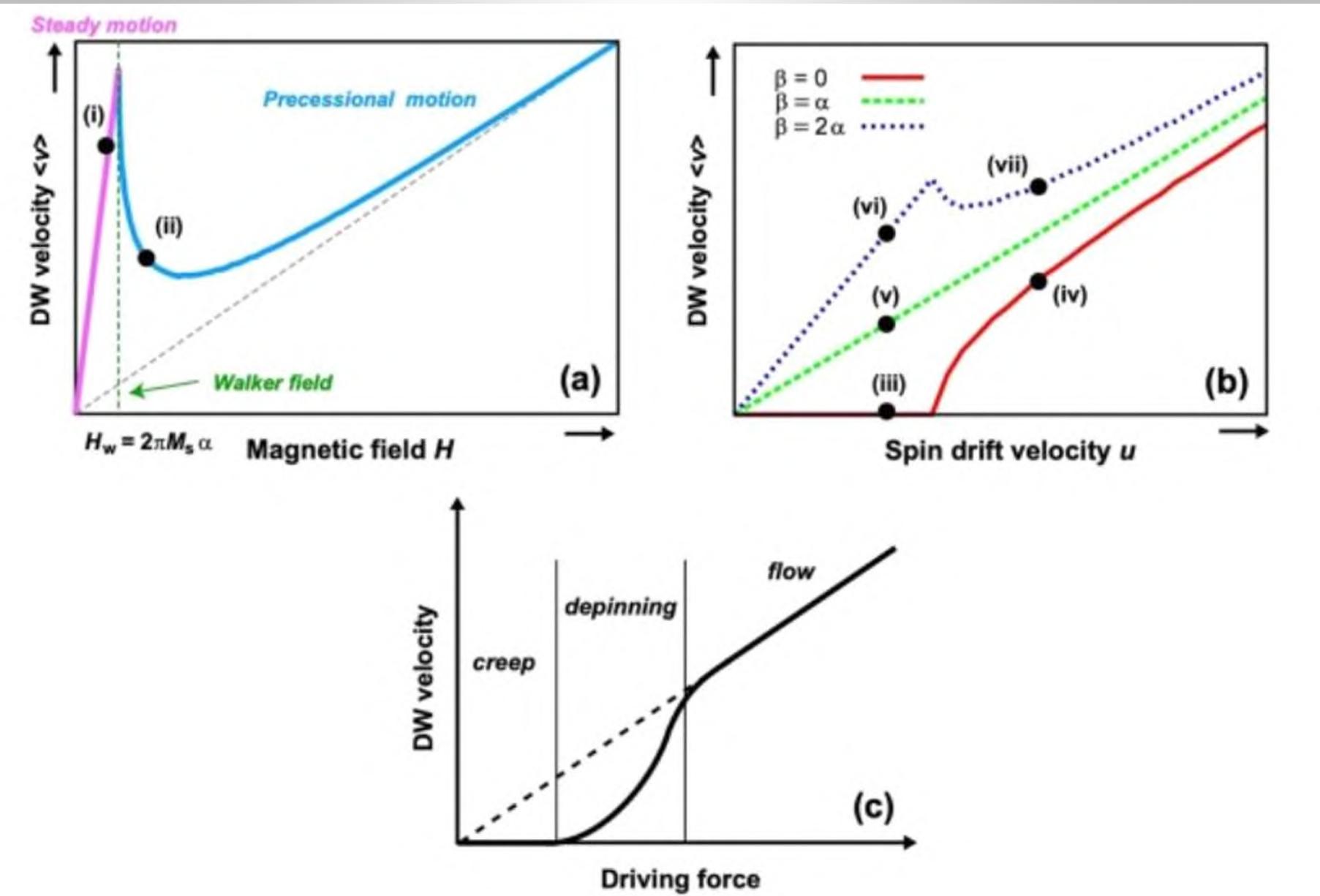
Below Walker breakdown

$$v = \frac{\gamma \Delta H_a}{\alpha}$$

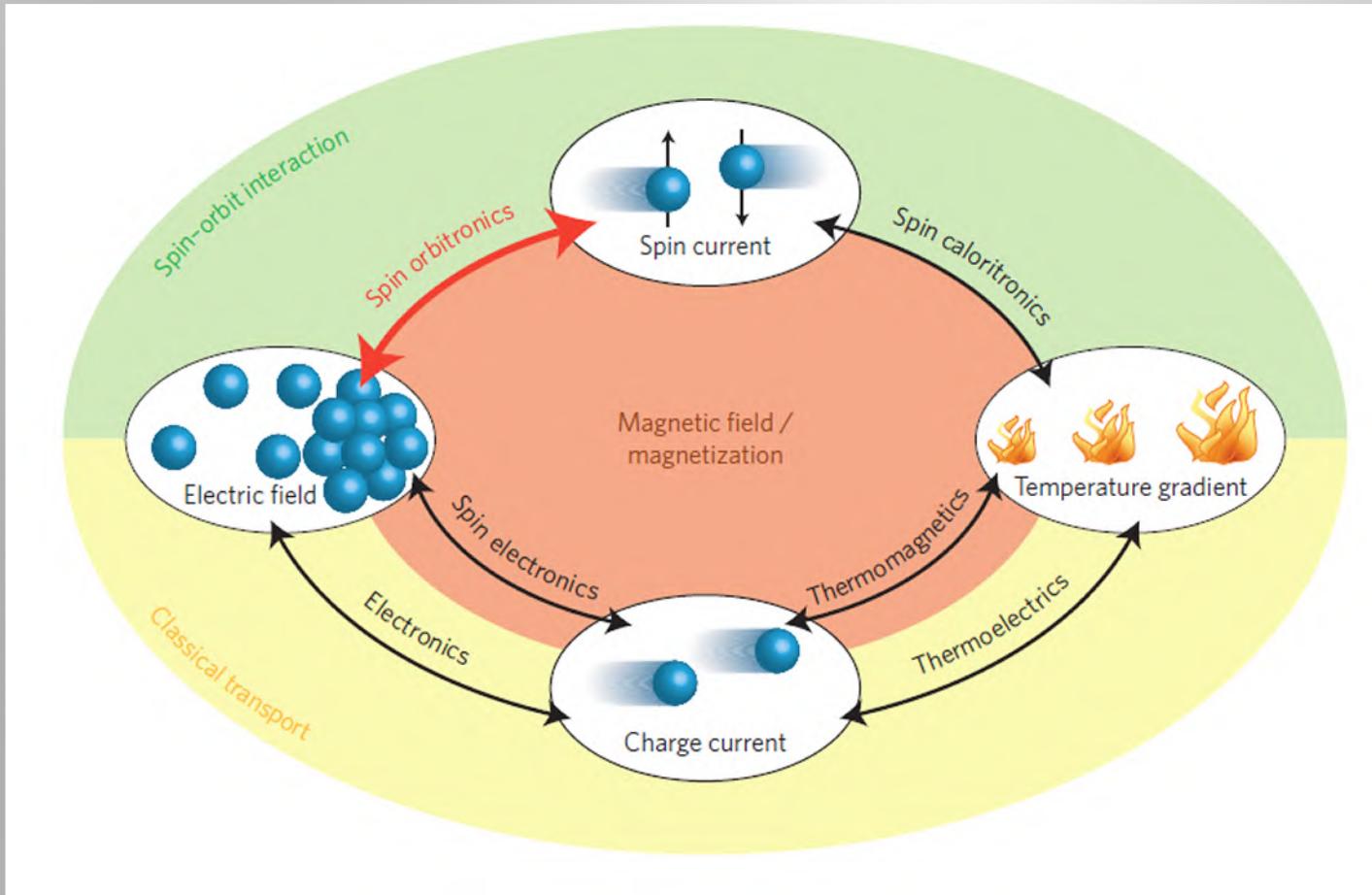
Above Walker limit
(averaging over precessional period)

$$v = \frac{\gamma \Delta \alpha H_a}{(1 + \alpha^2)}$$

WALKER BREAKDOWN PHENOMENON

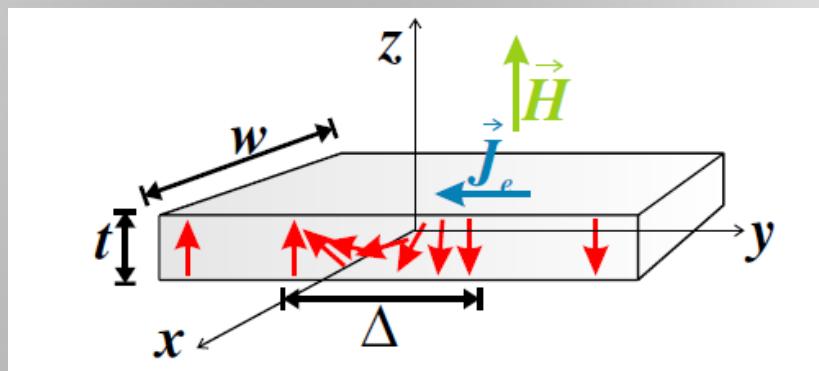


DOMAIN WALL MOTION



1. Field
2. Current
3. Thermal gradient
4. Laser

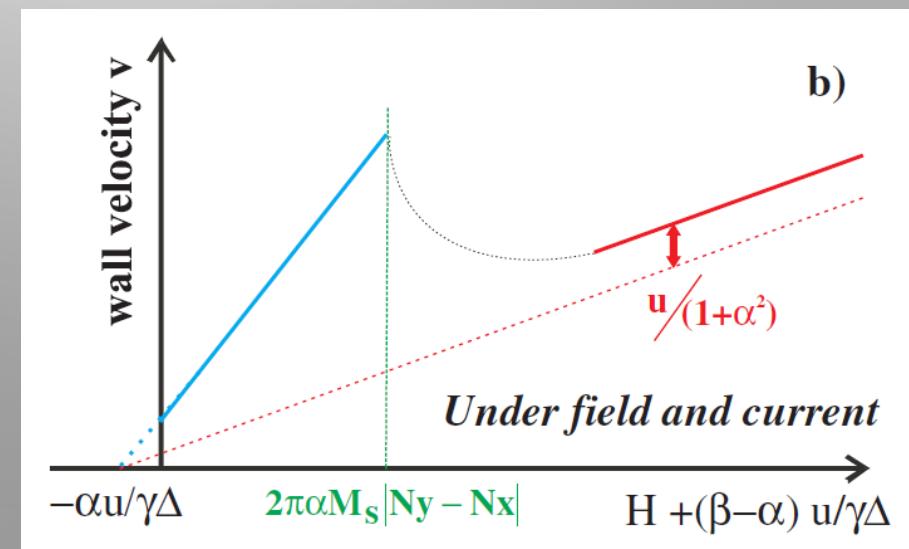
WITH CURRENT



$$|H + (\beta - \alpha) \frac{u}{\gamma \Delta}| \leq H_W$$

Zhang-Li model

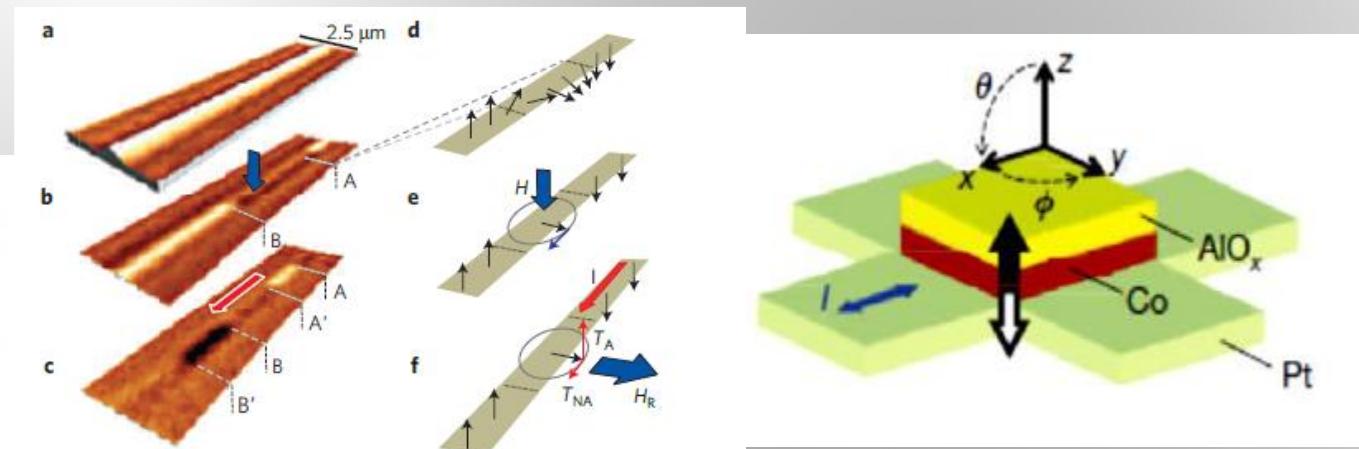
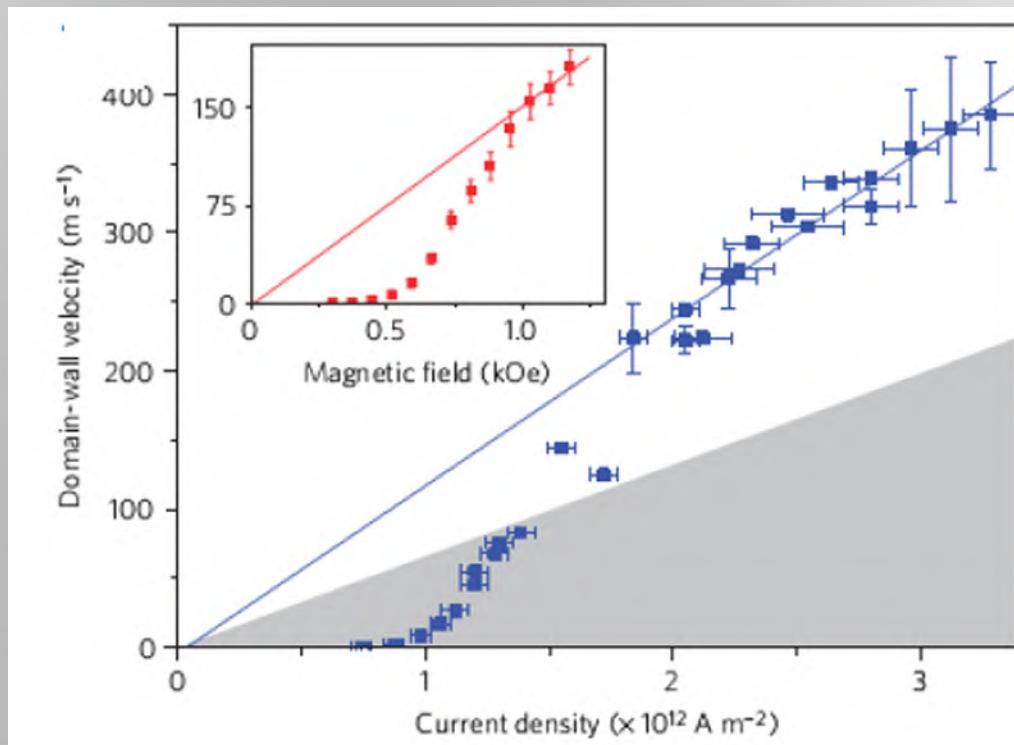
$$\frac{\partial \vec{M}}{\partial t} = \gamma \vec{H}_{eff} \times \vec{M} + \frac{\alpha}{M_s} \vec{M} \times \frac{\partial \vec{M}}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial \vec{M}}{\partial y} + \frac{\beta u}{M_s} \vec{M} \times \frac{\partial \vec{M}}{\partial y}$$



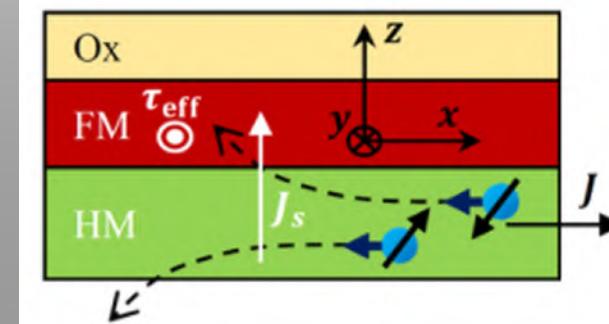
SPIN-ORBIT TORQUE

Pt/Co/AlO multilayers with spin-orbit field-like torque

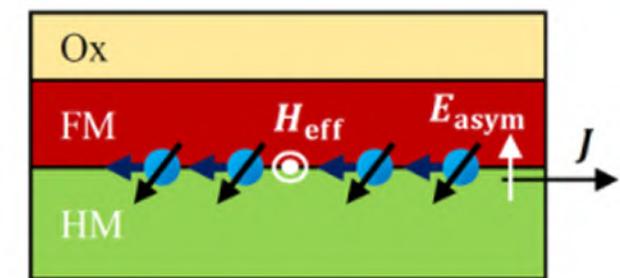
I.Miron Nature 2011



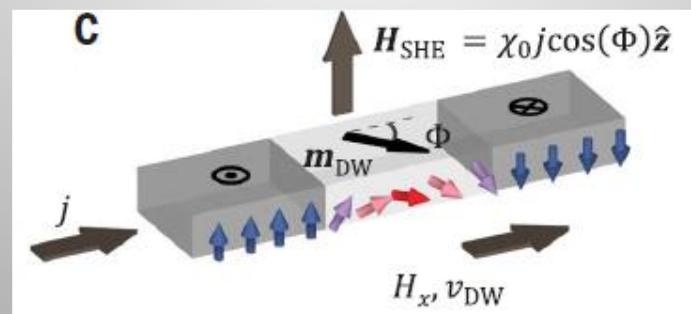
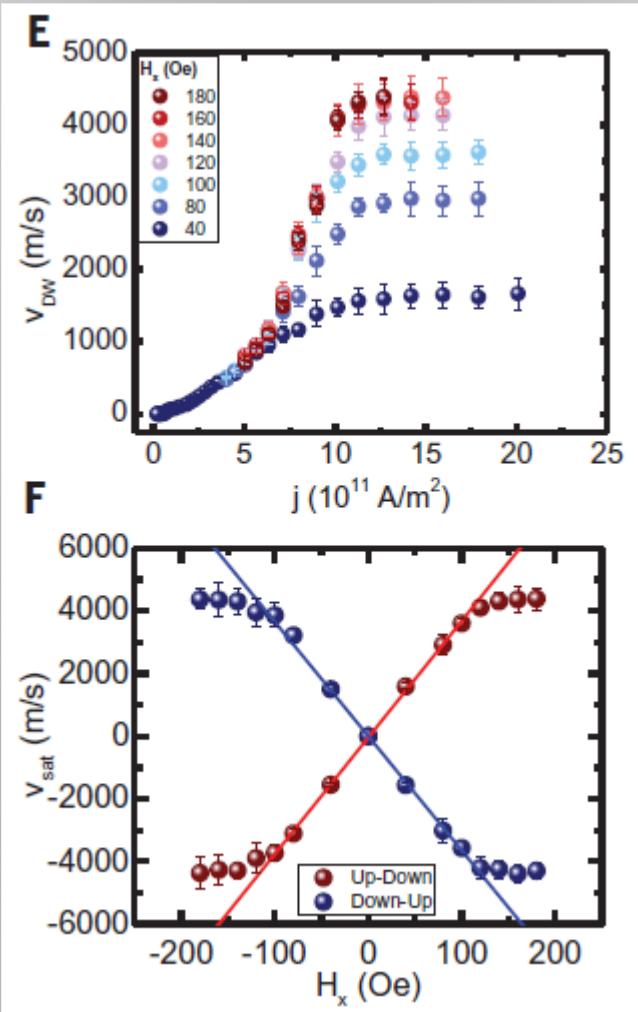
Spin-Hall effect



Rashba field



“RELATIVISTIC” DOMAIN WALL VELOCITY

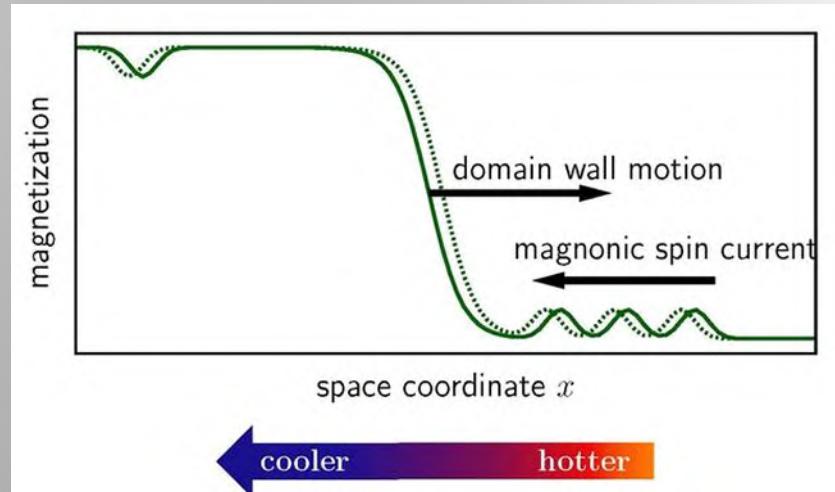


$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} - c_m^2 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{c_m^2}{\Delta_0^2} \sin \theta = 0$$

Caretta *et al.*, *Science* **370**, 1438–1442 (2020)

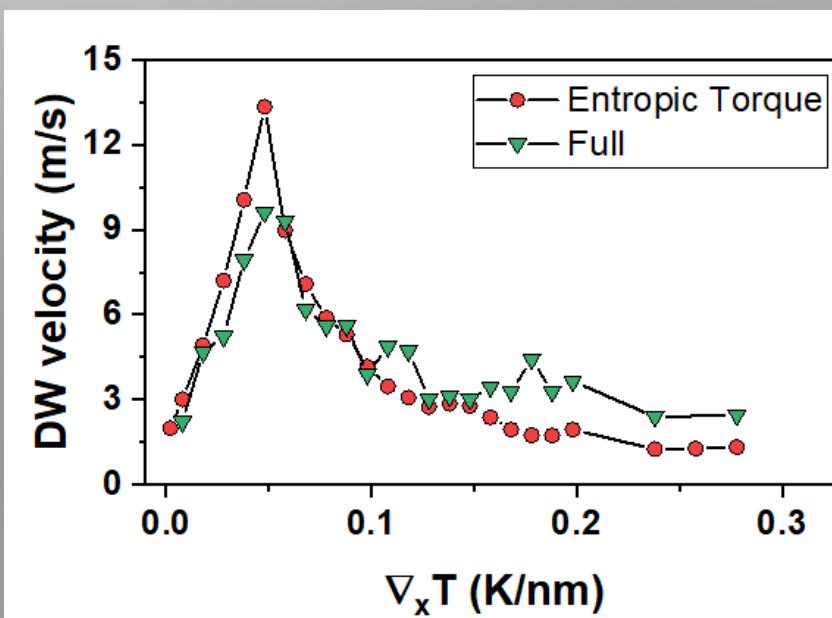
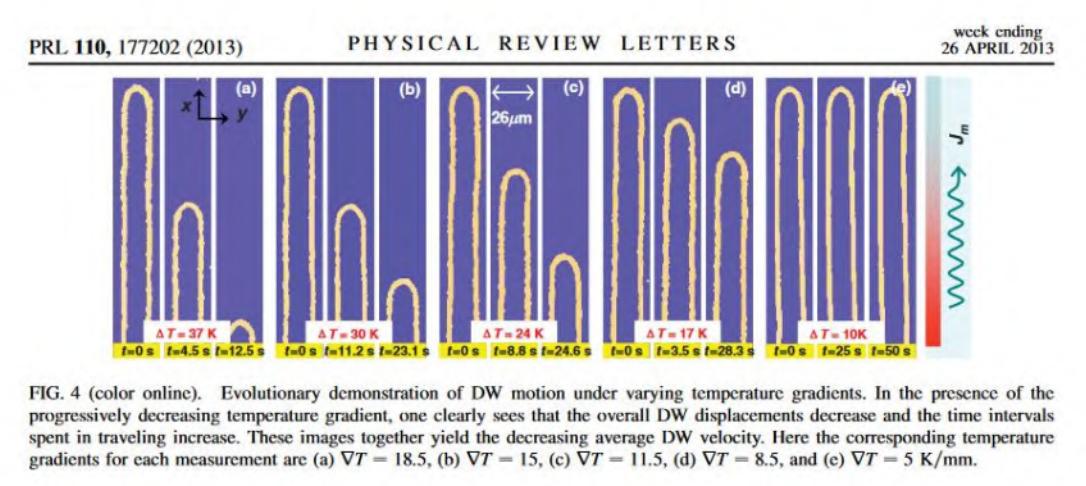
Ferrimagnetic Bi-YIG
Low damping

DOMAIN WALL MOTION BY SPIN-SEEBECK EFFECT (TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS)



