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Topological Magnetic Textures for Functional Systems

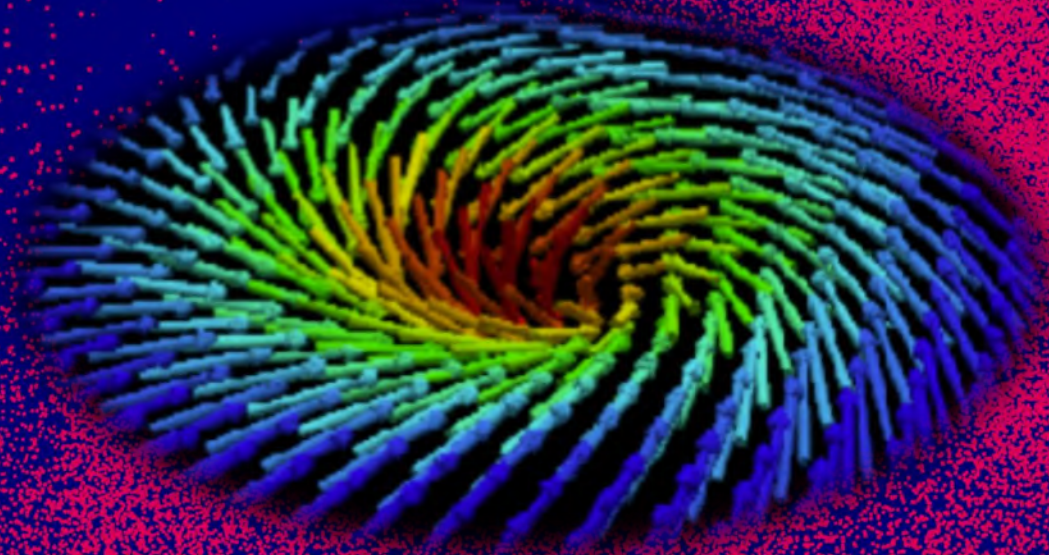
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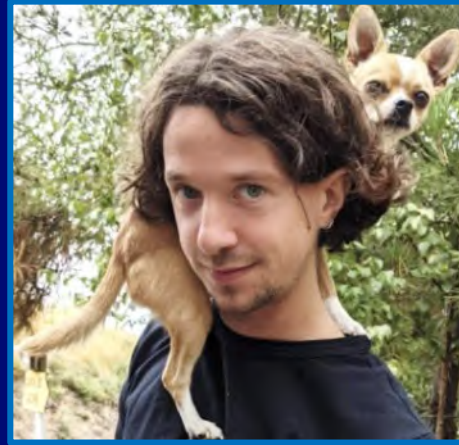
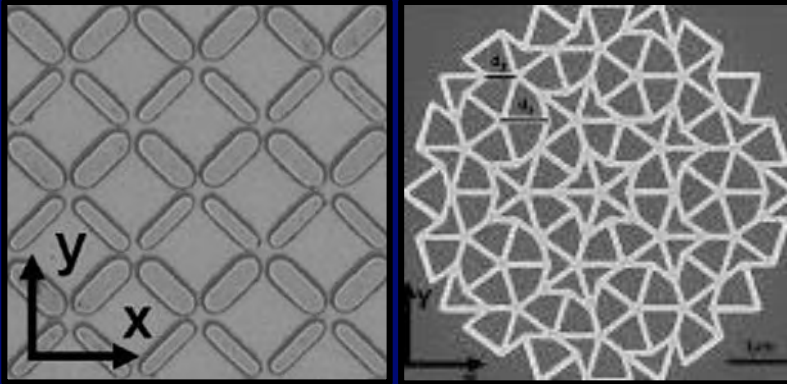


Quick Introduction: Me & my group

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Magnetic Metamaterials

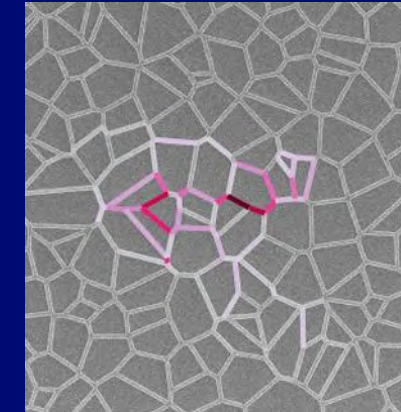
State writing, Magnonics, Neuromorphic Computing