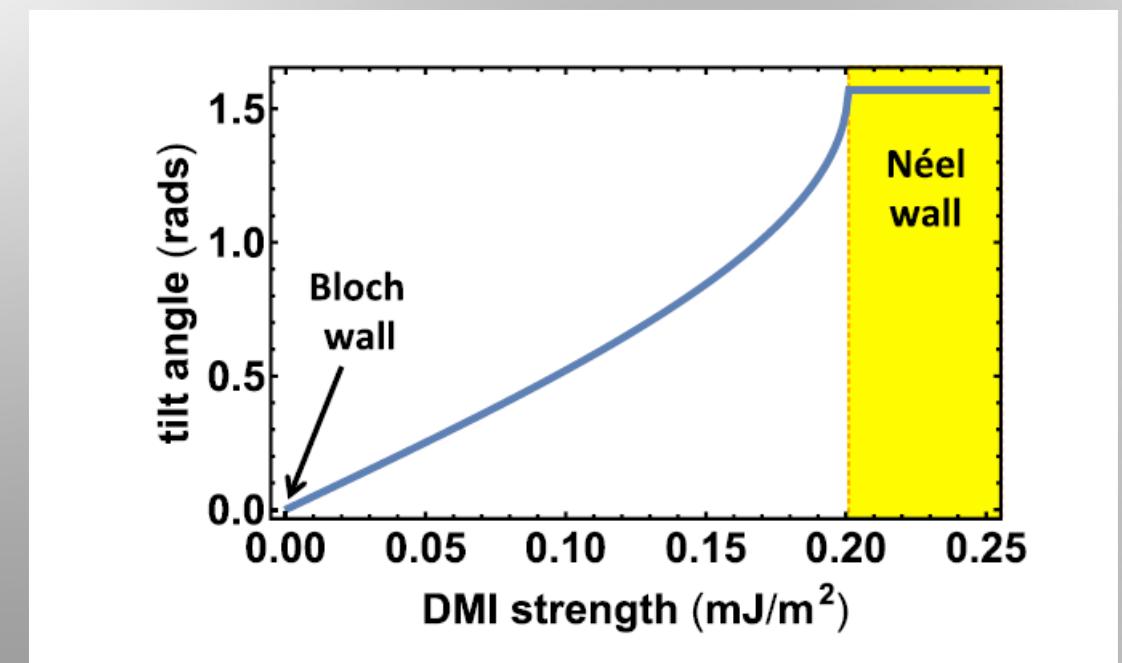
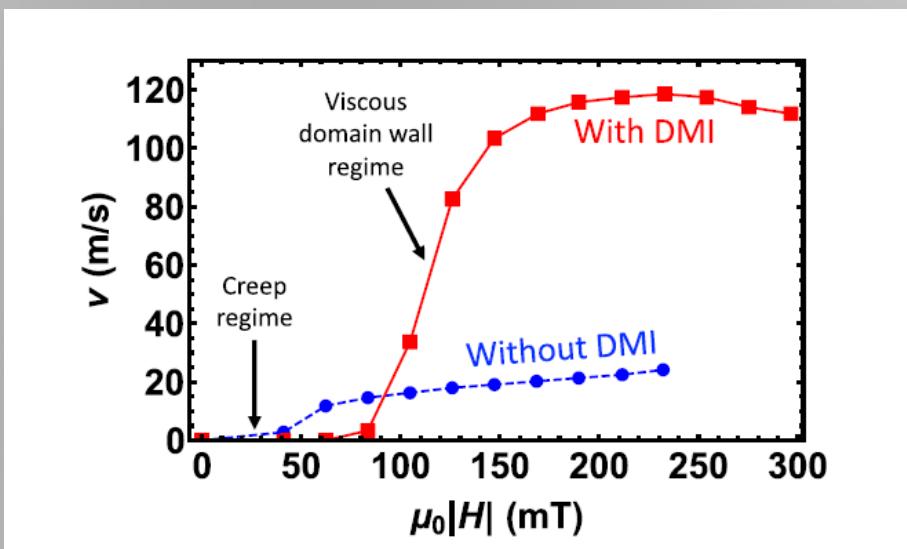
D. Hinzke and U. Nowak

Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 027205 (2011)



DOMAIN WALLS WITH DMI

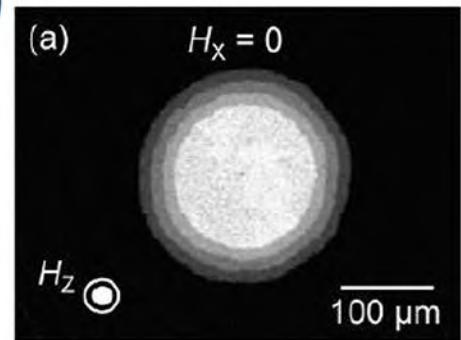
$$\sigma_{\text{N\'eel}} = 4\sqrt{AK} \pm \pi D, \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{Bloch}} = 4\sqrt{AK}.$$



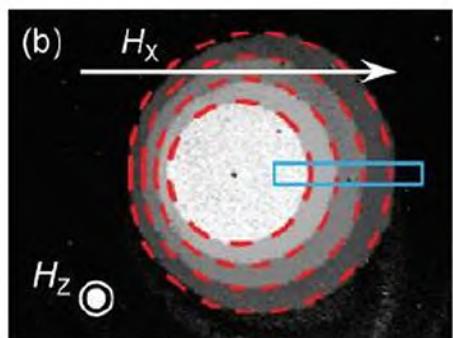
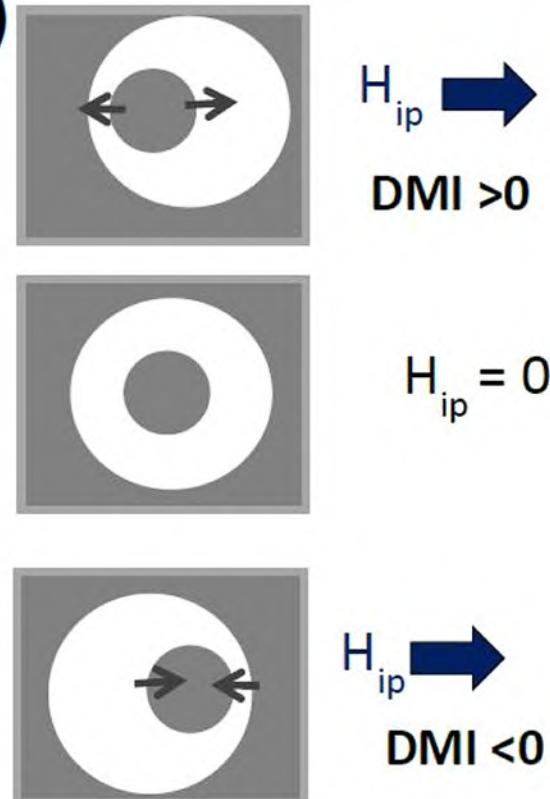
DW MOTION IN THE PRESENCE OF DMI

Asymmetric bubble expansion in the presence of DMI

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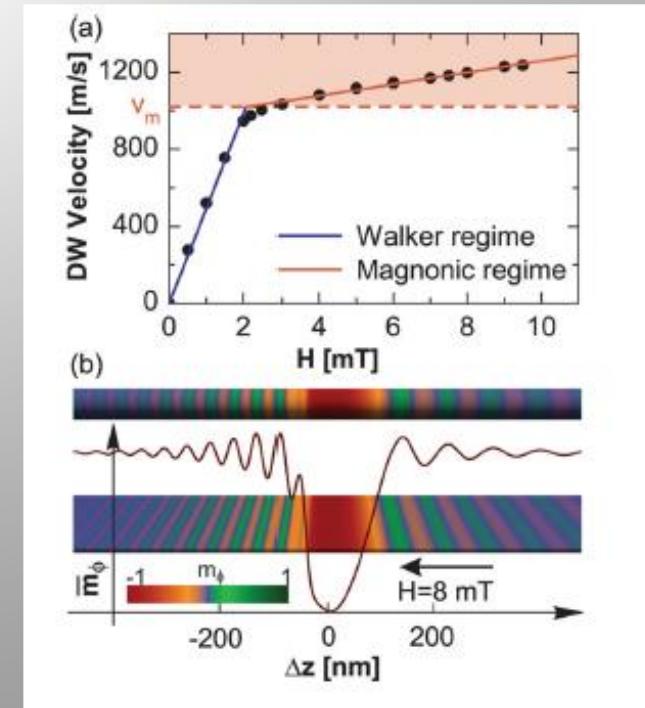
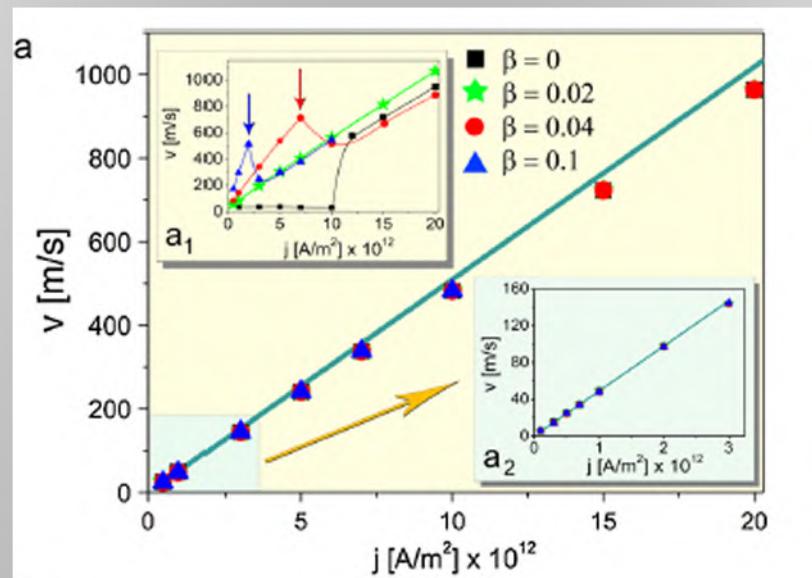


b)



DYNAMICS OF TRANSVERSE DWS IN CYLINDRICAL NANOWIRES AND NANOTUBES

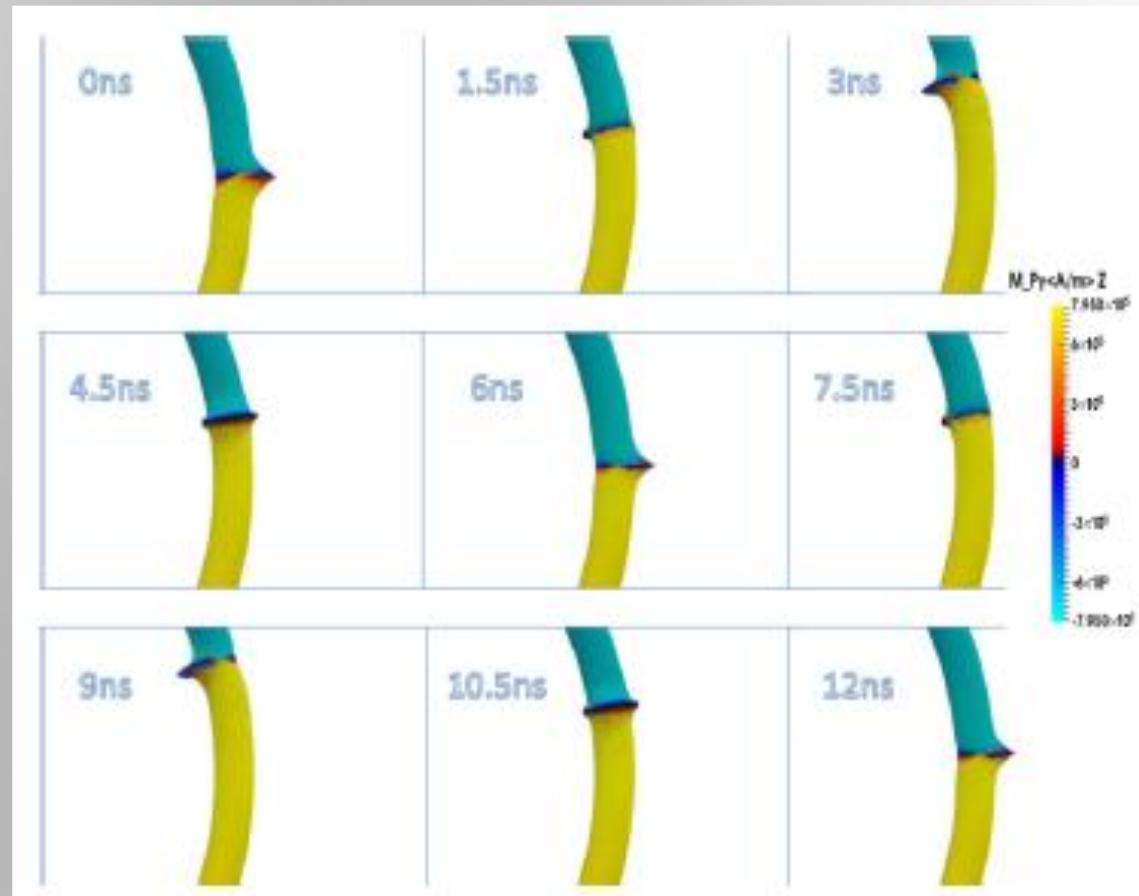
THE ABSENCE OF THE WALKER BREAKDOWN PHENOMENON AND CHIRAL EFFECTS



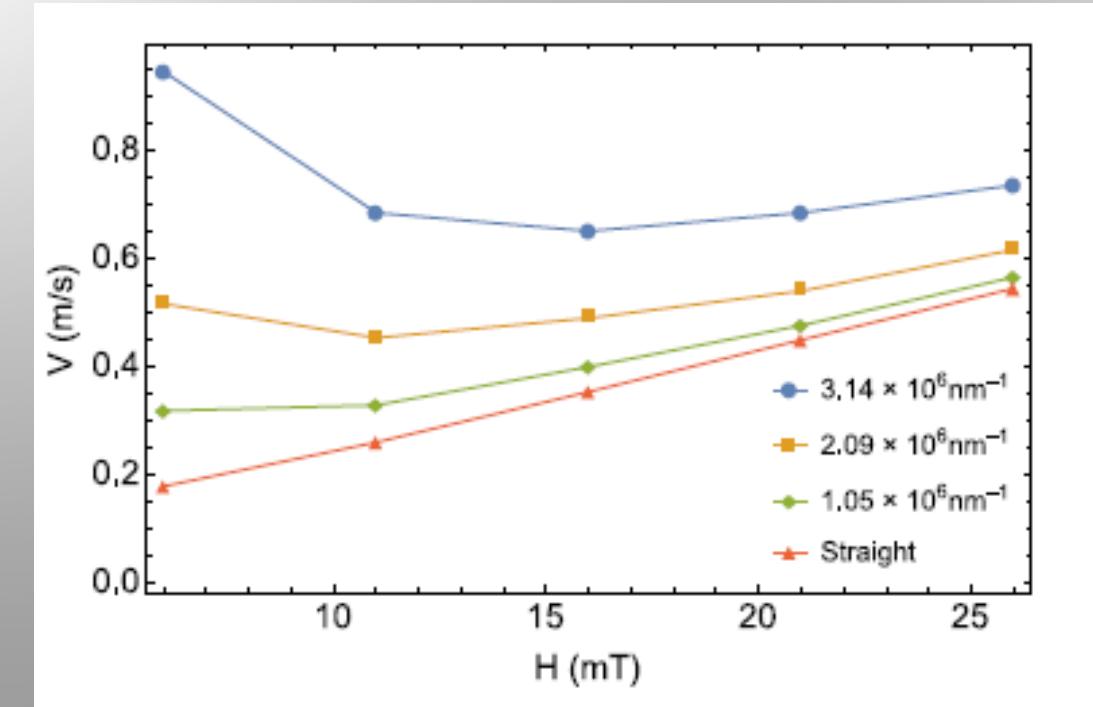
M.Yan et al PRL 104, 057201 (2010)

R.Hertel, J.Phys: Cond Mat 28 (2016)

DYNAMICS IN BENT NANOWIRE

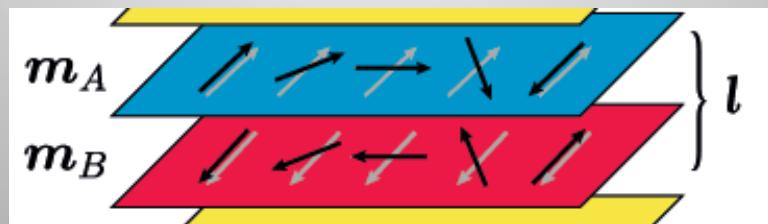
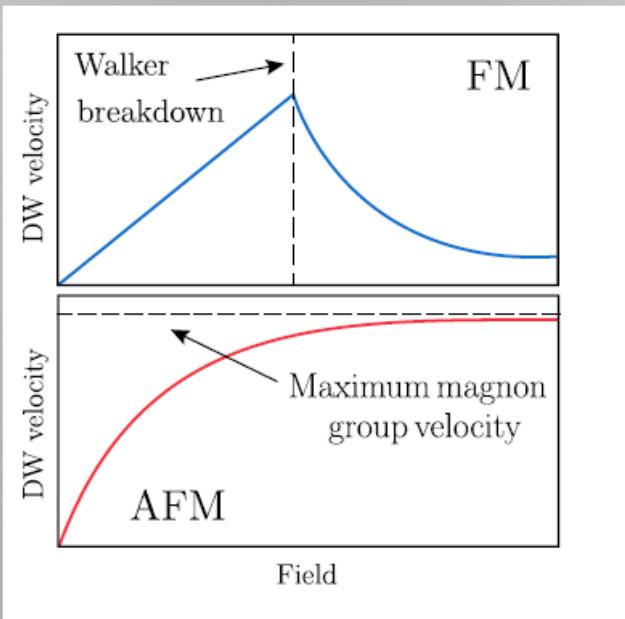


The recovery of the Walker breakdown with curvature



R.Moreno et al PRB 96, 184401 (2017)

MAGNETIC DOMAIN WALLS WITHOUT WALKER BREAKDOWN: ANTIFERROMAGNETS



Sigma-model

$$\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{l} = (\mathbf{m}_A \pm \mathbf{m}_B) / 2$$

m (magnesation) $\ll l$ (Neel vector)

Field directly cannot move DW

In certain materials spin-polarized current acts as staggered field

$$w = \frac{1}{2} A \mathbf{m}^2 + \frac{1}{8} a (\partial_x \mathbf{l})^2 + w_a(\mathbf{l}) - 2\gamma\hbar (\mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{H}^{\text{SO}})$$

ANTIFERROMAGNETIC DOMAIN WALLS

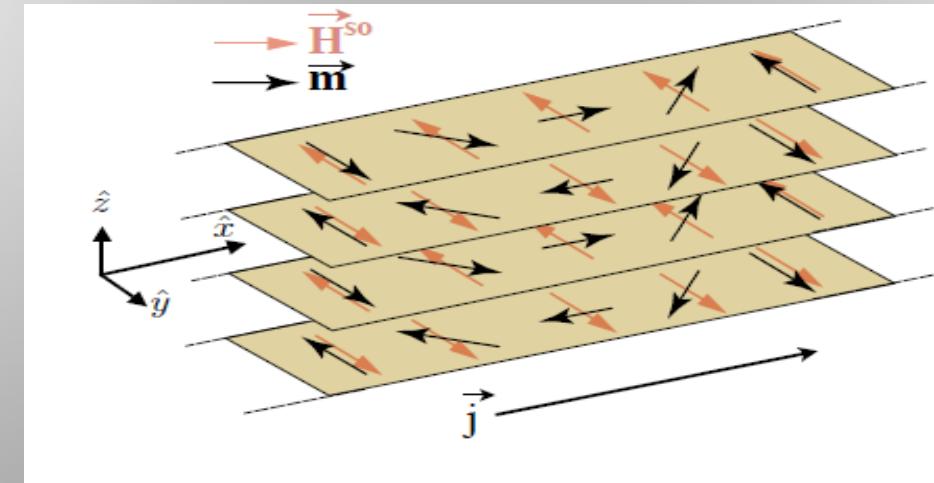
$$\dot{\mathbf{i}} = \gamma \mathbf{H}_m^{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{l}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{m}} = (\gamma \mathbf{H}_l^{\text{eff}} - \alpha \dot{\mathbf{i}}) \times \mathbf{l},$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \theta_{tt} - \theta_{xx} + \frac{1}{2\Delta_0^2} \sin 2\theta = -H_{SOT} \sin \theta - \alpha \theta_t$$

Sine-Gordon equation

ext (SOT) field

dissipation



AFM DOMAIN WALLS AS “RELATIVISTIC SOLITONS”

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \theta_{tt} - \theta_{xx} + \frac{1}{2\Delta_0^2} \sin 2\theta = -H_{SOT} \sin \theta - \alpha \theta_t$$

Sine-Gordon equation

ext (SOT) field

dissipation

When dissipation is counter-balanced by external field

Domain wall width

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 \sqrt{1 - V^2/c^2}$$

Domain wall width at rest

“Light” speed

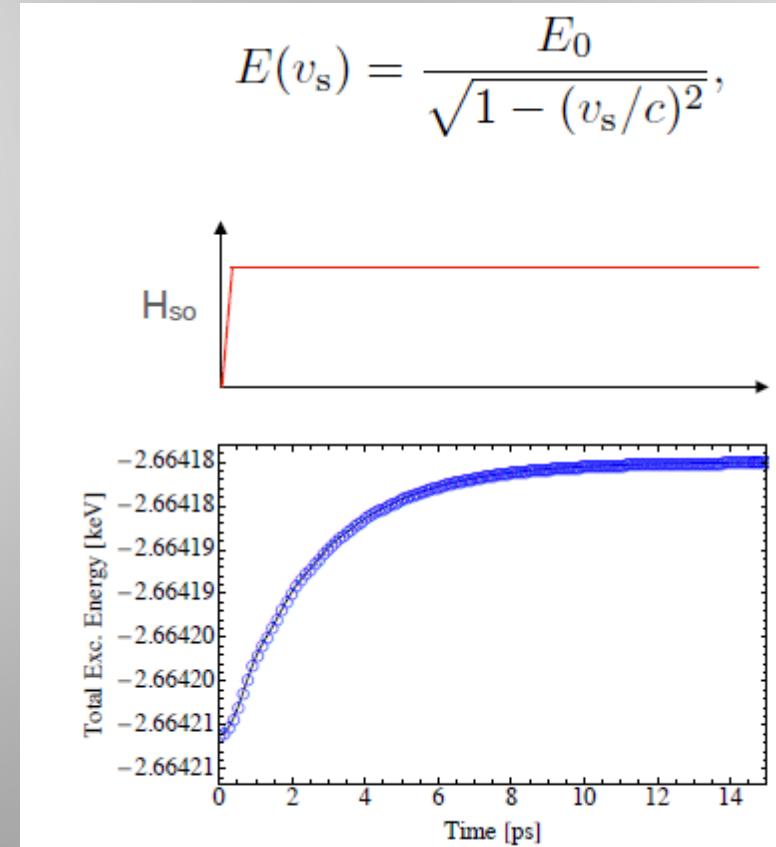
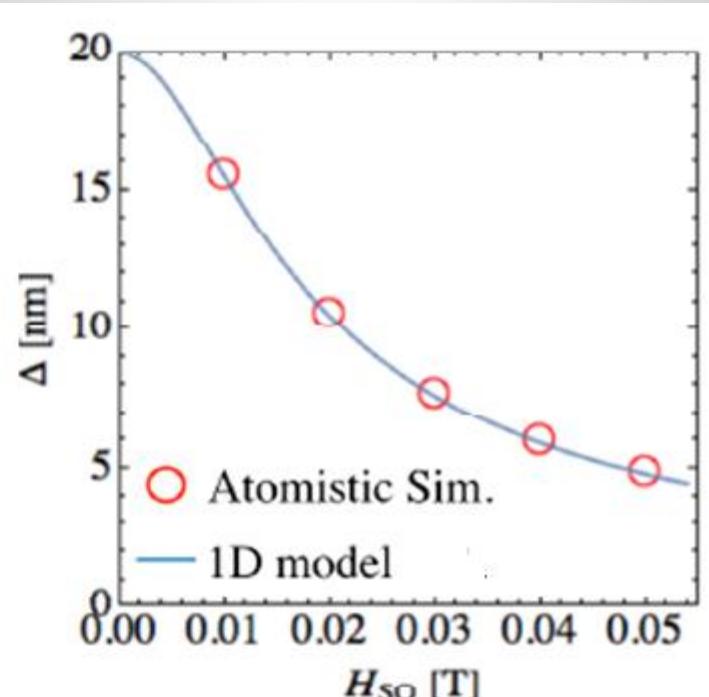
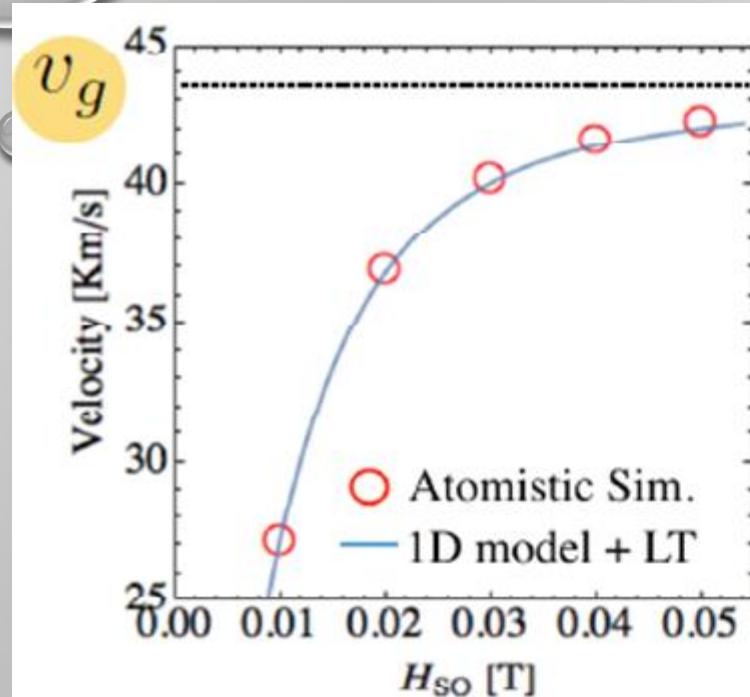
$c=43.3$ km/s –spin wave group velocity

$$\theta = 2 \tan^{-1} \exp \left[\frac{x - Vt}{\Delta} \right]$$
$$V = \frac{H_{SOT} \Delta(V)}{\alpha}$$

Stationary velocity

R.Rama-Eiroa et al, (in revision)
[arXiv:2109.09003](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.09003)

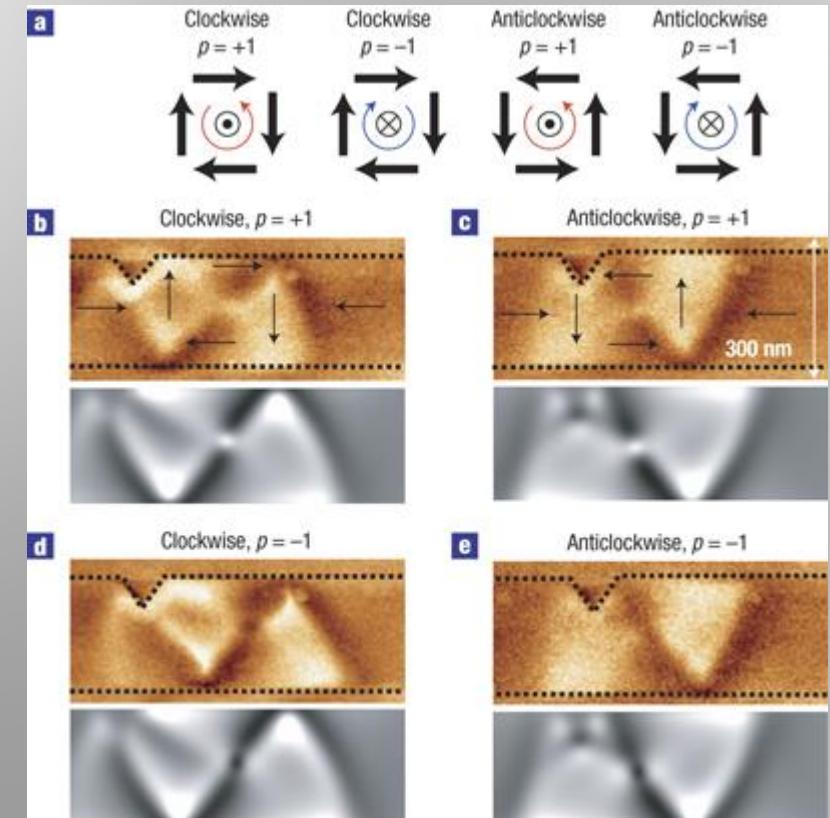
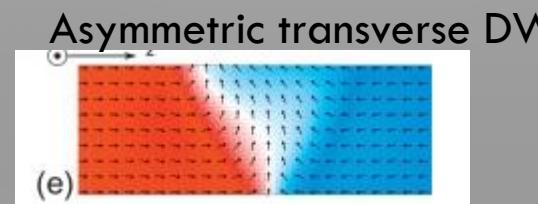
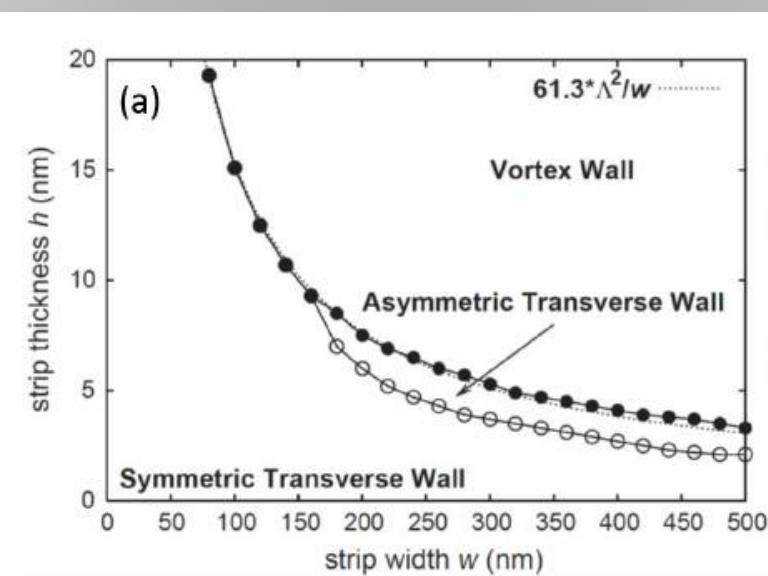
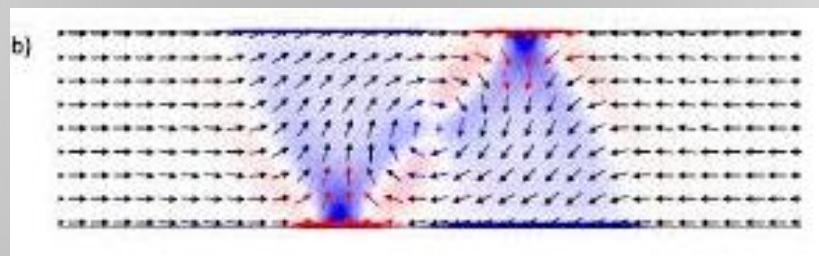
Domain wall velocity and width in Mn₂Au



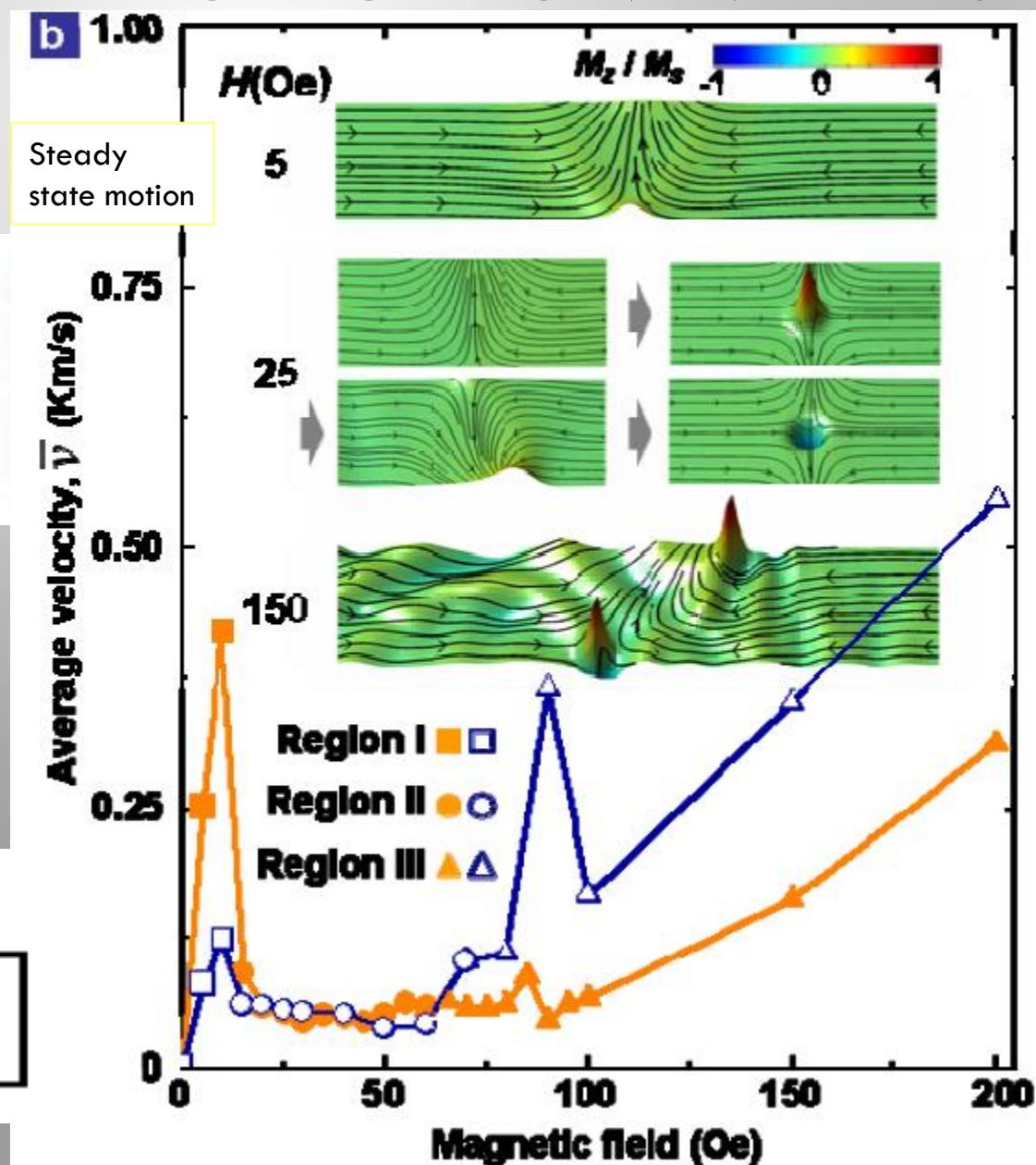
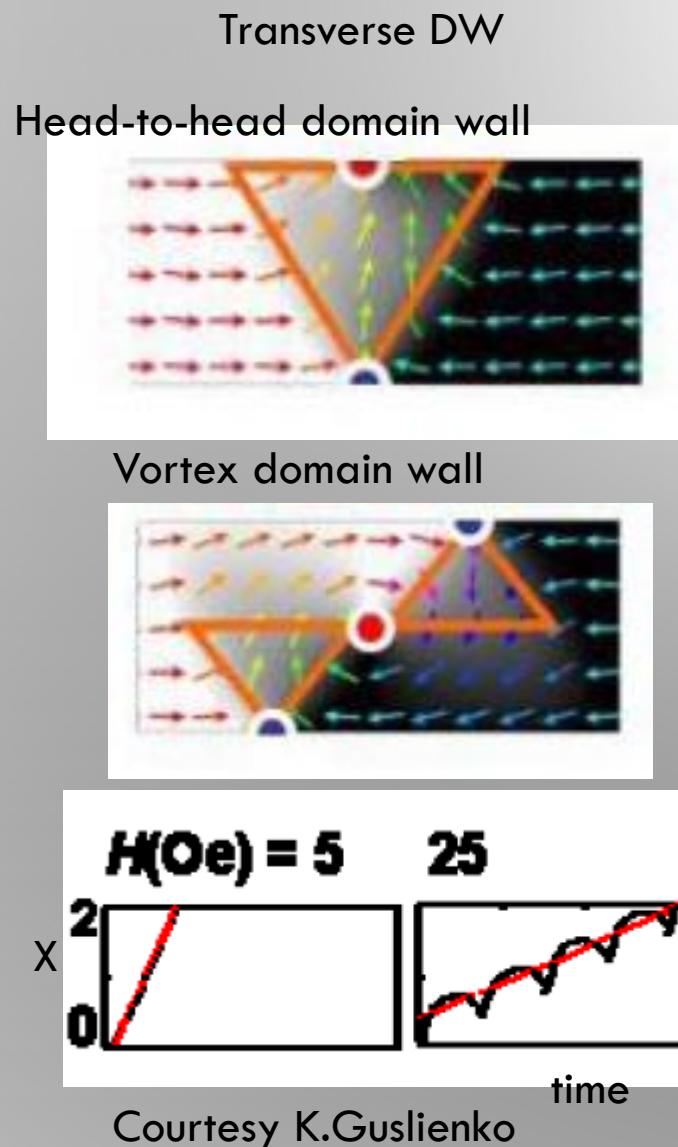
- ✓ Velocity increases up to 40 km/s (limited by spinwave emission)
- ✓ Domain width decreases down to 4 nm (relativistic effect)
- ✓ Domain wall is “charged” with exchange energy

R.Otxoa, ...O.C.-F.
Comm.Phys. 3, 31 (2020)

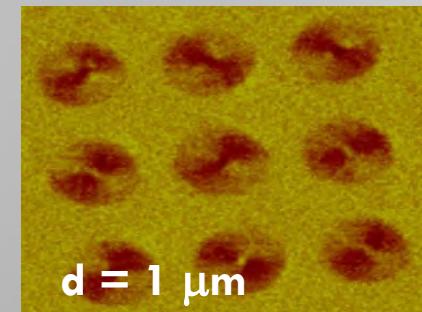
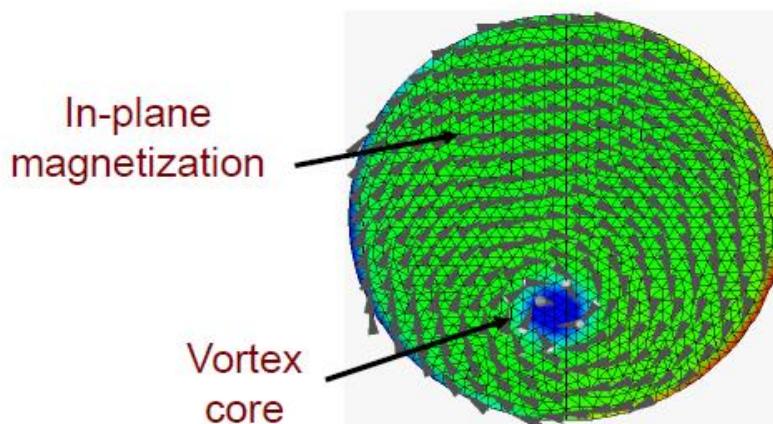
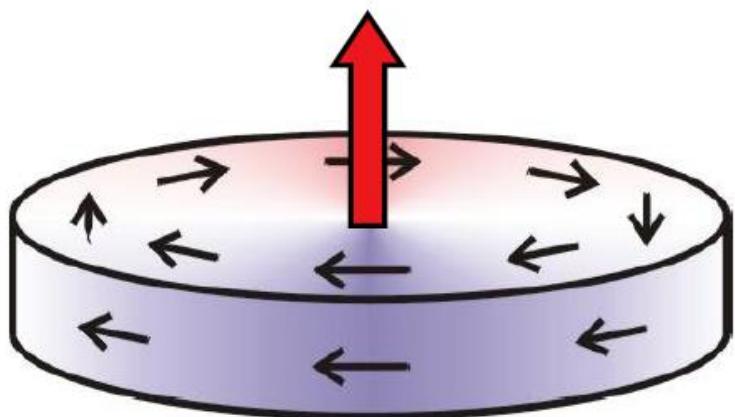
VORTEX DOMAIN WALLS



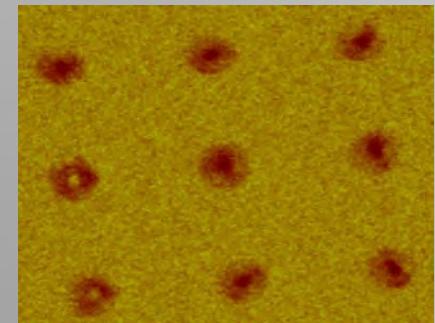
DOMAIN WALL PROPAGATION IN WIRES



Magnetic vortices in soft magnetic dots



MFM Images:
Thickness = 60 nm



Magnetic Vortex Integers:

Vorticity (topological charge): $q = \pm 1$
degree of mapping of XY plane to the
magnetization unit sphere

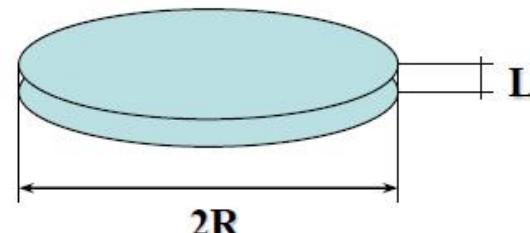
Chirality (CCW, CW): $C = \pm 1$

Polarization: $p = \pm 1$

Courtesy K.Guslienko

M-ground state depends on:

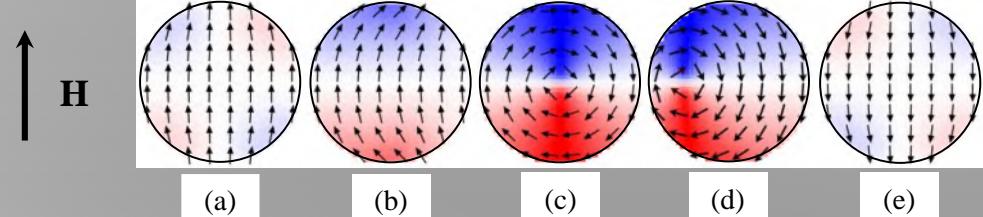
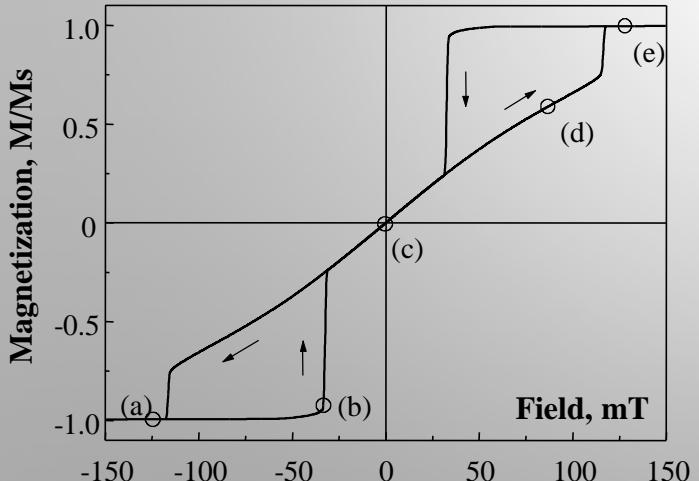
- Dot geometry and shape: L and R
- Material: A, K and M_s



Skyrmion number: $S = qp/2$

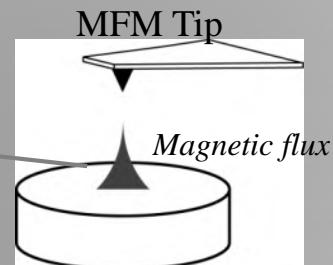
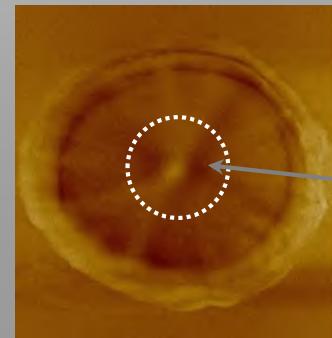
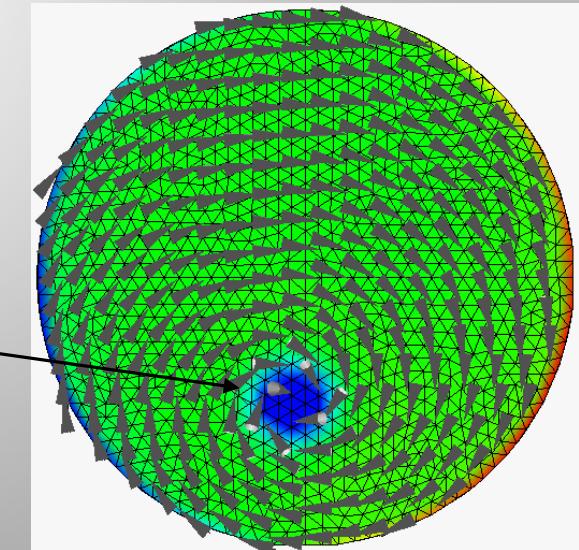
Magnetic Vortex State in circular ferromagnetic dot

Micromagnetic calculations: hysteresis loop and field-evolution of the vortex spin structure



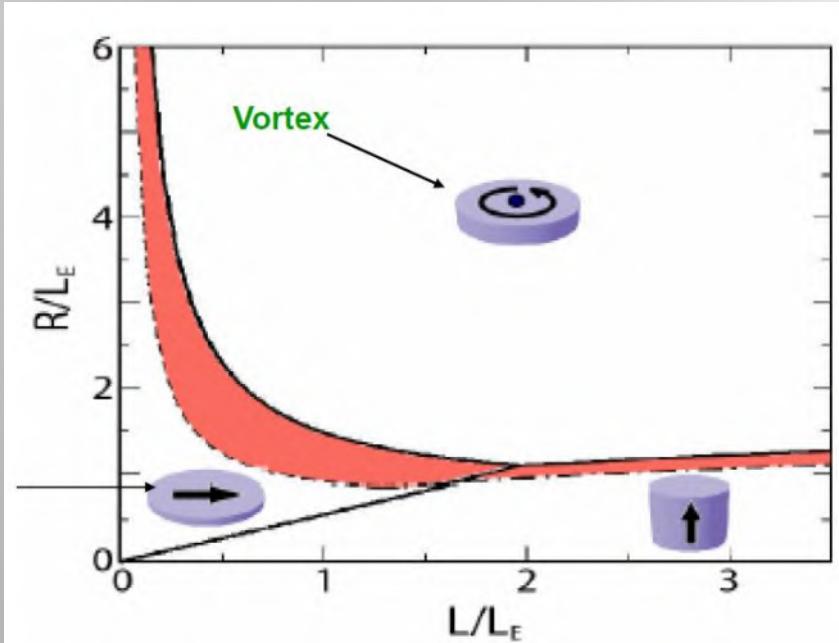
V. Novosad et al. IEEE Trans. Magn., 2001

Experiments: hysteresis loop and MFM observation of the vortex state in remanence

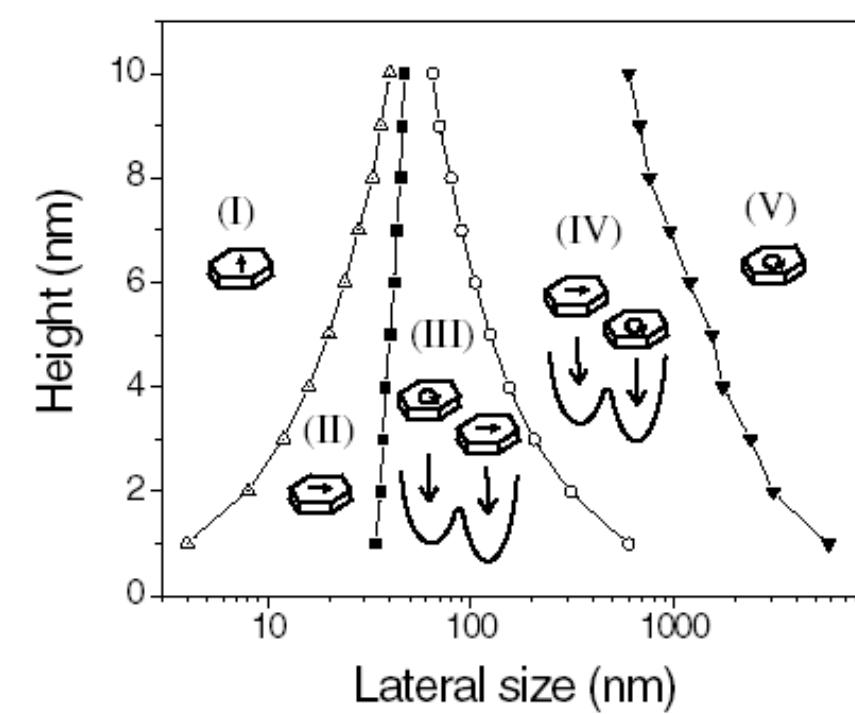


Magnetization reversal due to formation of the magnetic vortex state in circular dot

General stability diagram for soft dots



Stability diagram in Co dots



K.Guslienko

THIELE EQUATION

LLG equation

$$\partial_t \vec{m} = \gamma_0 \vec{H}_{eff} \times \vec{m} + \alpha \vec{m} \times \partial_t \vec{m}$$

'solved' form

$$\vec{H}_{eff} = \left\{ \vec{m} \times \partial_t \vec{m} + \alpha \partial_t \vec{m} \right\} / \gamma_0 + \lambda \vec{m}$$

ASSUME a magnetization structure in RIGID MOTION

$$\vec{m}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{m}_0(\vec{r} - \vec{R}(t)) \quad \partial_t \vec{m} = - \sum_j V_j \frac{\partial \vec{m}_0}{\partial x_j}$$

$$E = \mu_0 M_s \int dV \vec{H}_{eff} \cdot \vec{m}$$

Force on the structure

$$F_i = - \frac{dE}{dR_i} = \mu_0 M_s \int \vec{H}_{eff} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{m}}{\partial R_i} = - \mu_0 M_s \int \vec{H}_{eff} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{m}_0}{\partial x_i}$$

$$F_i = \frac{\mu_0 M_s}{\gamma_0} \sum_j V_j \int \left(\vec{m}_0 \times \frac{\partial \vec{m}_0}{\partial x_j} + \alpha \frac{\partial \vec{m}_0}{\partial x_j} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{m}_0}{\partial x_i}$$

Gyrotropic term Damping term

THIELE EQUATION (CONT.)

$$\vec{F}_{gyro} + \vec{F}_{dissip} + \vec{F} = \vec{0}$$

$$G \times \vec{V} + \alpha \vec{D}\vec{V} = \vec{F}$$

THIELE EQUATION FOR VORTEX

$$-\mathbf{G} \times \frac{d\mathbf{X}}{dt} - \hat{D} \frac{d\mathbf{X}}{dt} + \frac{\partial W(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = 0$$

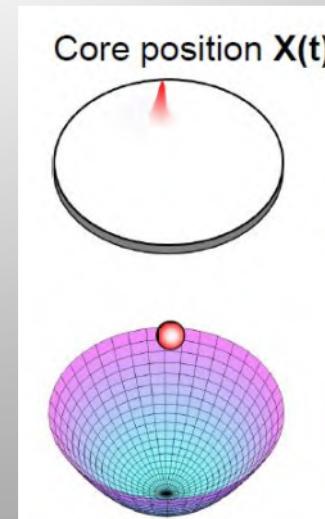
\mathbf{G} : gyrovector $\mathbf{G} = -pq|G|\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$$G = 2\pi qpLM_s/\gamma,$$

For thin dots $L \ll R$
 $\omega_0 \sim 100\text{-}500 \text{ MHz}$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{5}{9\pi} \frac{L}{R} \omega_M \quad \omega_M = \gamma 4\pi M_s \approx 30 \text{ GHz}$$

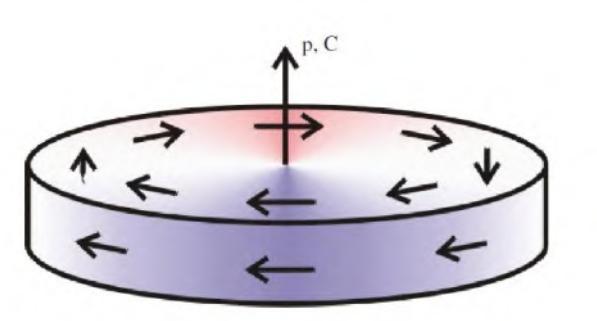
Guslienko et al., JAP **91**, 8037, 2002; PRL **96**, 067205 (2006)



Belyavin-Polyakov ansatz

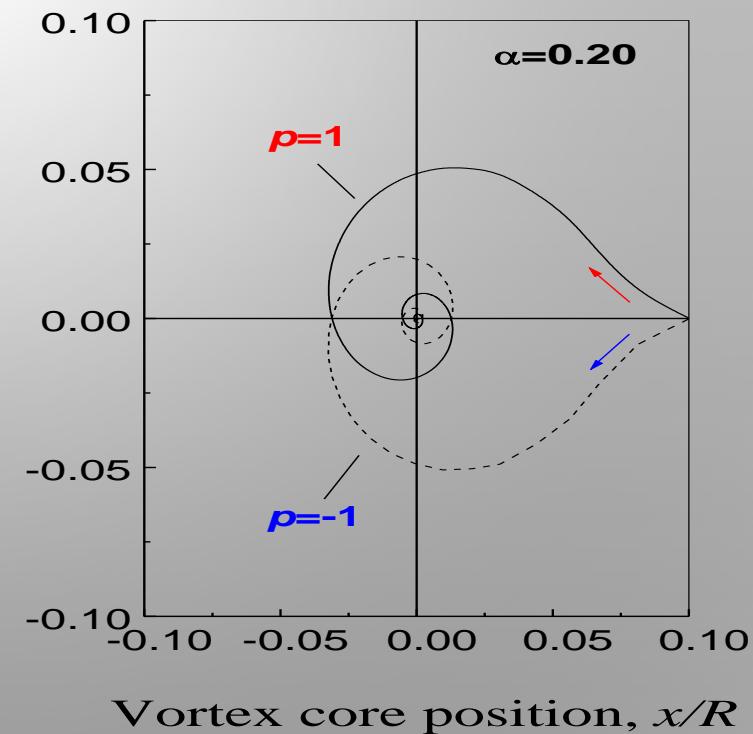
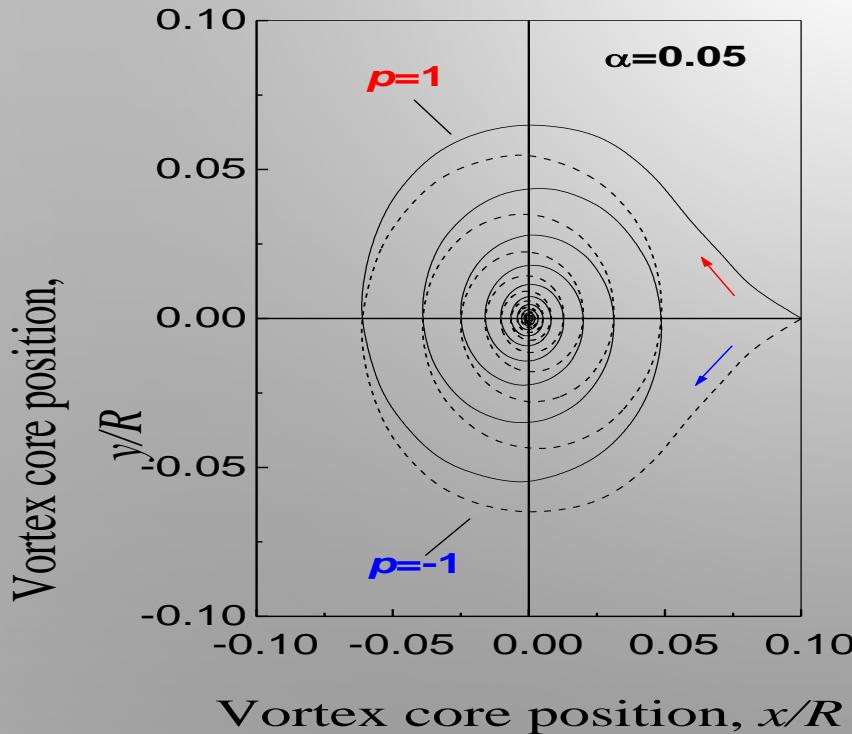
(simplified Usov's form)

$$m_\rho = 0, \quad m_\varphi = \sin \Theta(\rho) = \frac{2b\rho}{b^2 + \rho^2} \quad \text{if } \rho \leq b, \\ m_\varphi = 1 \quad \text{if } \rho > b, \quad m_z = \pm \cos \Theta(\rho)$$



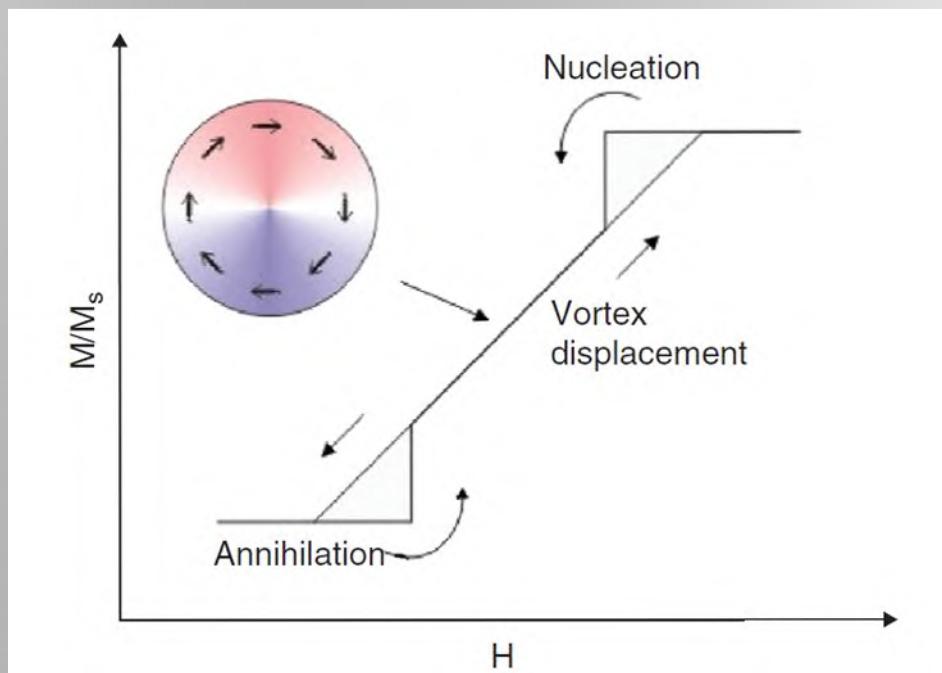
Vortex translation mode in a circular dot

Vortex core trajectory

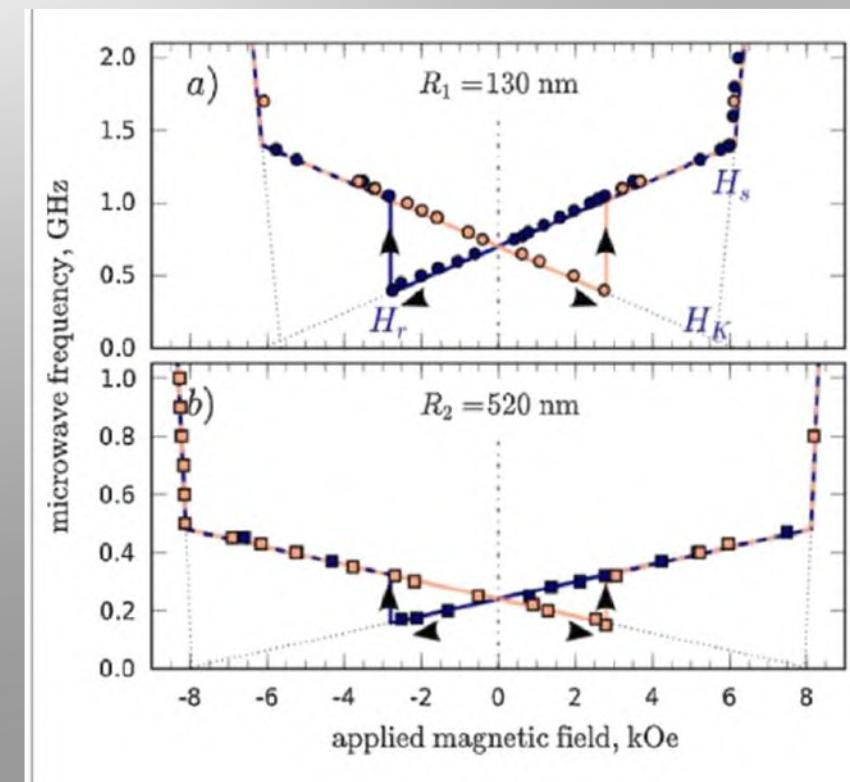


The “*translational mode*” of the vortex excitations corresponds to the spiral vortex core rotation around the dot center. Its direction (counter-clockwise or clockwise) is defined by the combination of the vortex polarization and chirality.

VORTEX HYSTERESIS



Perpendicular field: Goes through Bloch point



ULTRAFAST CORE REVERSAL IN IN-PLANE FIELDS

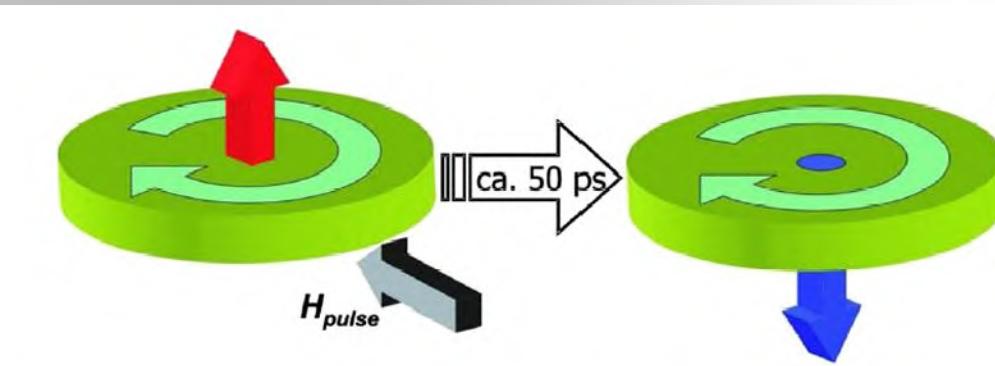
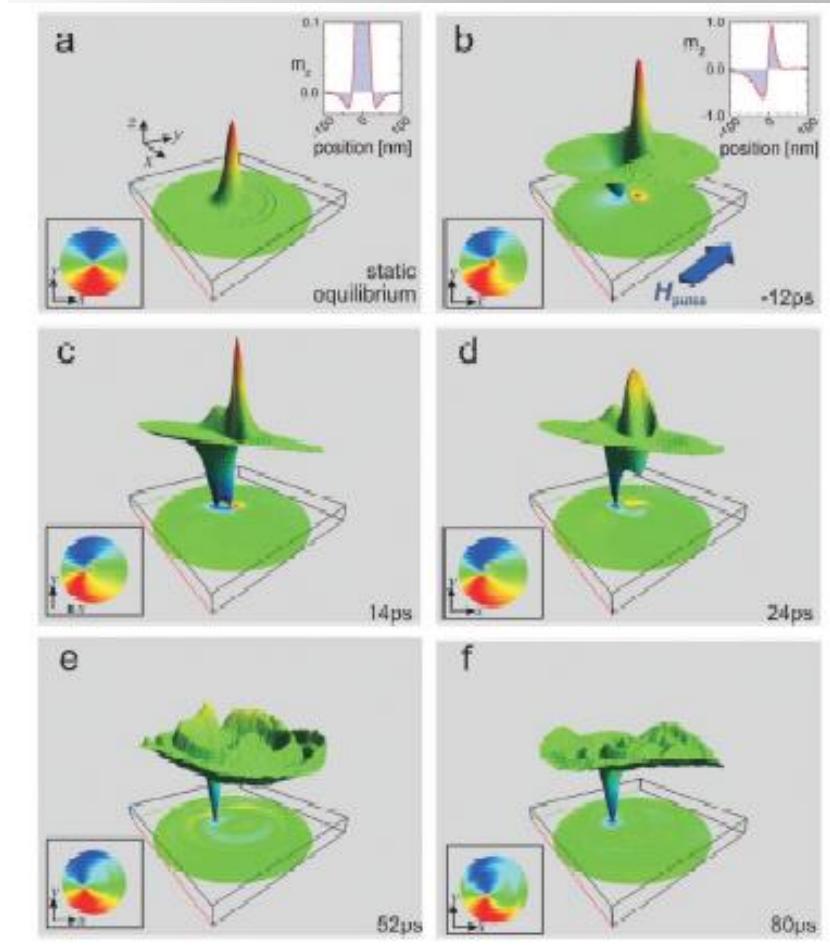
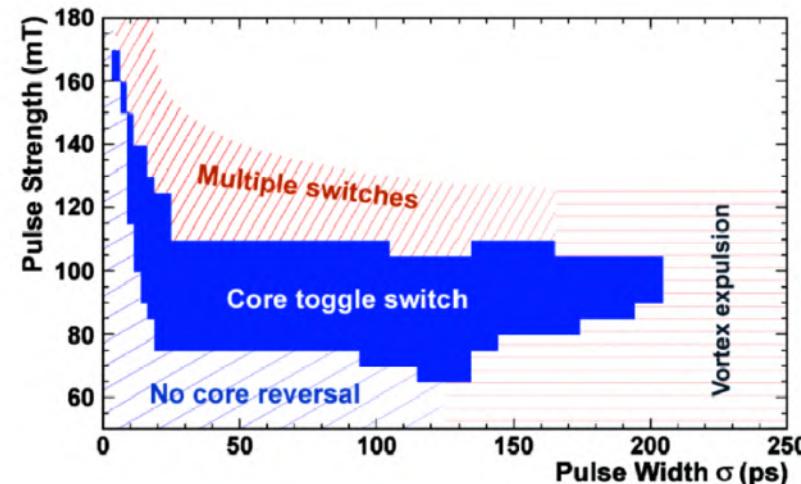


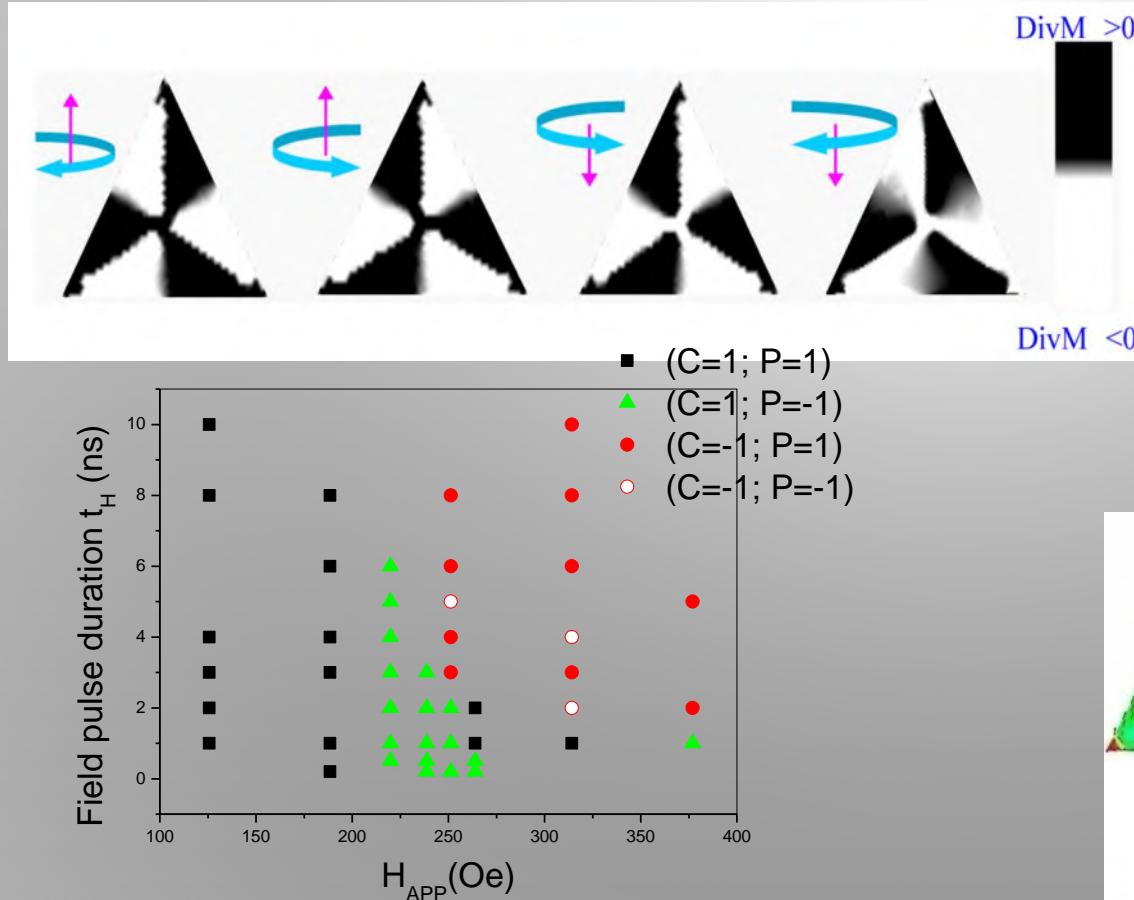
FIG. 1 (color online). Schematics of a field-pulse driven vortex core switching. The vortex core magnetization can be switched by a short magnetic field pulse applied in the film plane. This switching process requires only 40–50 ps.



Experimental observation with synchrotron:
B.Van Wayenberge, Nature 444 (2006)

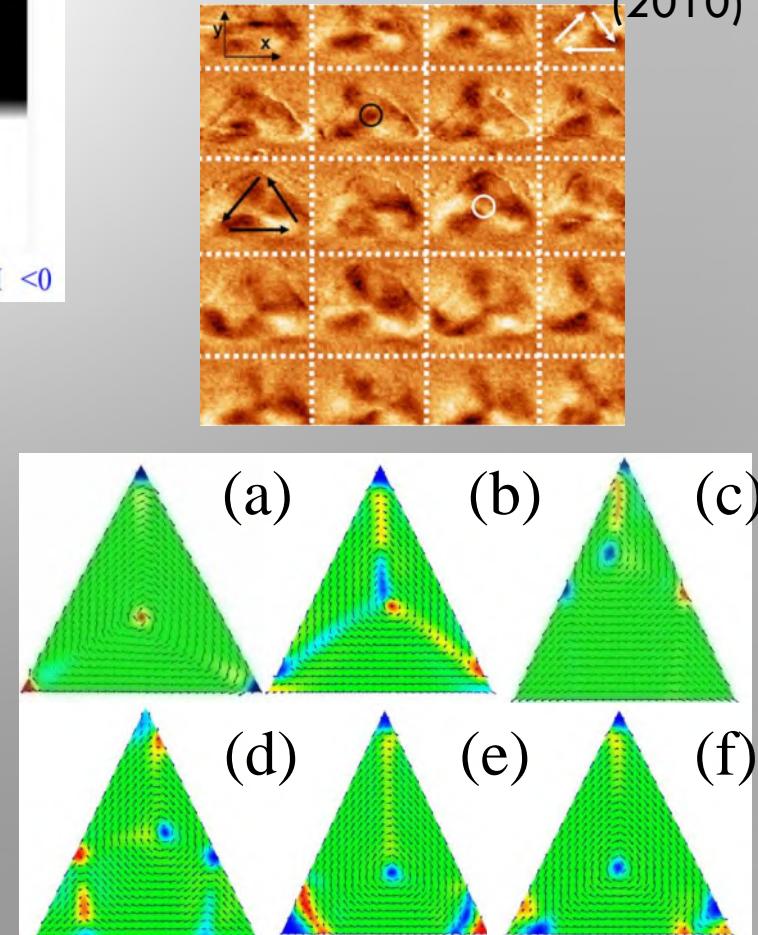
CONTROL OF THE VORTEX STATES IN TRIANGULAR DOTS

M.Jaafar et al
Phys. Rev. B 81, 054439
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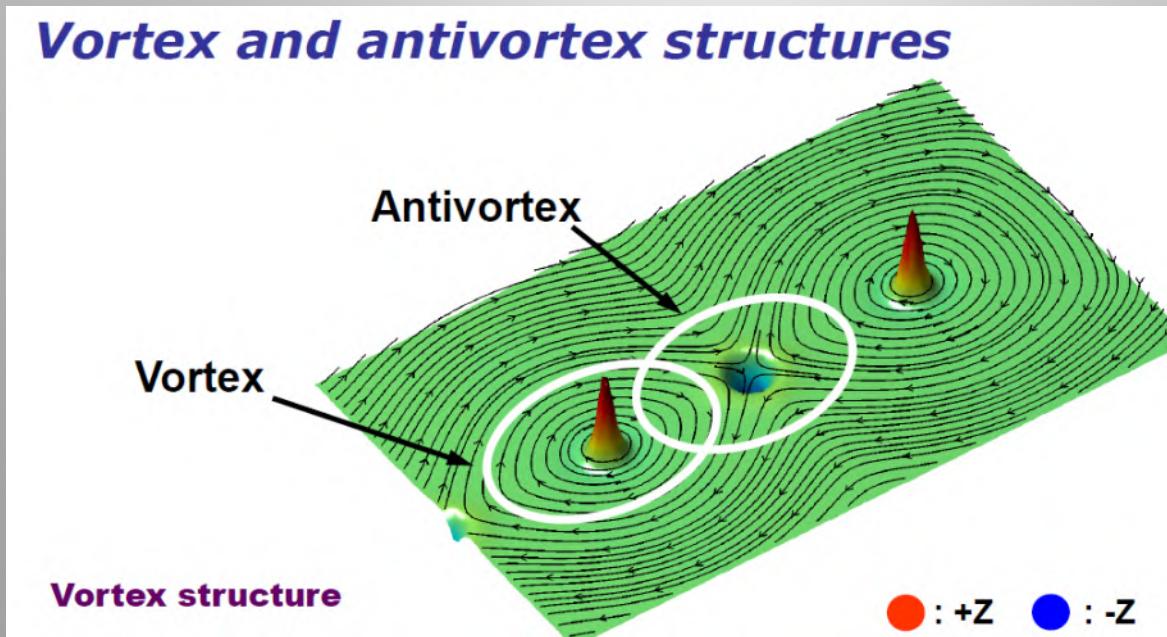


*Small fields + small duration -> core reversal

* Larger fields + larger duration -> chirality reversal



VORTEX AND ANTIVORTEX STRUCTURES



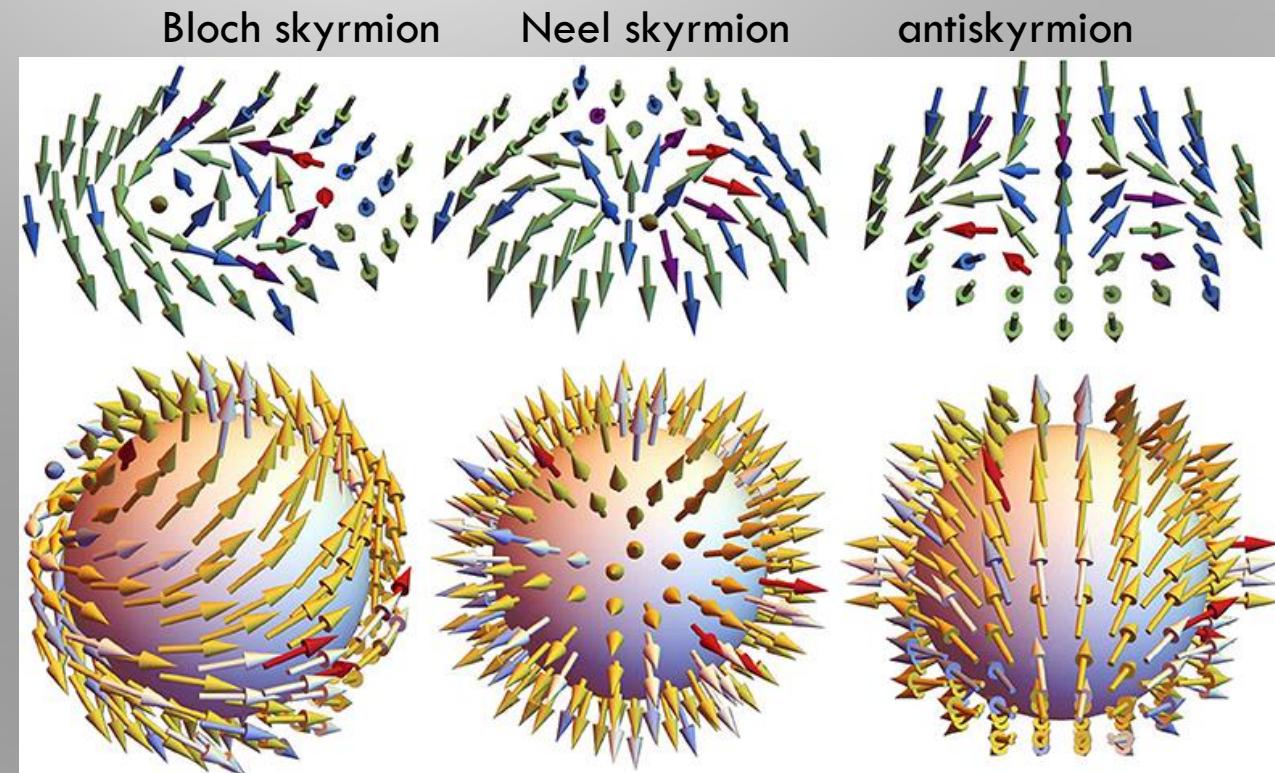
TOPOLOGICAL MAGNETIC SOLITONS

Skyrmiⁿ number
(topological charge)

↓
Gyrovector

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dx dy \mathbf{m} \cdot (\partial_x \mathbf{m} \times \partial_y \mathbf{m})$$

Vortex S=1/2
Skyrmion S=1



One of the fathers of quantum chromodynamics
the nuclear physicist T.H.R. Skyrme

Stability of mesons and baryons
through topological protection

Particles are characterised by
a topological integer
**(topological charge or
topological quantum number)**
that cannot be changed by
continuous field
deformation

Also discussed in liquid crystals,
Bose-Einstein condensates etc.



Skyrme (1962):

WHEN DO SKYMIIONS EXIST?

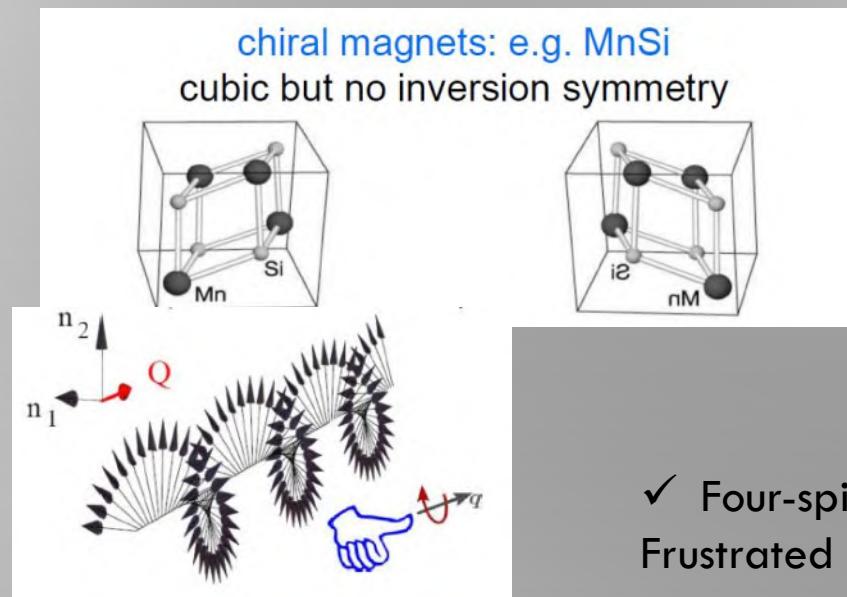
CHIRAL MAGNETS OR HELIMAGNETS

✓ Intrinsic broken centro-symmetric symmetry

Strong intrinsic Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interactions (DMI)

MnSi, FeCoSi, FeGe etc. Fe monolayer at Ir

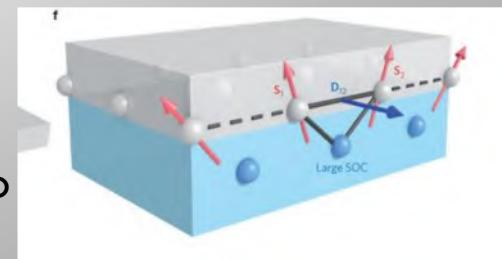
Low temperature skyrmion lattices



THIN MULTILAYERS: TRANSITION METALS COUPLED WITH LARGE SOC METALS

✓ DMI due to capping via materials with strong SOC

Fe (Co)/Pt, Fe(Co)/Pd, Fe(Co)/Ir , FePd/Ir



Or no bubbles (BUBBLE DOMAINS)

Or Both

Of course larger but stable at room temperatures!

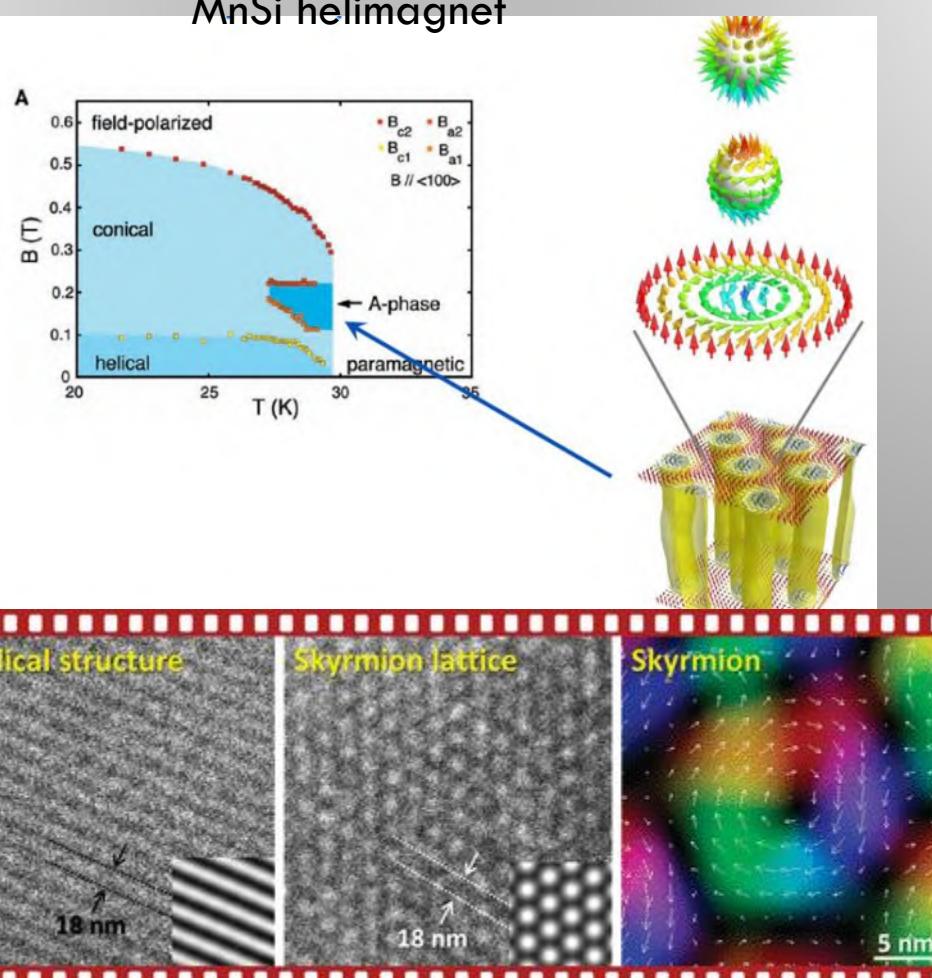
CLASSICAL BUBBLE DOMAINS ARE SKYRMIONS (same topological charge)

✓ Four-spin exchange interaction (2D materials)
Frustrated exchanged interaction.

SKYRMIONS

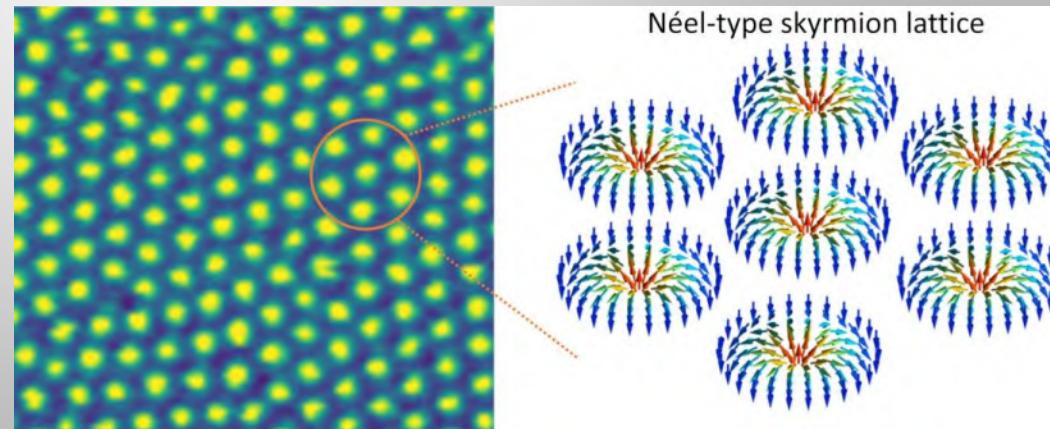
Hongrui Zhang et al, Science Adv (2022)

MnSi helimagnet



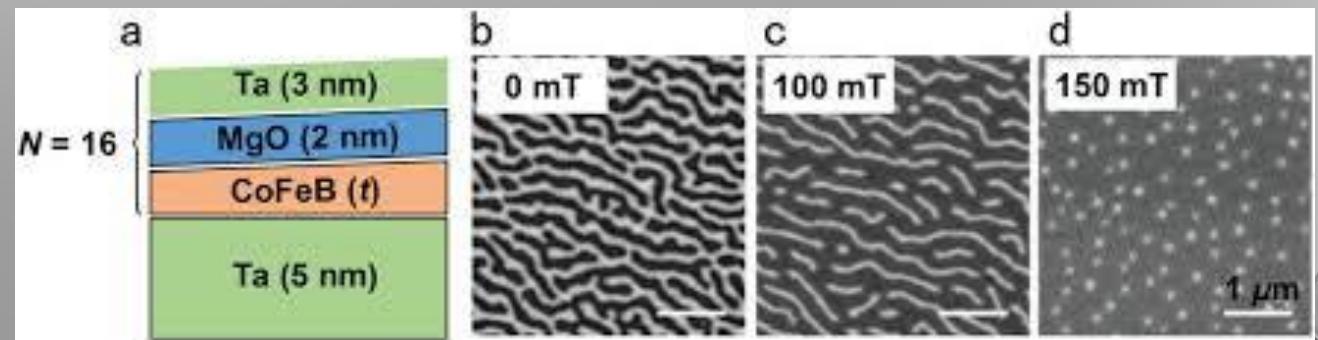
A.Tonomura Nano Lett. 2012, 12, 3, 1673–1677

Néel-type skyrmion lattice



FeGeTe
(2D material)

Multilayers

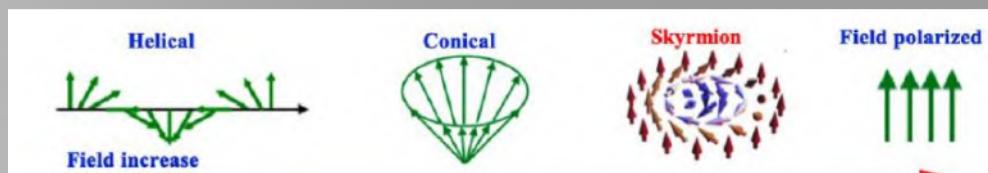
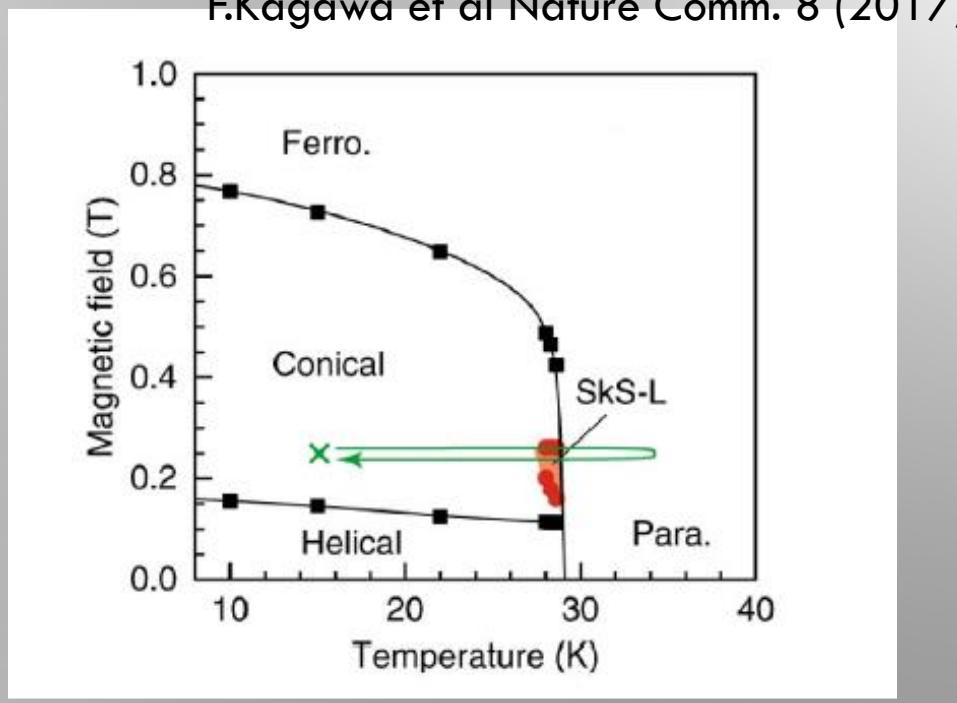


W.Li et al Adv Mater (2019)

SYSTEMS WITH DMI

MnSi phase diagram

F.Kagawa et al Nature Comm. 8 (2017)



STABILITY OF SKYRMIONS: THEORETICAL APPROACH

- Rohart and Thiaville PRB 2013 (cylindrical domains Wall theory of Dzyaloshinskii)

$D > D_c$ skyrmion is stable

$$D_c = (2/\pi) \mu_0 M_s^2 l_{ex} \sqrt{Q - 1}$$

- A linear ansatz for the polar angle inside the core radius R_c

$$\Theta(\rho) = \pi\rho / 2R_c \quad \text{for } \rho \leq 2R_c \quad \text{and } \pi \text{ otherwise}$$

$$D_c = (1/\pi) \sqrt{\lambda} \mu_0 M_s^2 l_{ex} \sqrt{Q - 1}$$

$$Q = 2K / \mu_0 M_s^2$$

$Q > 1$ and $D > D_c$ skyrmion is a ground state

$D < D_c$ skyrmion is a metastable state

THEORETICAL APPROACH II

- Belyavin-Polyakov soliton

$$\cos \Theta(\rho) = p \frac{R_c^2 - \rho^2}{R_c^2 + \rho^2} \quad D_c = \mu_0 M_s^2 R \left[\left(\frac{l_{ex}}{R} \right)^2 \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{2} (Q-1) c \left\{ (1+c^2) \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) - 1 \right\} \right]$$

For small radius c_0

$$D_c^* = 2 \mu_0 M_s^2 l_{ex} \sqrt{Q-1} \ln(1/c_0)$$

- The most general ansatz

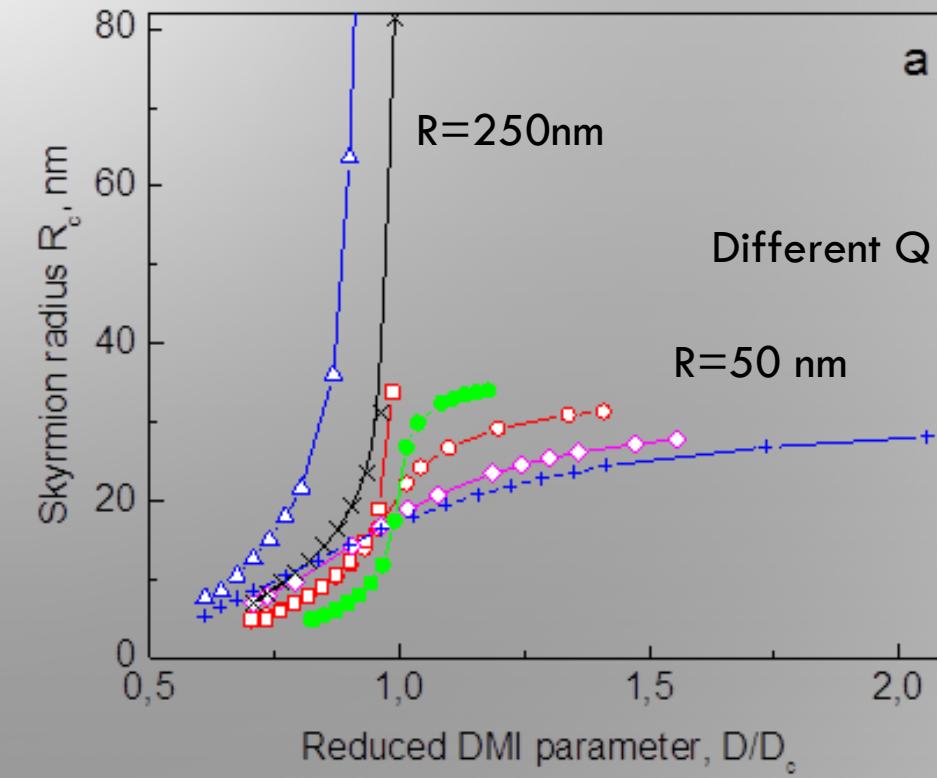
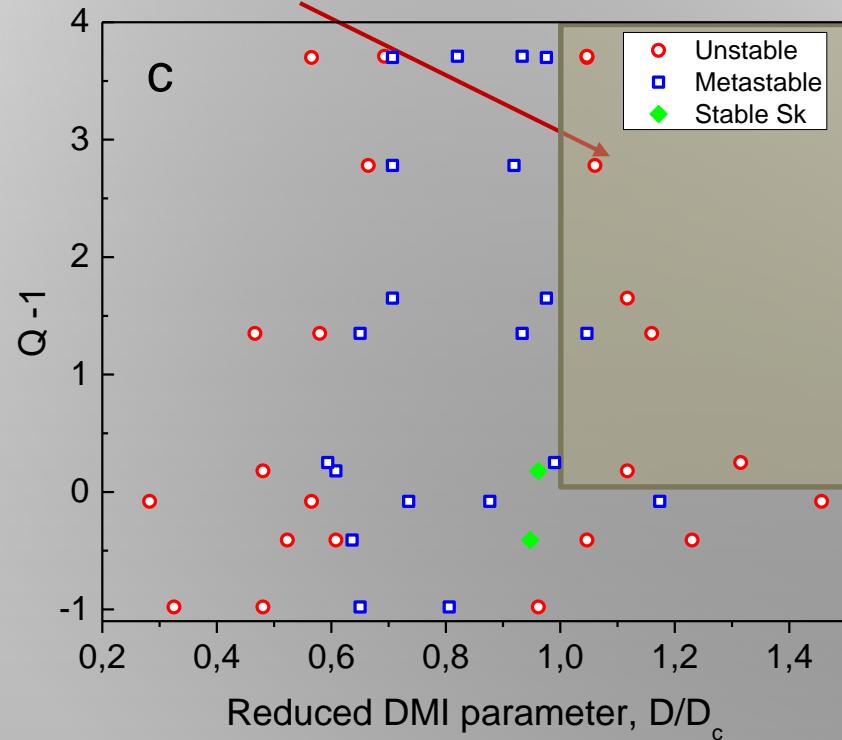
$$\Theta(\rho) = 2 \arctan e^{p \frac{(\rho - R_c)}{\Delta}} \quad \Delta = \sqrt{A / K_{eff}}$$

STABILITY DIAGRAM: MOST OF SKYRMIONS ARE METASTABLE

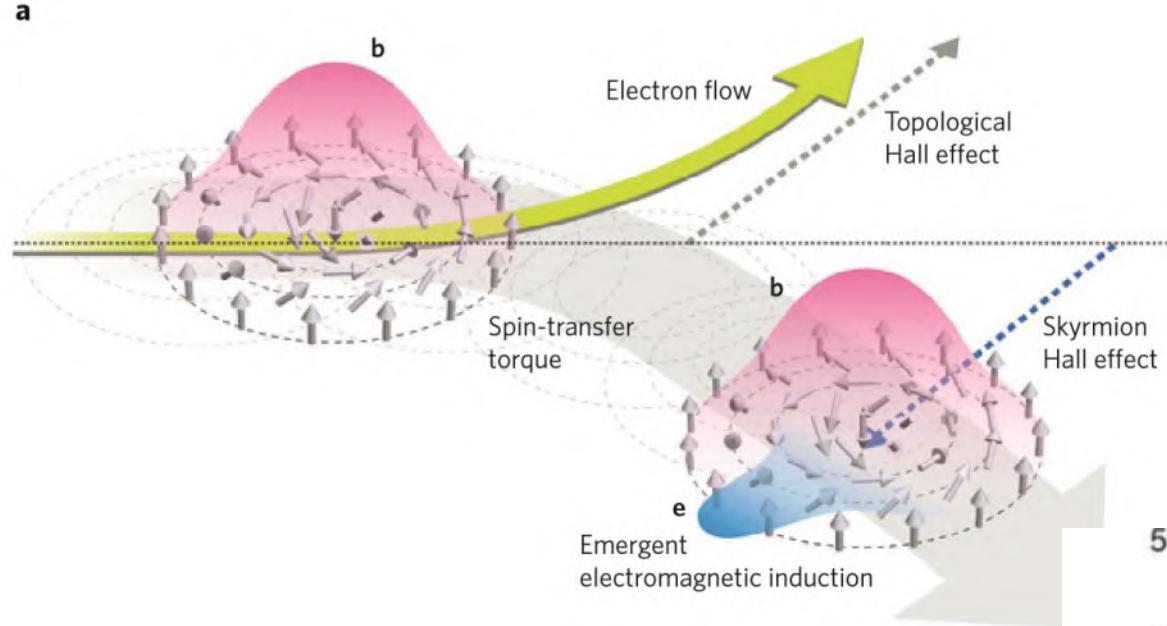
Dot R=250 nm

$$D_c = \left(2/\pi\right) \mu_0 M_s^2 l_{ex} \sqrt{Q-1}$$

J. Sampaio,, Nature Nanotechn. 8, 839 (2013).

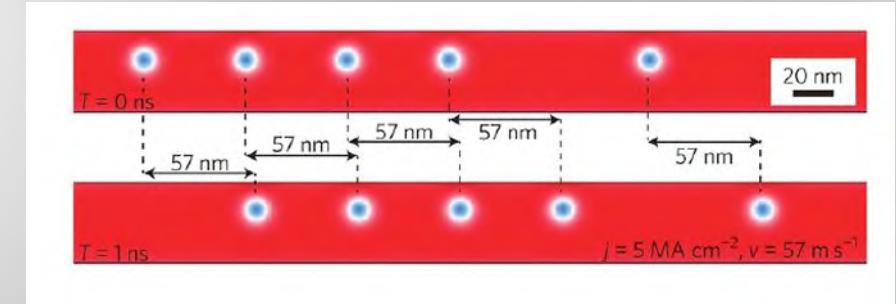


Topological effects in skyrmions

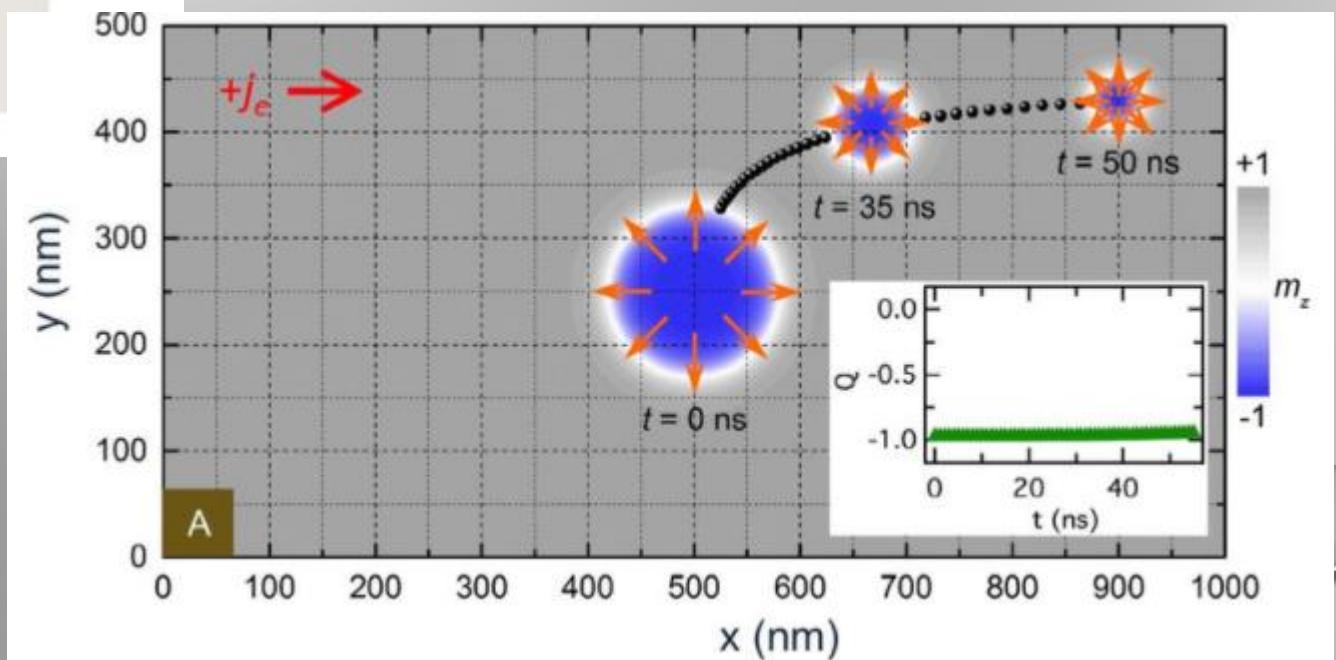


$$\vec{v} \times \vec{G} + \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D} \vec{v} - \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{X}} U(\vec{X}) = 0,$$

$$\vec{G} = -\frac{4\pi t M_s}{|\gamma|} (\pm 1) \hat{z}.$$



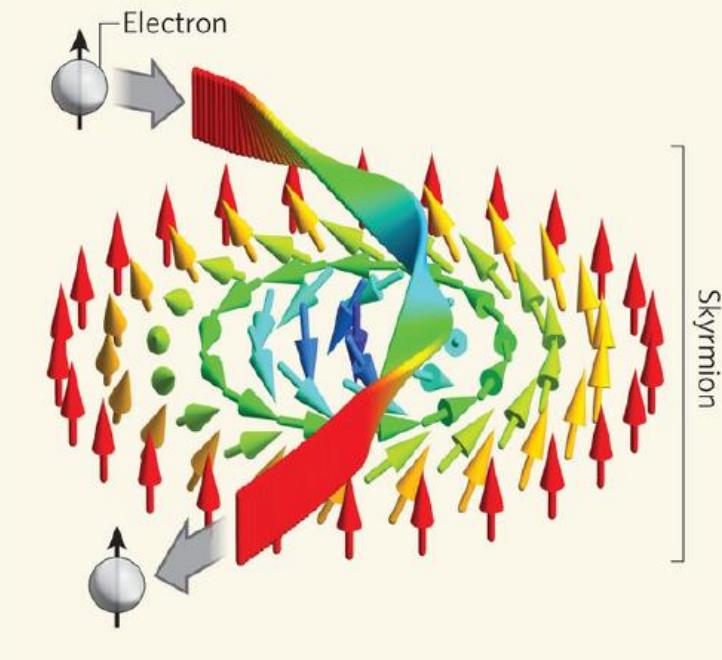
Micromagnetic simulations:
W.Jang et al (2017)



Emergent electric and magnetic fields

coupling of electrons to skyrmions by Berry phases

Resulting field (magnetic and electric) proportional to topological charge



electron spin follows magnetic texture

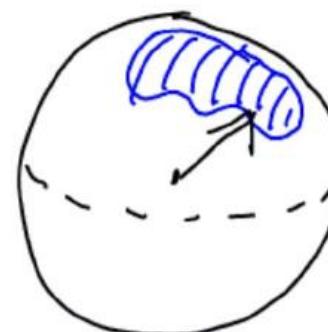
→ Berry phase proportional to winding number

Berry phase as Aharonov Bohm phase

geometric phase of spin

=

spin size * area on unit-sphere enclosed by spin



emergent
electrodynamics

Perspectives

Prediction : Skyrmions are attractive candidates for transporting information because they are :

- ✓ only a few nanometers in size
- ✓ very stable,
- ✓ easily created
- ✓ easily manipulated with spin-polarized currents that consume little power.

**Possibility of electric generation and operation of skyrmions
Detection through Hall effect due to emerging fields**

We need individual skyrmions (not lattices), i.e. nanostructuring

Challenge:

find suitable materials with stable at room temperature, small skyrmions operating at small currents but with large velocities

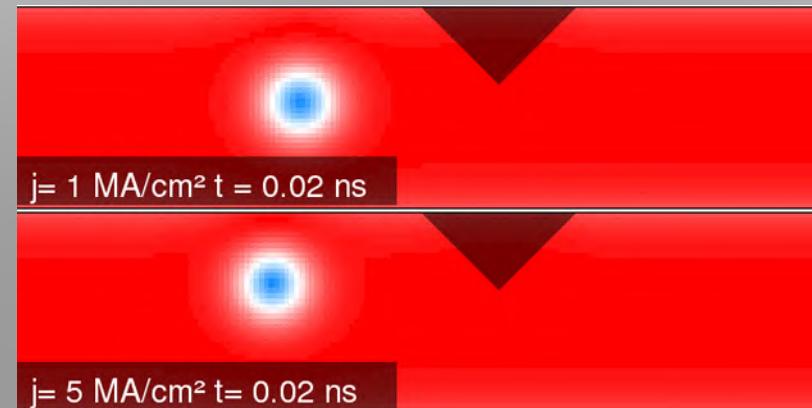
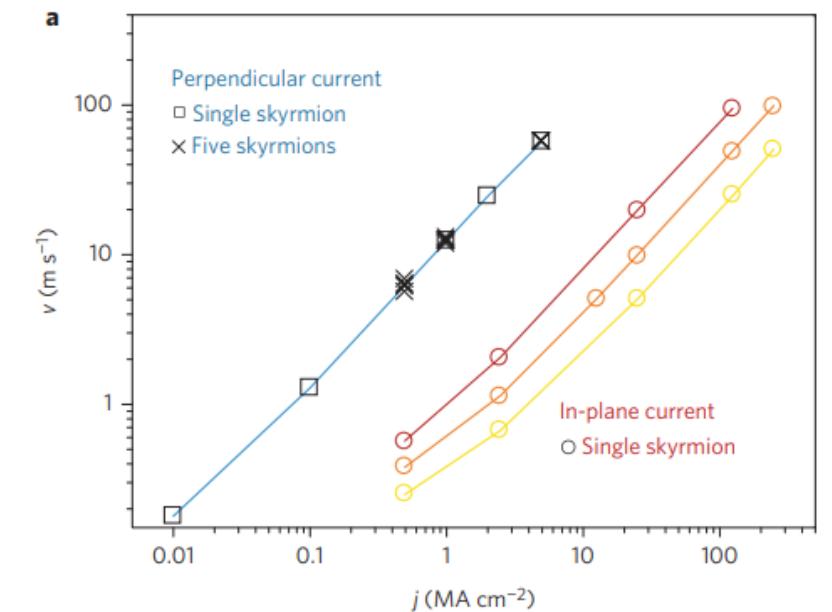
SKYRMIONS: PROPERTIES

J.Sampaio Nat. Nanotech. 8, 839 (2013).

- ✓ Stability against perturbations (topological protection)
- ✓ More stable against thermal effects
- ✓ Less current for motion

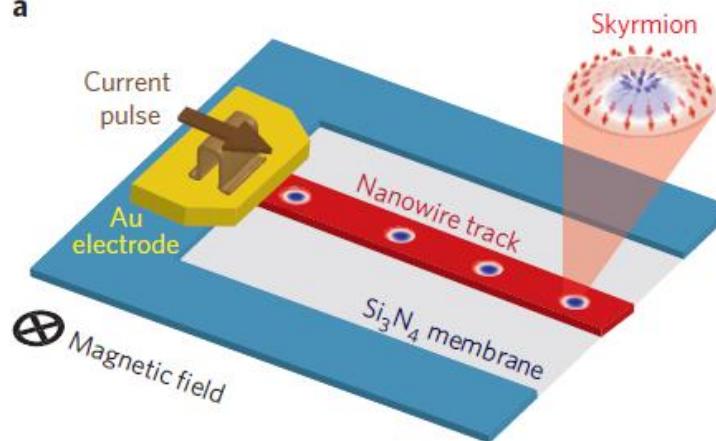
Writing: Local Field (MFM), electric field, laser

Reading (electrical (Hall effect))

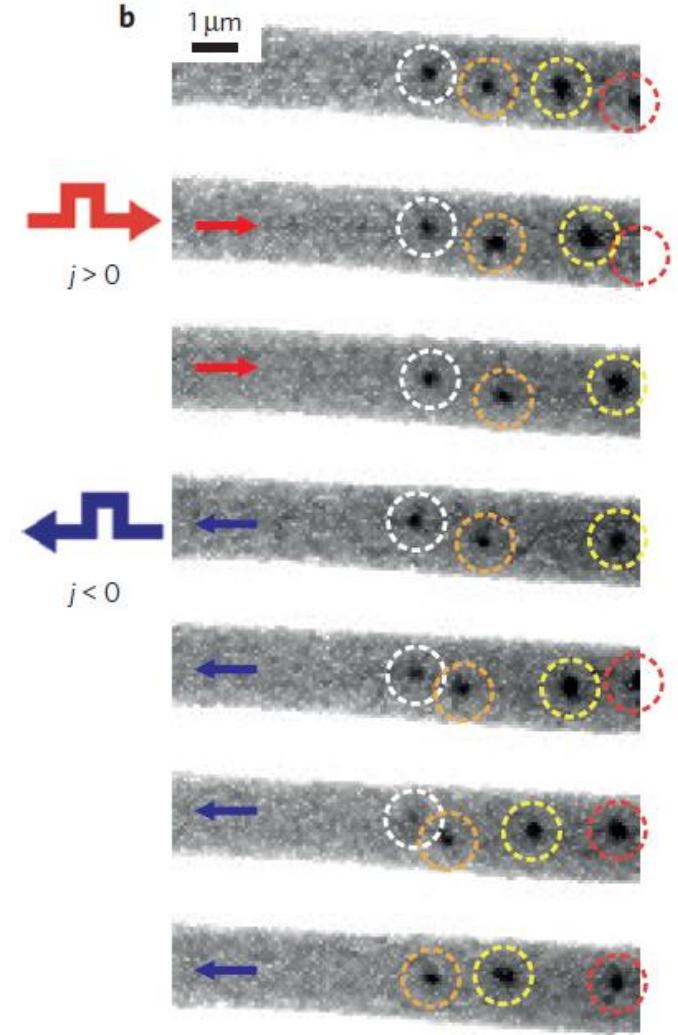


Room-temperature, velocities suitable for applications
Motion under spin-polarised currents and spin-Hall effect

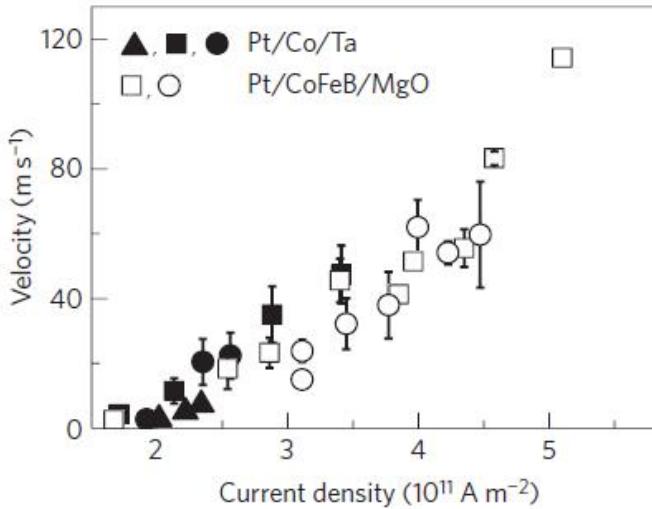
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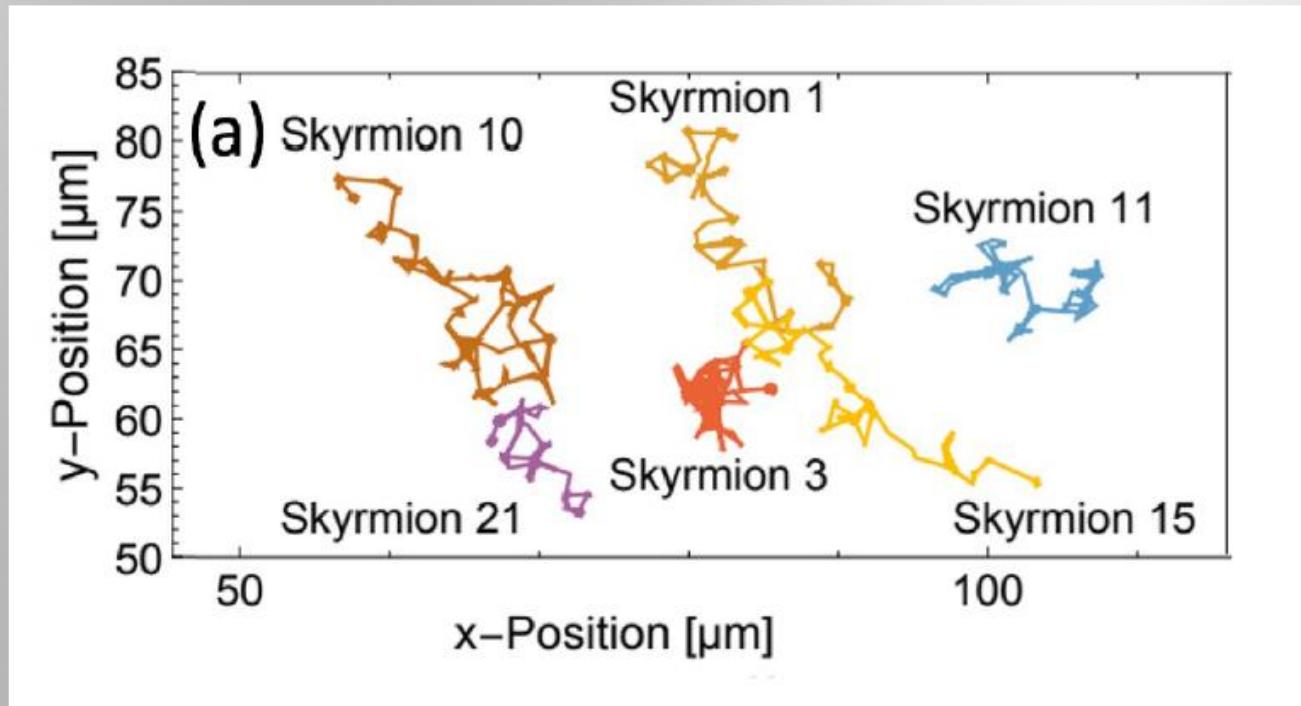
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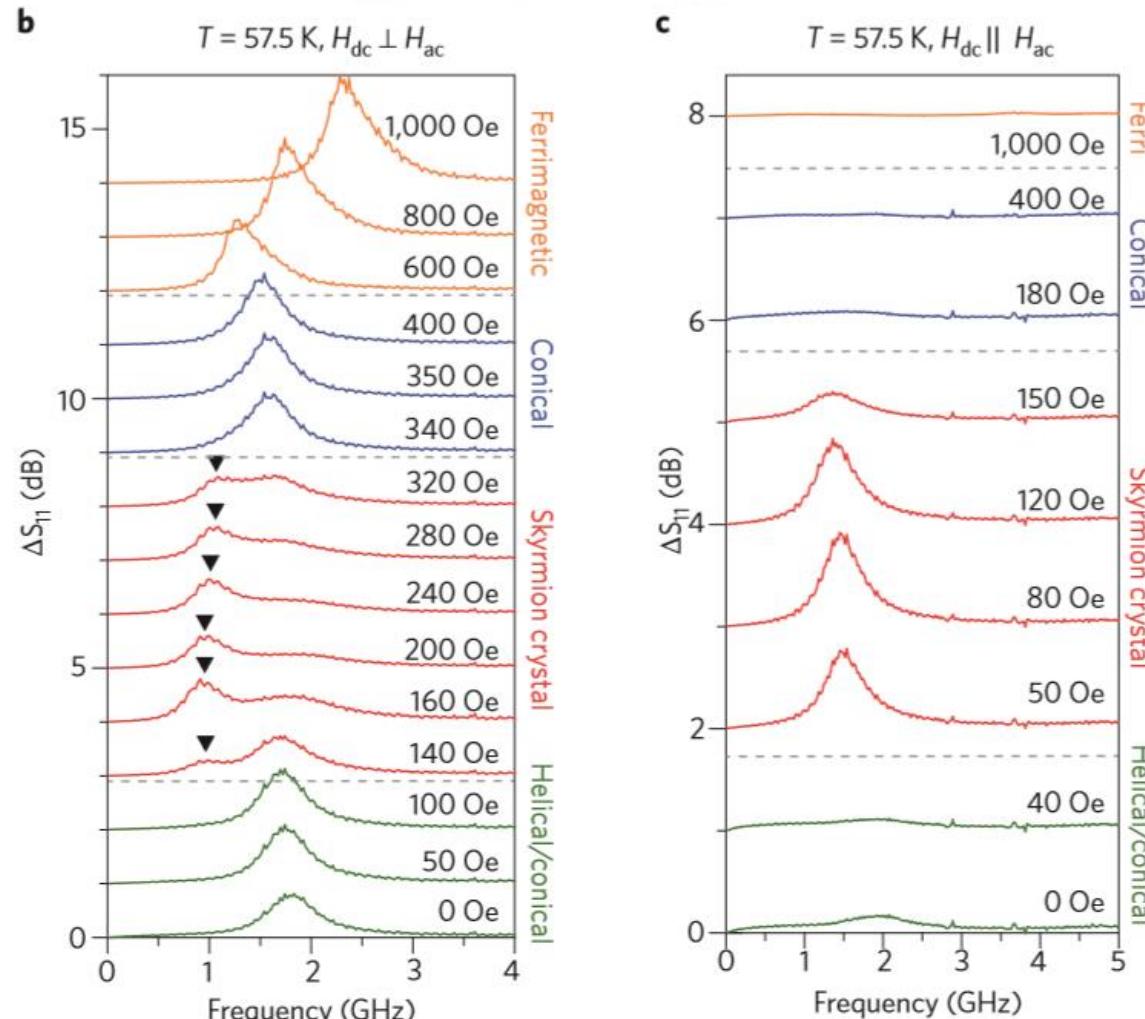
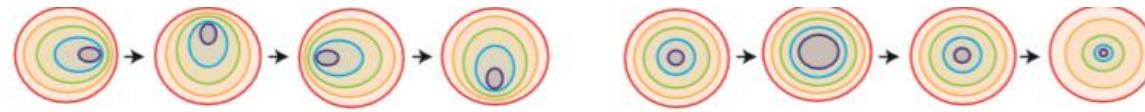


THERMAL SKYRMION DIFFUSION



Group of M.Klaui

Dynamics: two modes Gyrotropic & Breathing



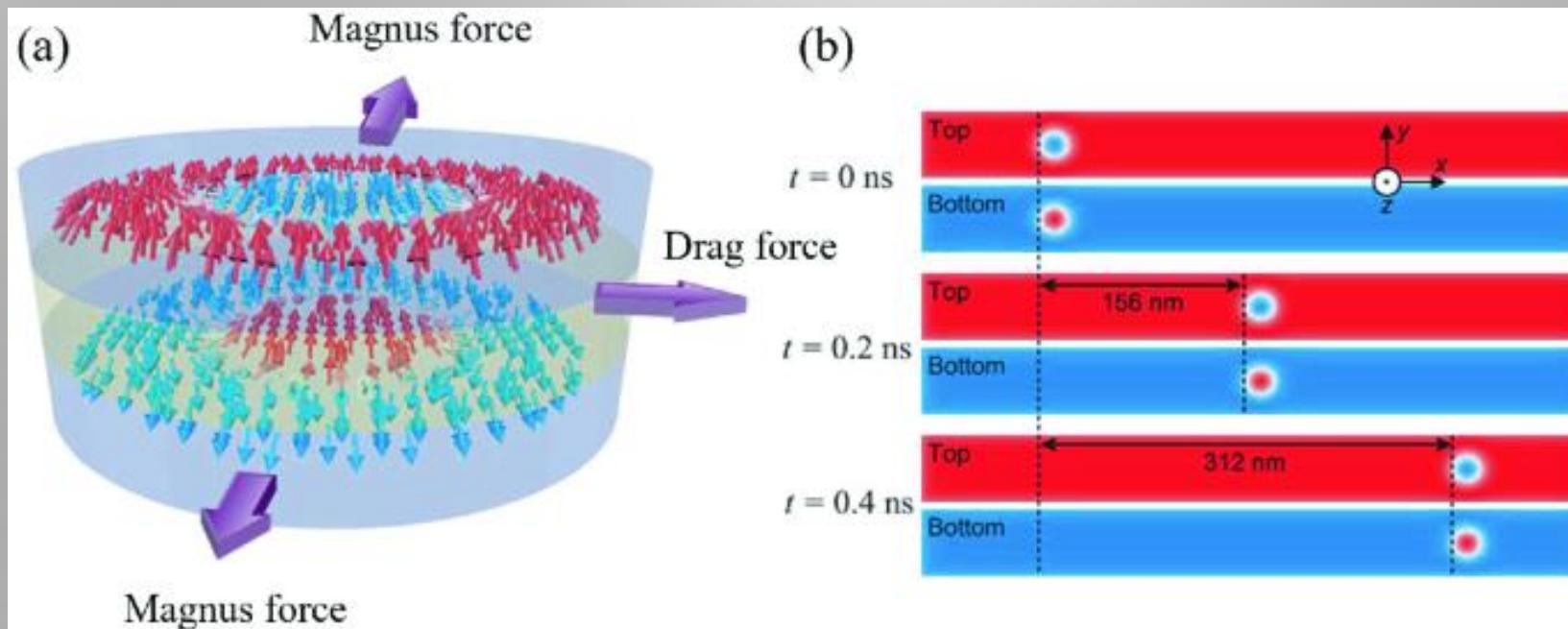
Skrymions also have non-negligible mass

ANTIFERROMAGNETIC SKYRMIONS

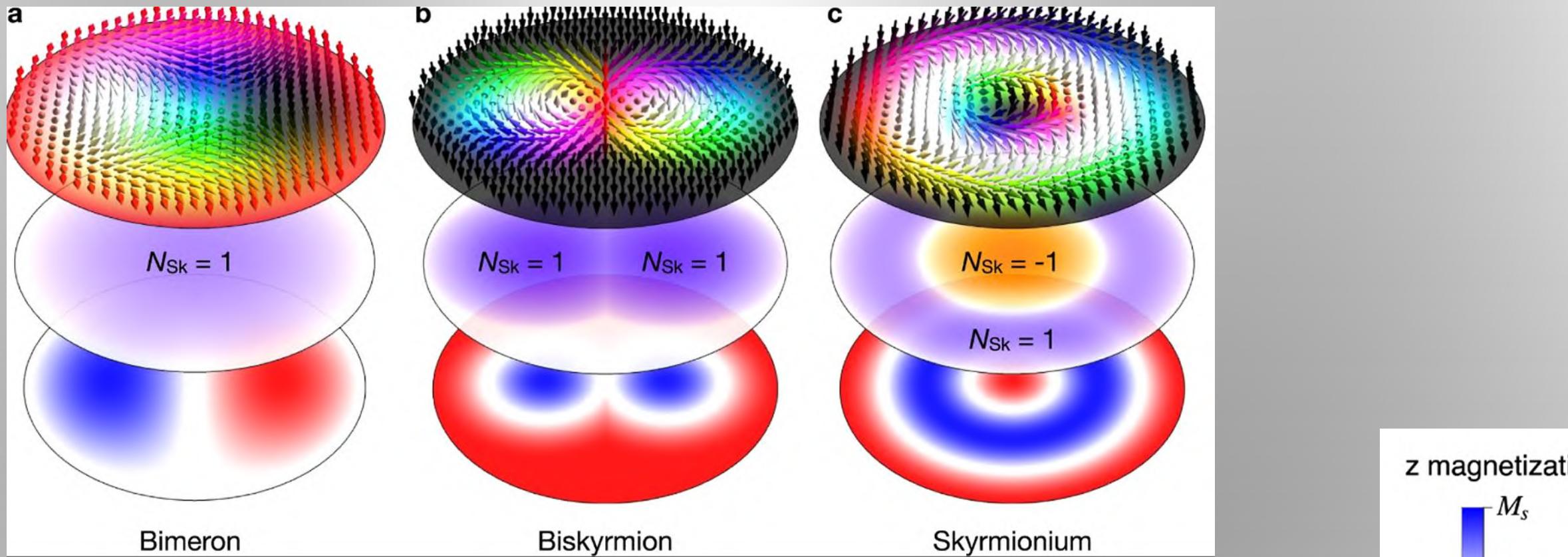
No skyrmion Hall angle

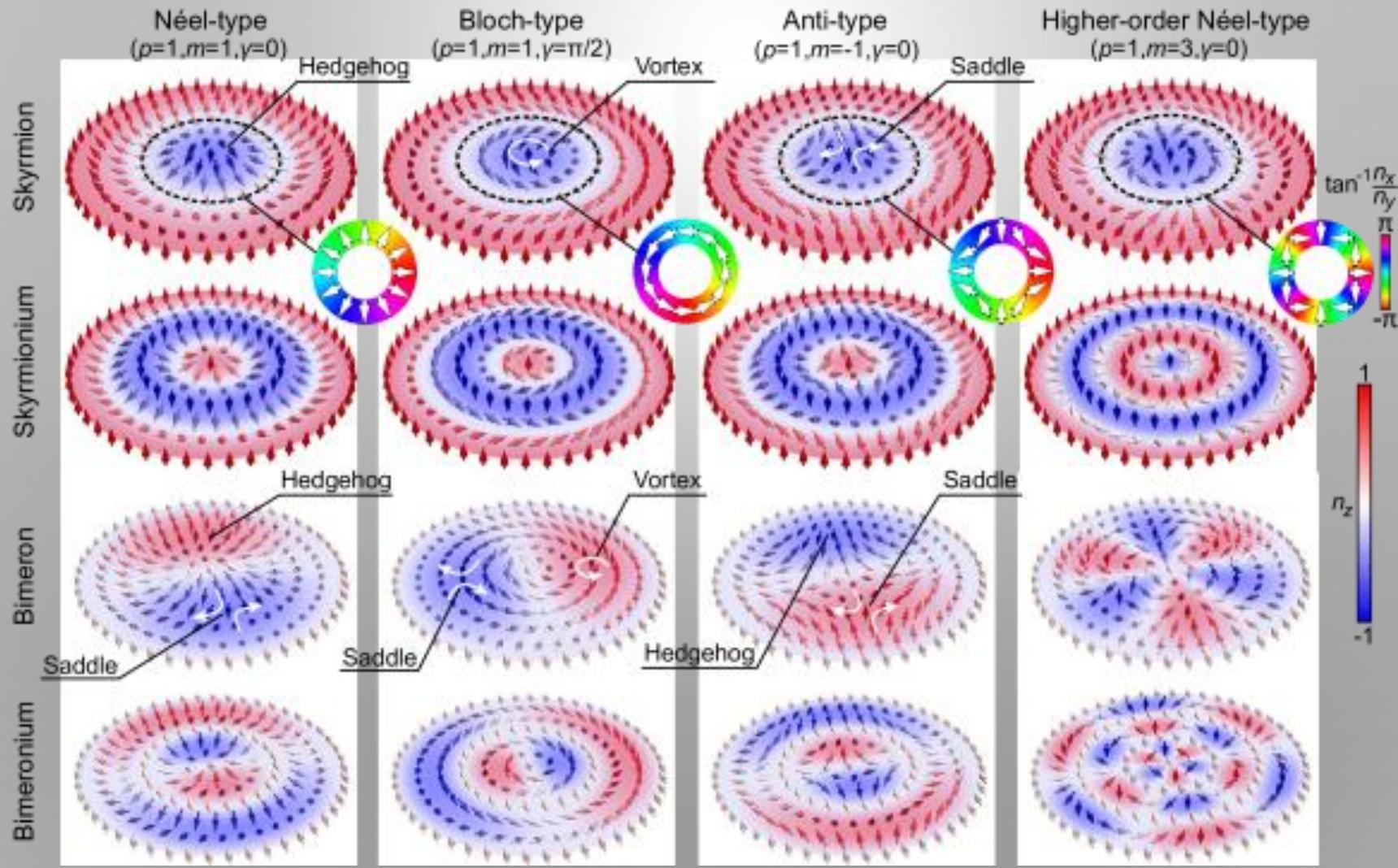
L.Shen

Topics in Applied Physics
book series (TAP, volume 138)



MORE STRUCTURES

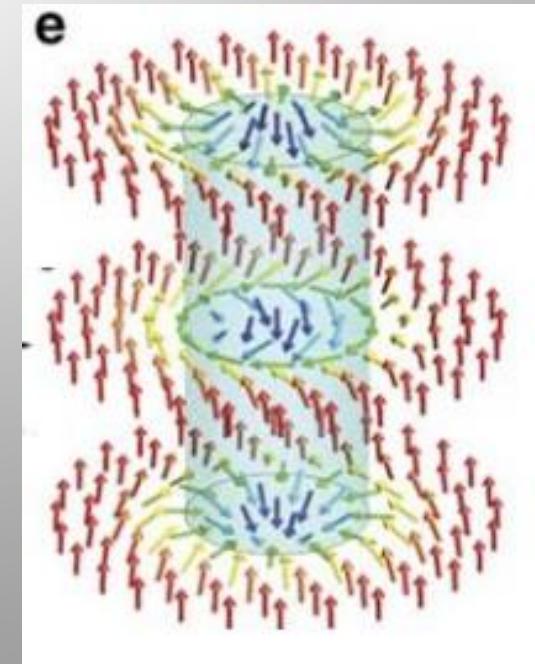
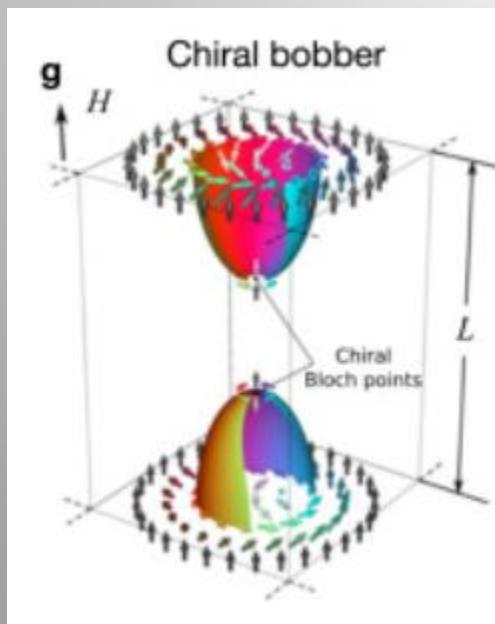
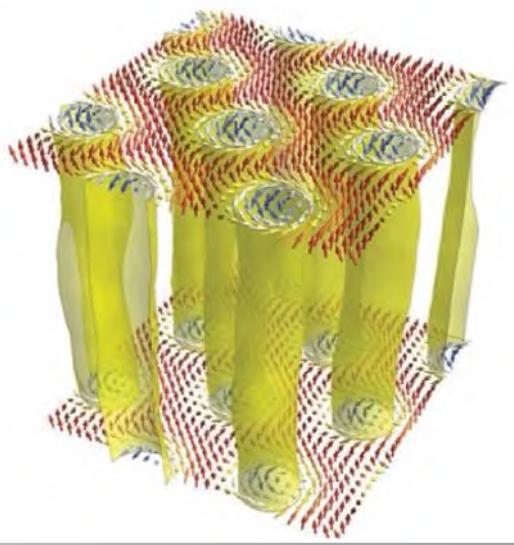




3D STRUCTURES

NATURAL 3D STRUCTURES IN THICK FILMS

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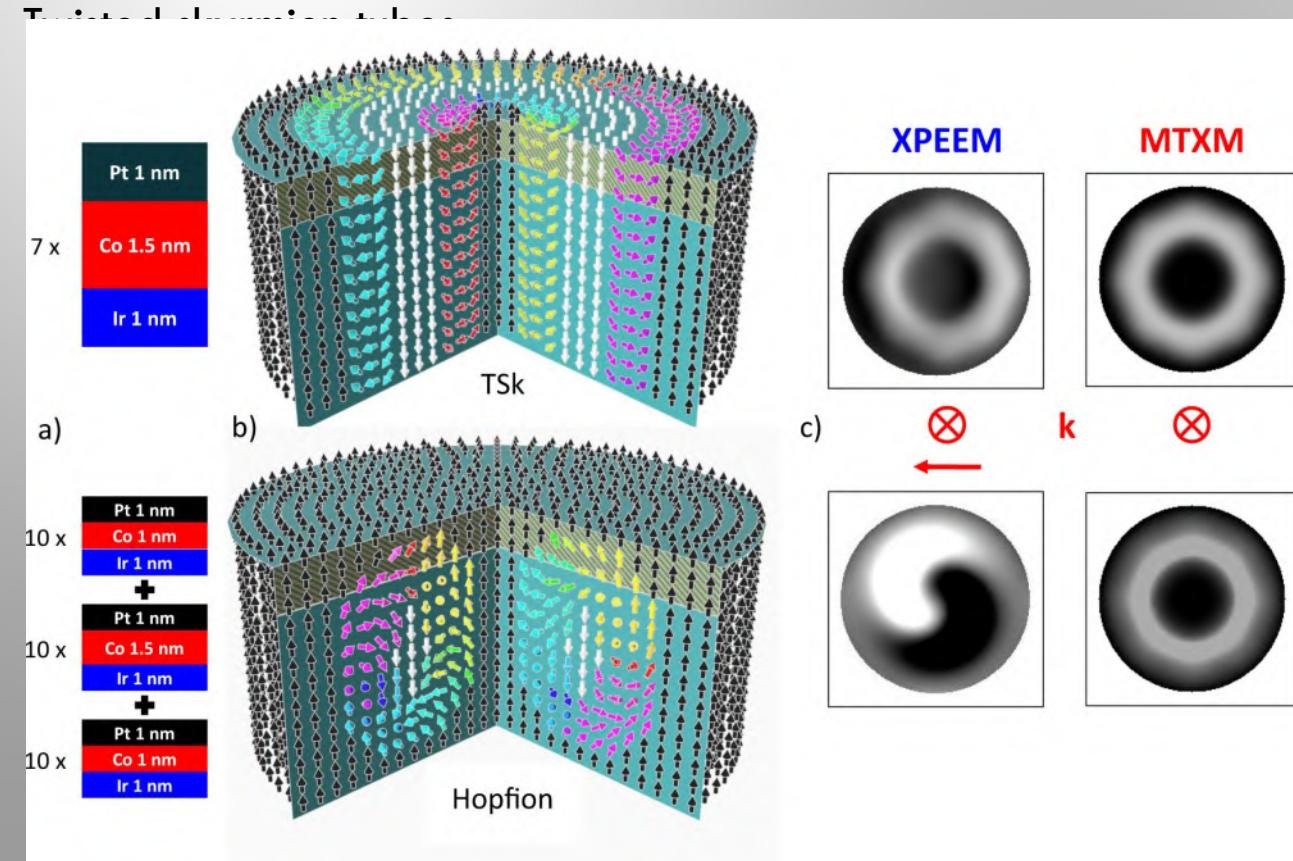
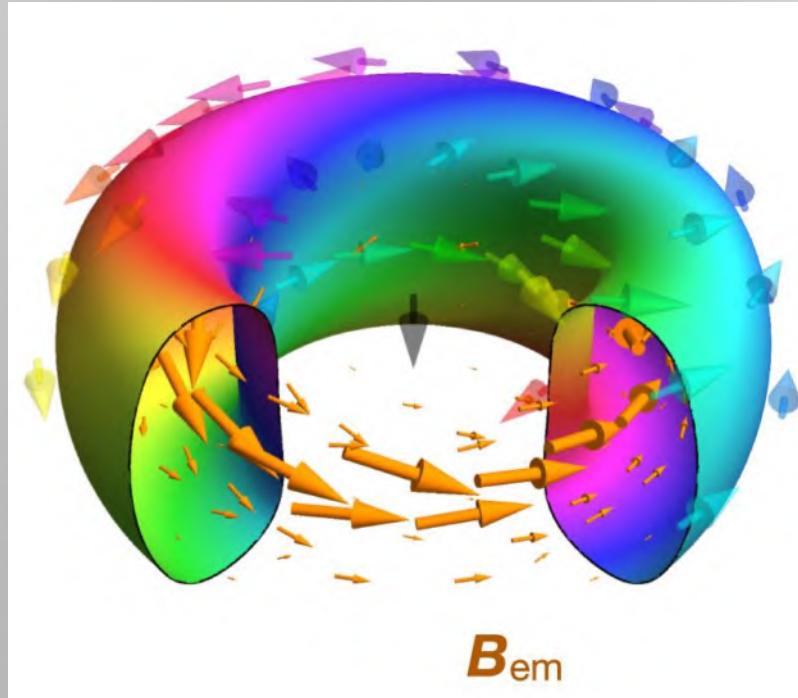
P.Milde et al Science 340 (2013)

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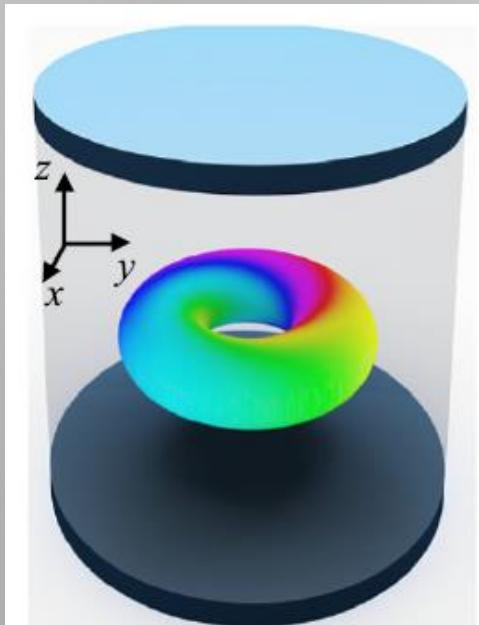
Interfacial DMI

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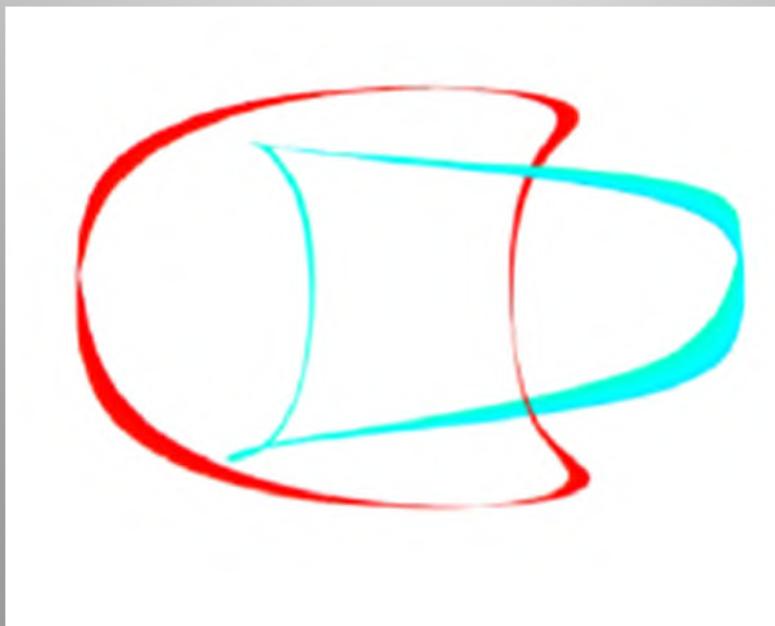
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HOPFIONS



Preimages $S_x=1$ and $S_x=-1$



$$Q_H = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int dV \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$B_i = \frac{1}{8\pi} \epsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{s} \cdot (\nabla_j \mathbf{s} \times \nabla_k \mathbf{s})$$

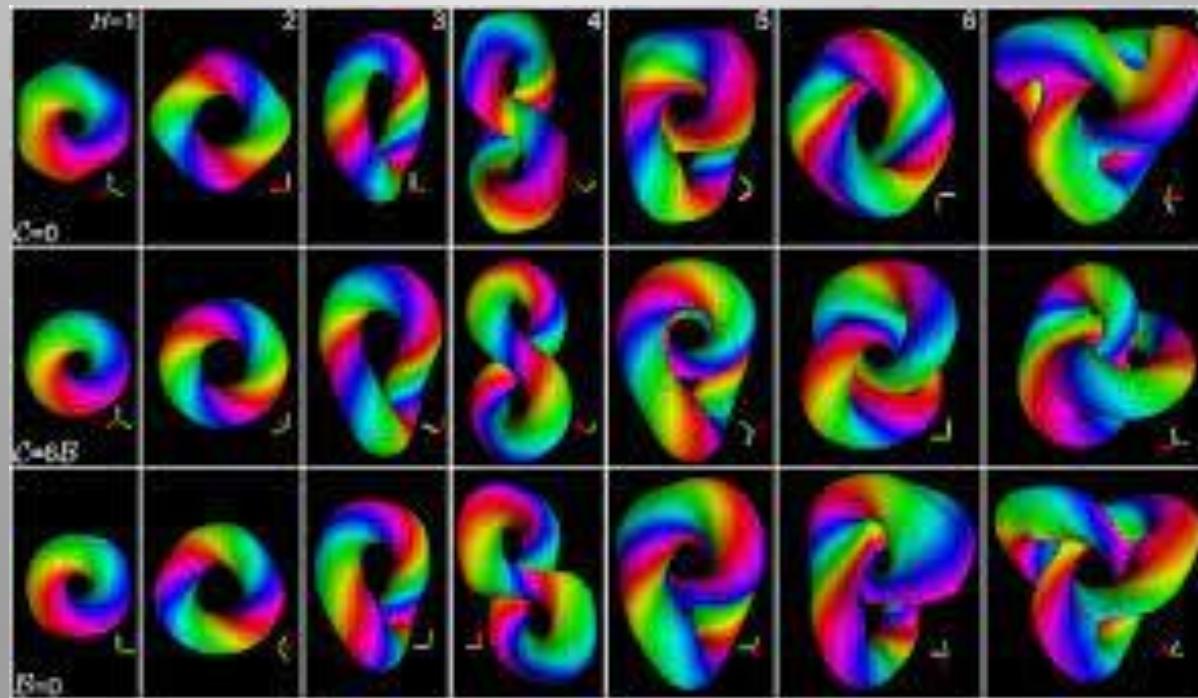
Emergent field

$$\text{rot } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$$

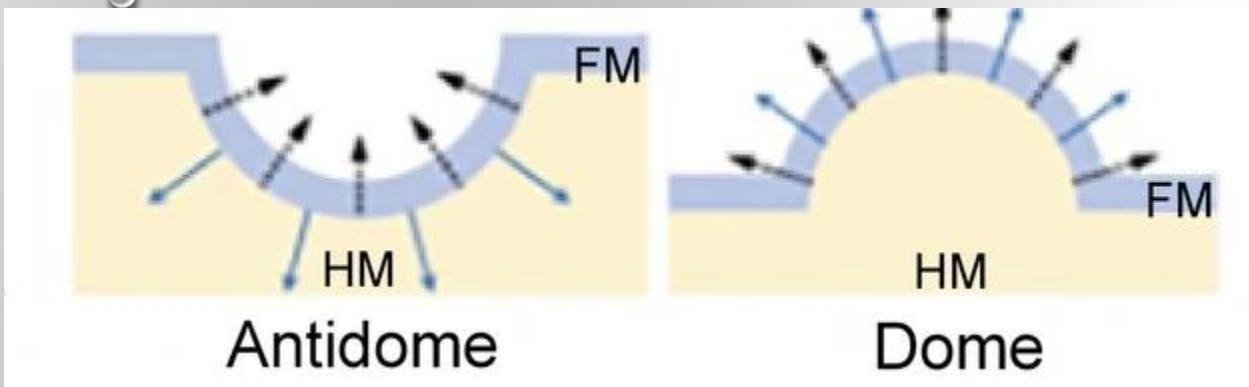
Gauge invariance for

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HOPFIONS OF HIGHER ORDERS

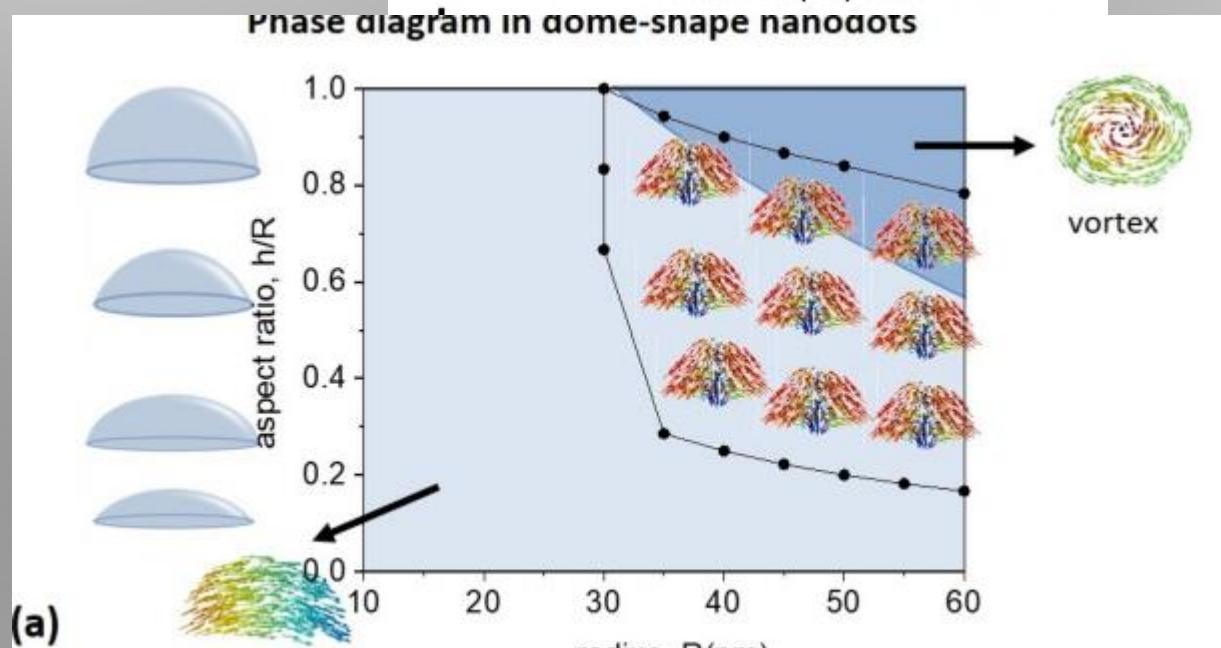
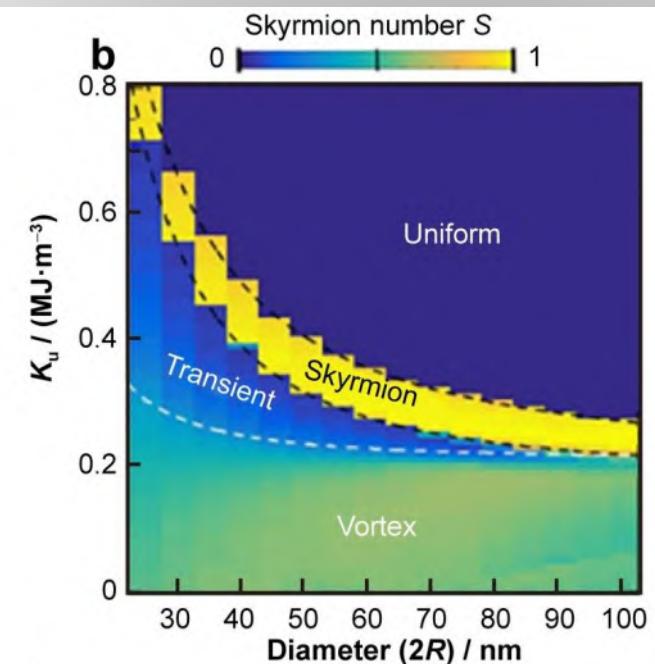
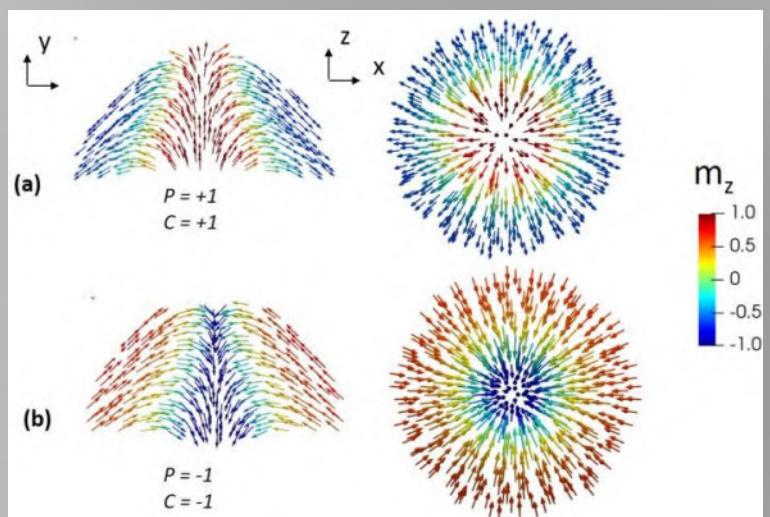


CURVED GEOMETRIES

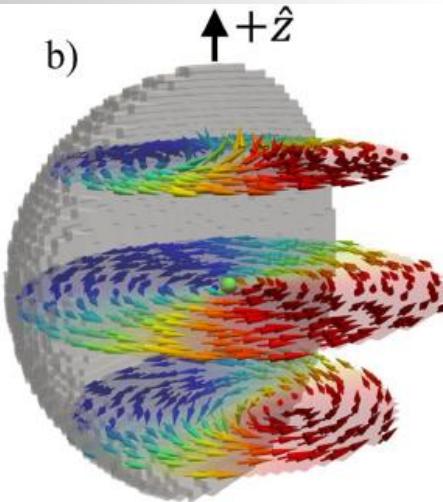
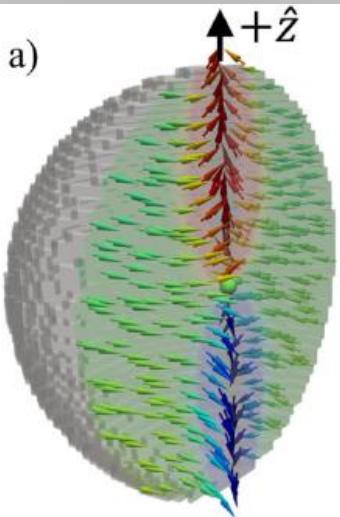


Y.Liu et al Rare Metals 41, 2184 (2022)

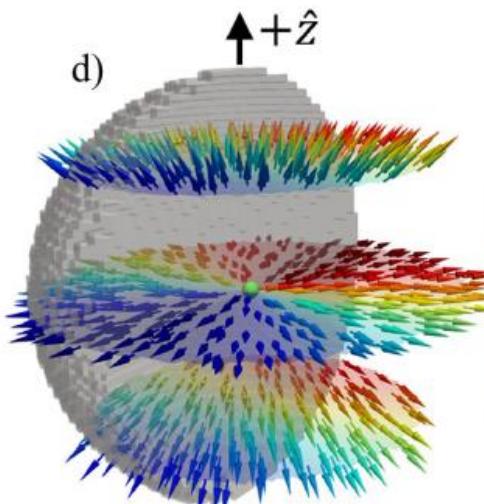
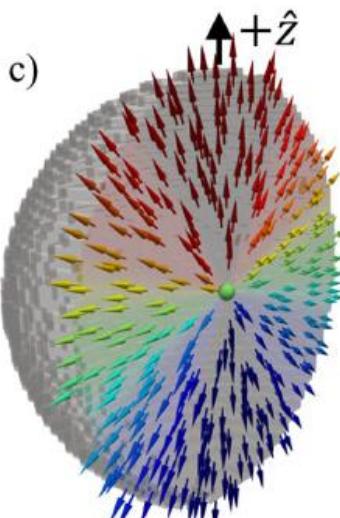
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BLOCH POINTS

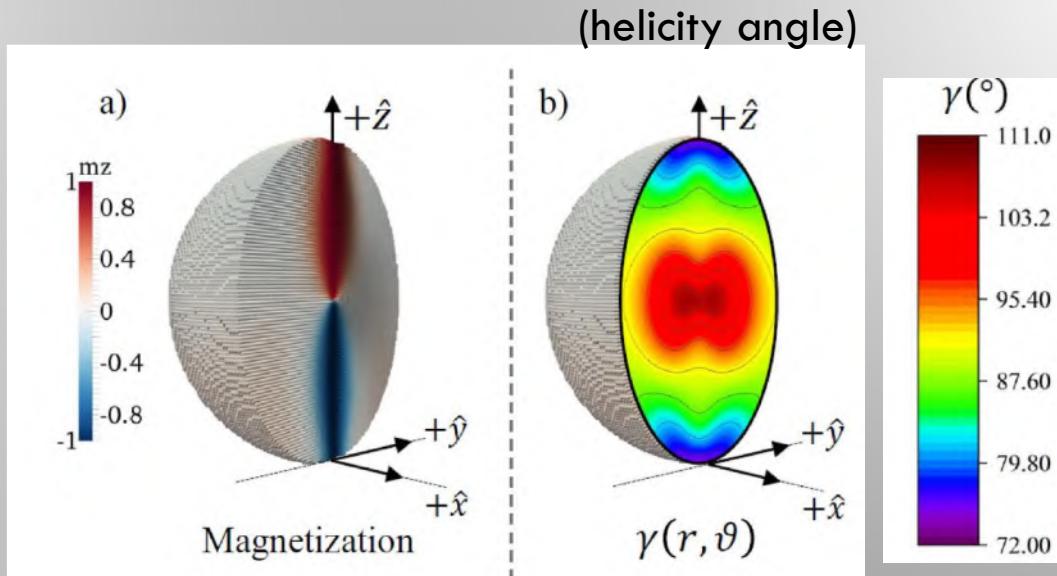


Bloch point of the Bloch type
(spiral)



Bloch point of the Neel type
(radial or hedgehog)

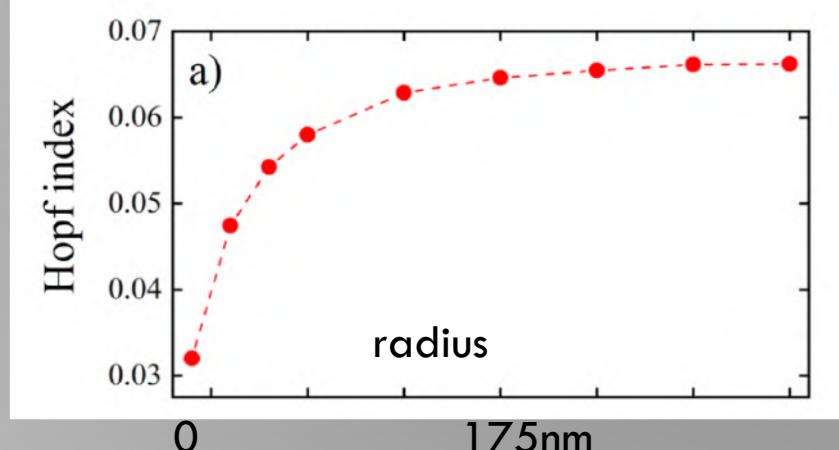
ON THE “TOPOLOGICAL CHARGE” OF THE BLOCH POINT



$$Q_H = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int dV \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Hopf index (3D topological charge)} \\ \text{Gyrovector } \mathbf{B} = \text{rot } \mathbf{A} \end{array}$$

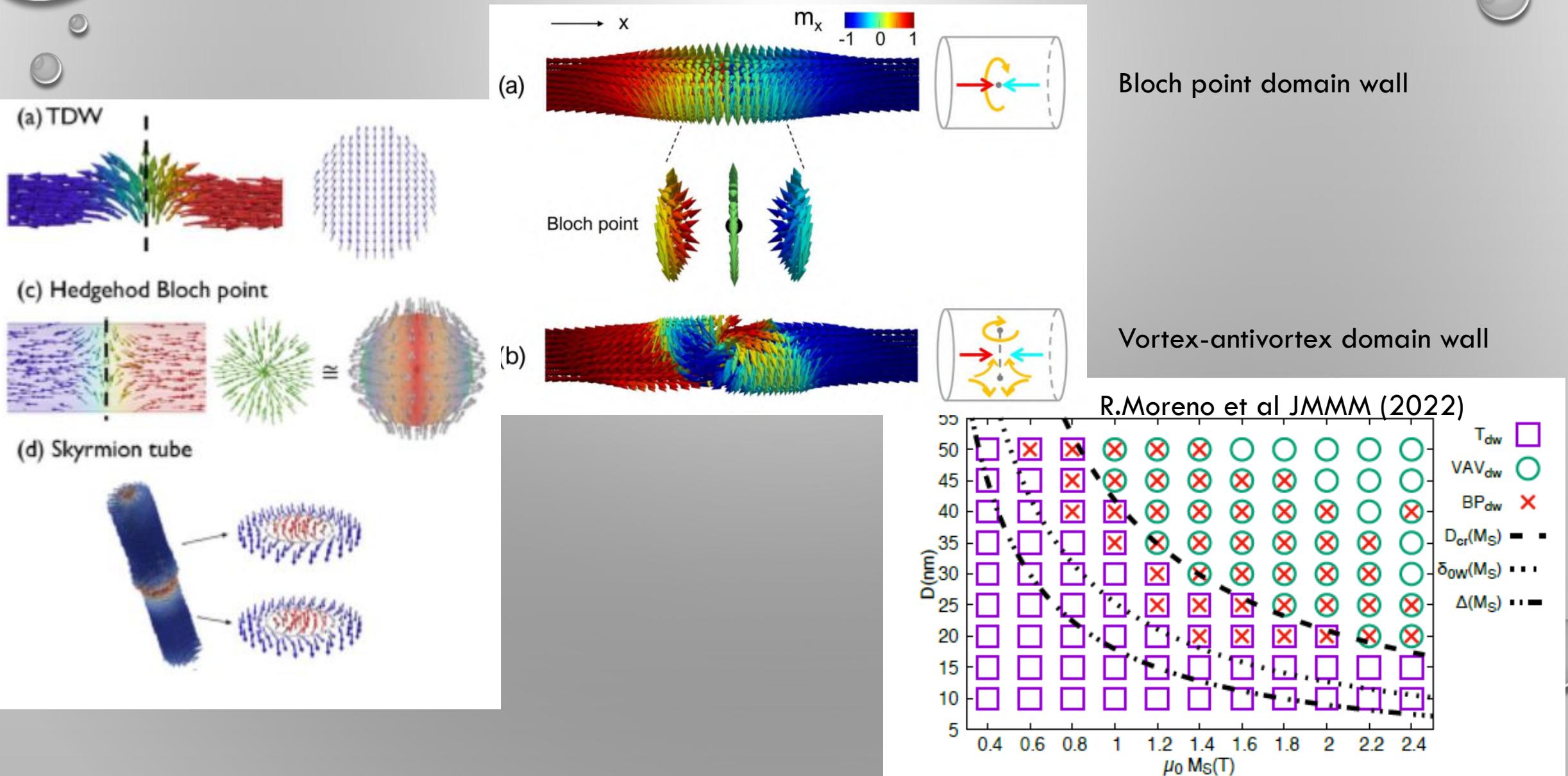
$$Q_H = -\frac{q}{4\pi} \int_0^\pi d\vartheta \sin\vartheta (1 + \cos\vartheta) [\gamma(R, \vartheta) - \gamma(0, \vartheta)],$$

Zero for radial BP
Non-zero - for spiral BP



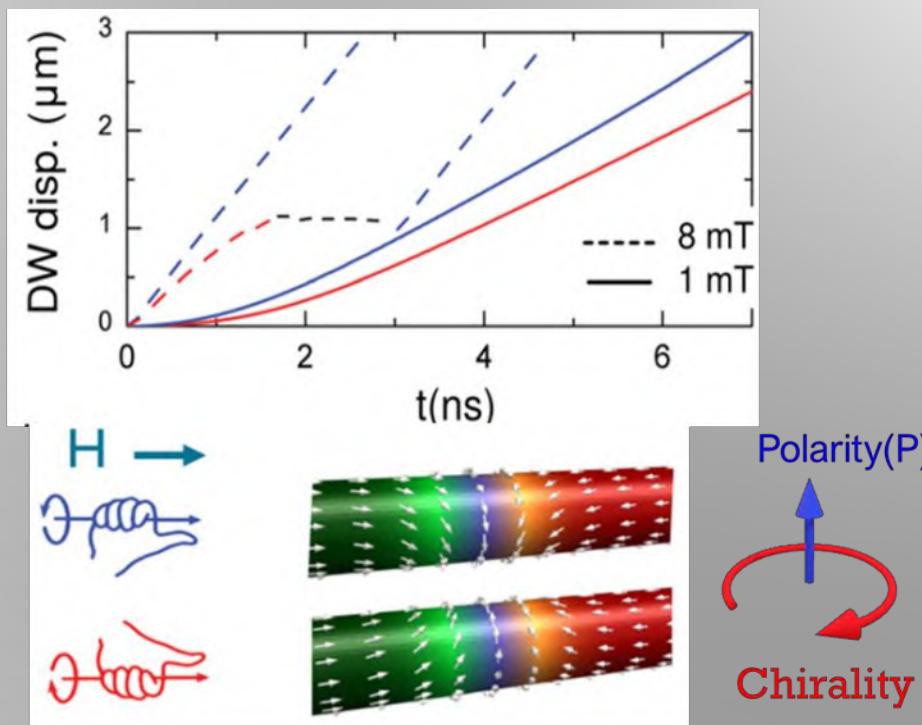
$$\oint \mathbf{B} d\mathbf{S} = -4\pi pq \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{polarity} \\ \text{Winding number} \end{array}$$

DOMAIN WALLS IN CYLINDRICAL NANOWIRES

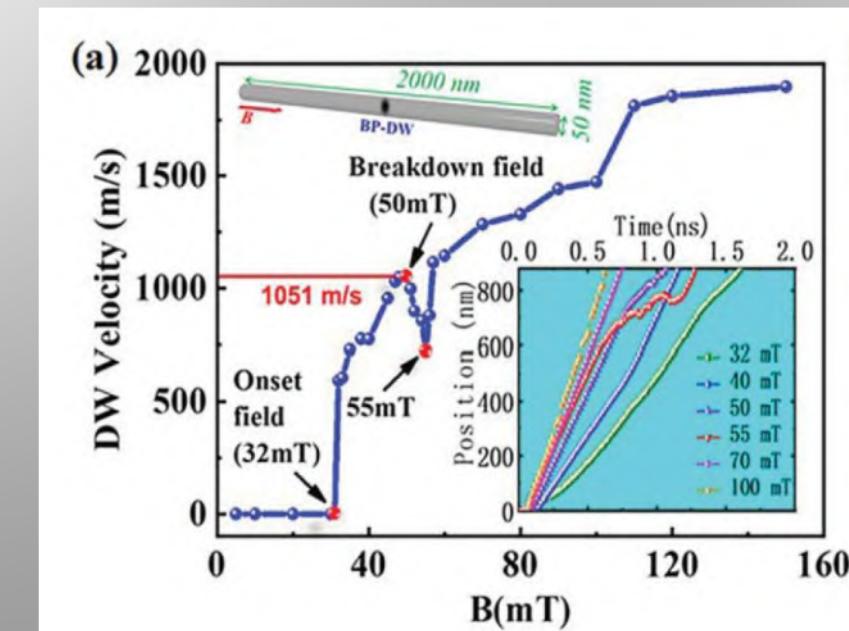


DYNAMICS OF BLOCH POINT DW IN CYLINDRICAL NANOWIRES

High velocities can be achieved $> 1 \text{ km/s}$
(limited by spin-Cherenkov effect?)



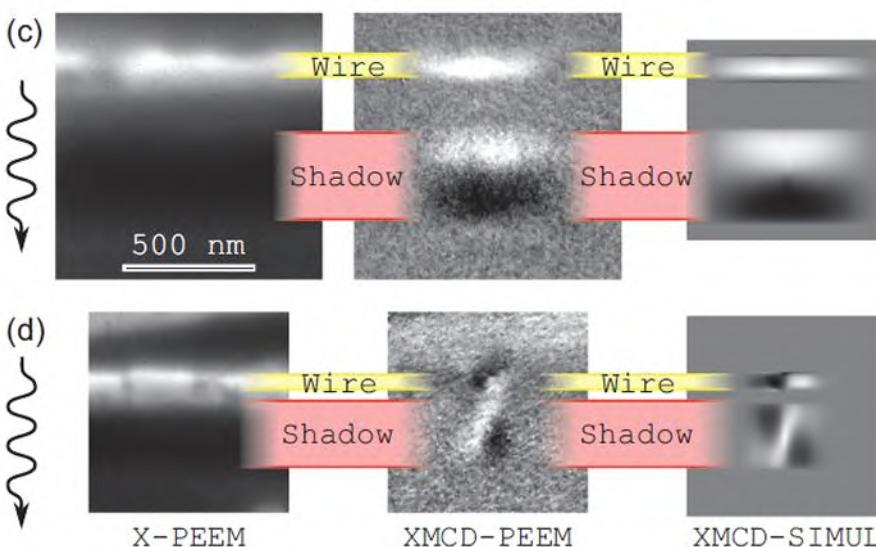
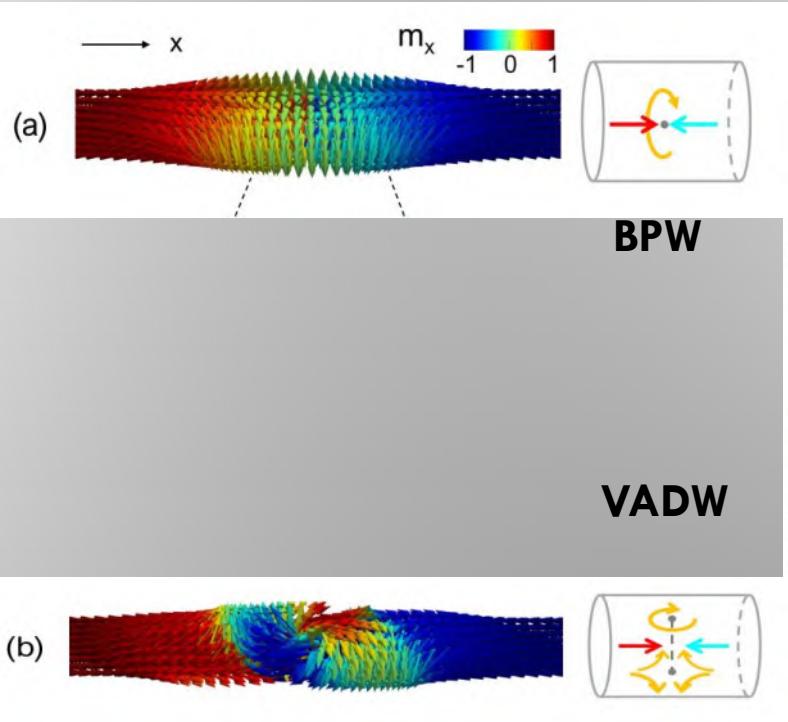
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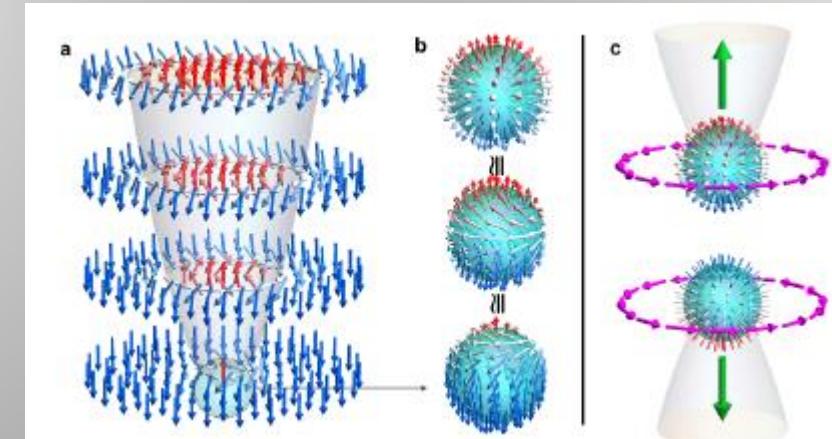
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Propagation above magnonic limit?

BLOCH-POINT VERSUS VORTEX-ANTIVORTEX DOMAIN WALL



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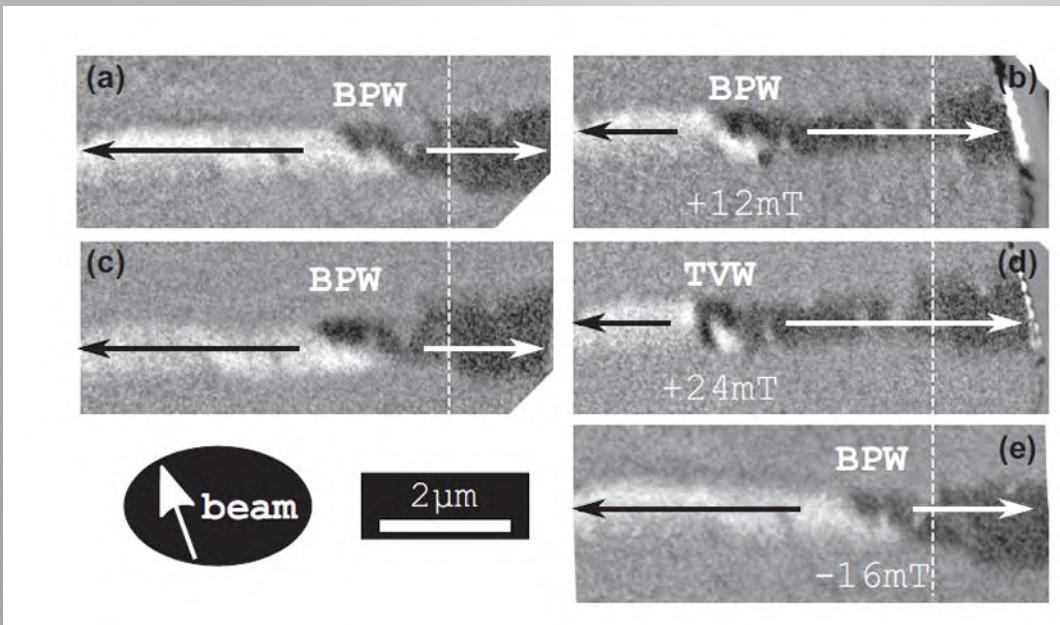
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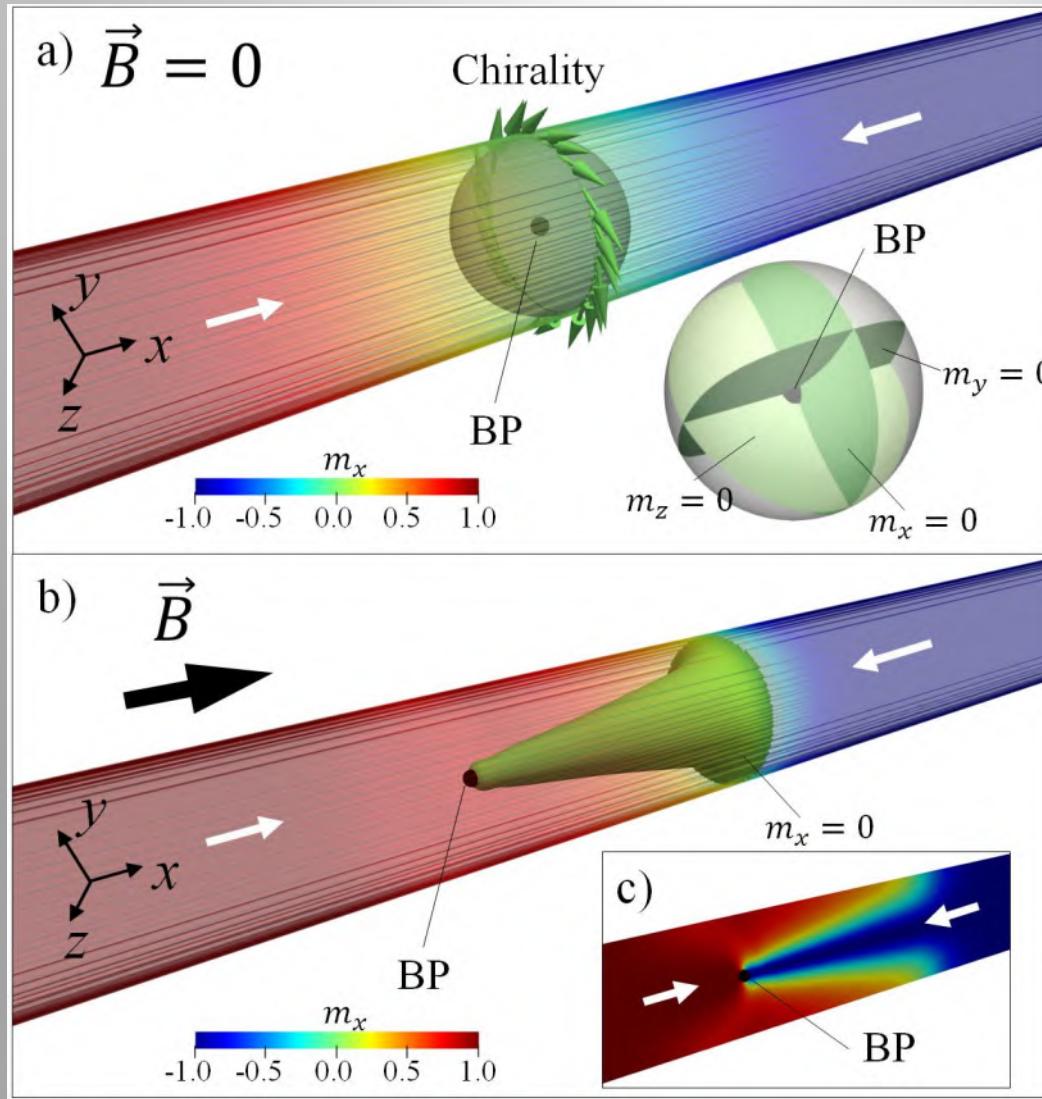
Emerging electromagnetic fields

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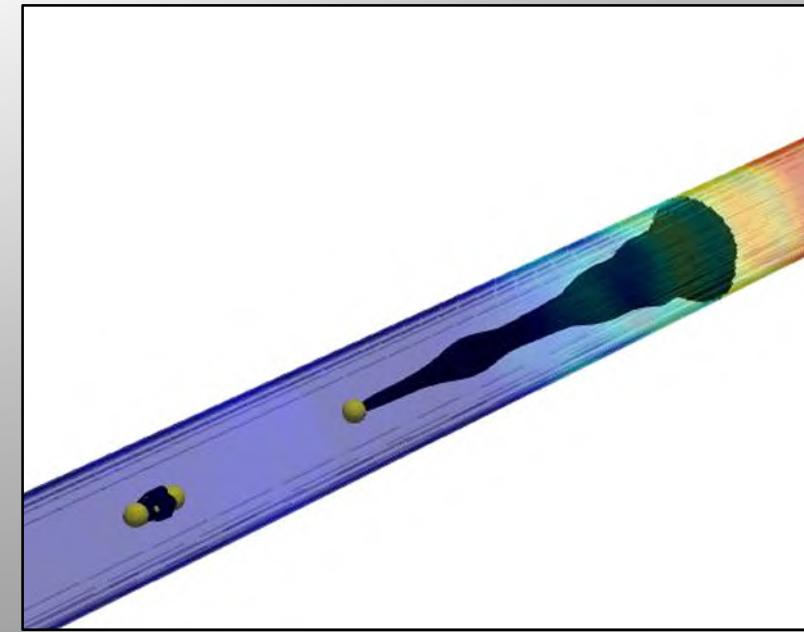
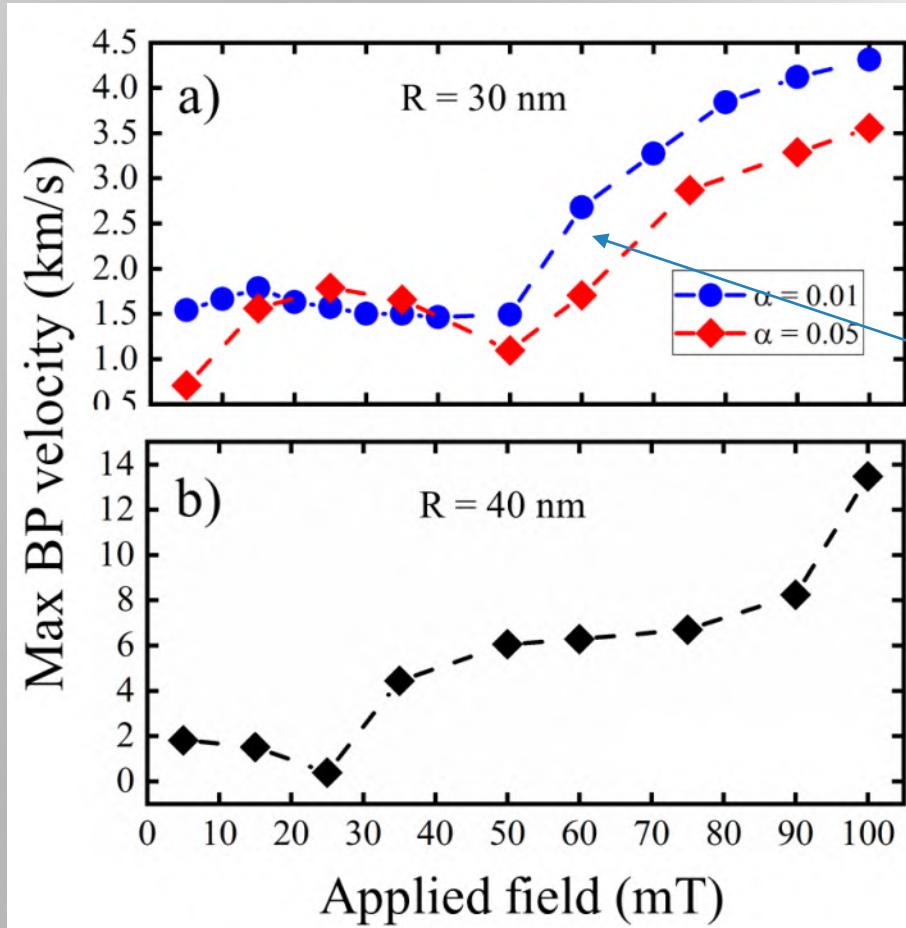


FE MAGNETIC CYLINDRICAL NANOWIRE



BLOCH-POINT DOMAIN WALL VELOCITY

- LARGER FOR SMALLER DAMPING
- LARGER FOR LARGER DIAMETER



MESSAGES

- STABILIZAITON OF MAGNETISATION STRUCTURES DEPEND STRONGLY ON THE COMPETITION OF ENERGIES AND SYSTEM SIZE
- DOMAIN WALLS: WALKER BREAKDOWN EFFECT AND SEARCH FOR SYSTEMS WITHOUT IT
- FINITE-SIZE SYSTEMS: POSSIBILITY TO STABILIZE ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES (VORTICES, BLOCH POINTS IN 3D ETC)
- DMI INTRODUCES MORE VARIETY (SKYRMIONS, HOPHIONS ETC.)
- IMPORTANCE OF GYROTROPIC EFFECTS (VORTEX, SKYRMION HALL EFFECT)

CHIRAL DOMAIN WALLS (SYSTEMS WITH DMI)

DMI favors only one chirality for Neel domain walls