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Photonic Metamaterials

Strongly coupled lasing networks, Neuromorphic computing



Jakub Dranczewski
Nanophotonics,
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Alex Wright
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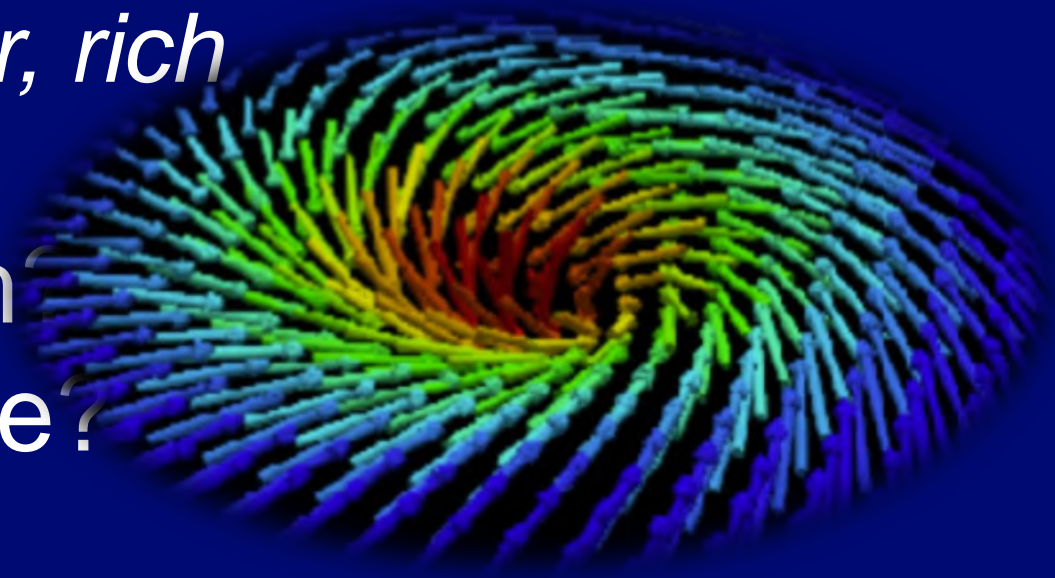
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Talk Outline

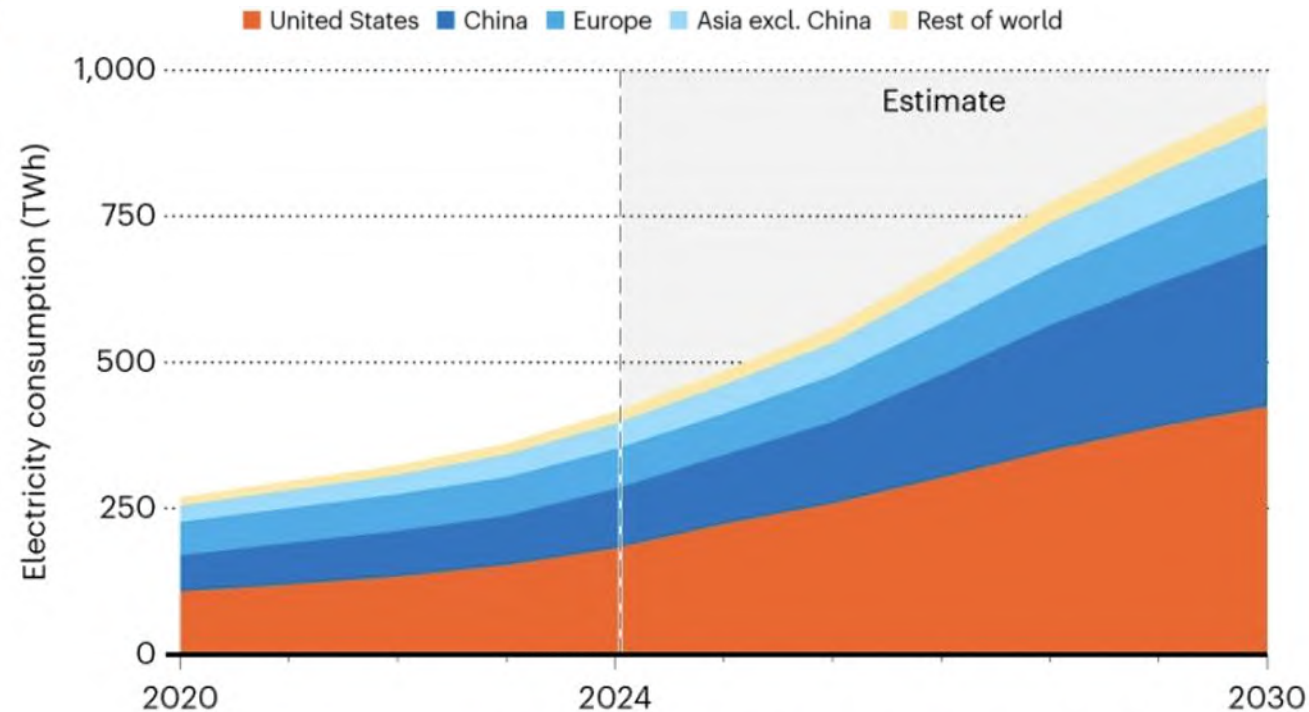
- Why do we want new devices?
- What do we mean by topological textures?
 - *Topological defects, winding numbers*
- Why are they interesting for applications?
 - *Stability, control, low power, rich dynamics/magnonics*
- What can we do with them?
- What still needs to be done?



The Challenge: AI has a huge **Energy** and **Data** problem

AI Energy Use

- Global AI energy use **doubles every 3.4 months**
- **500 TWh** increase by 2030



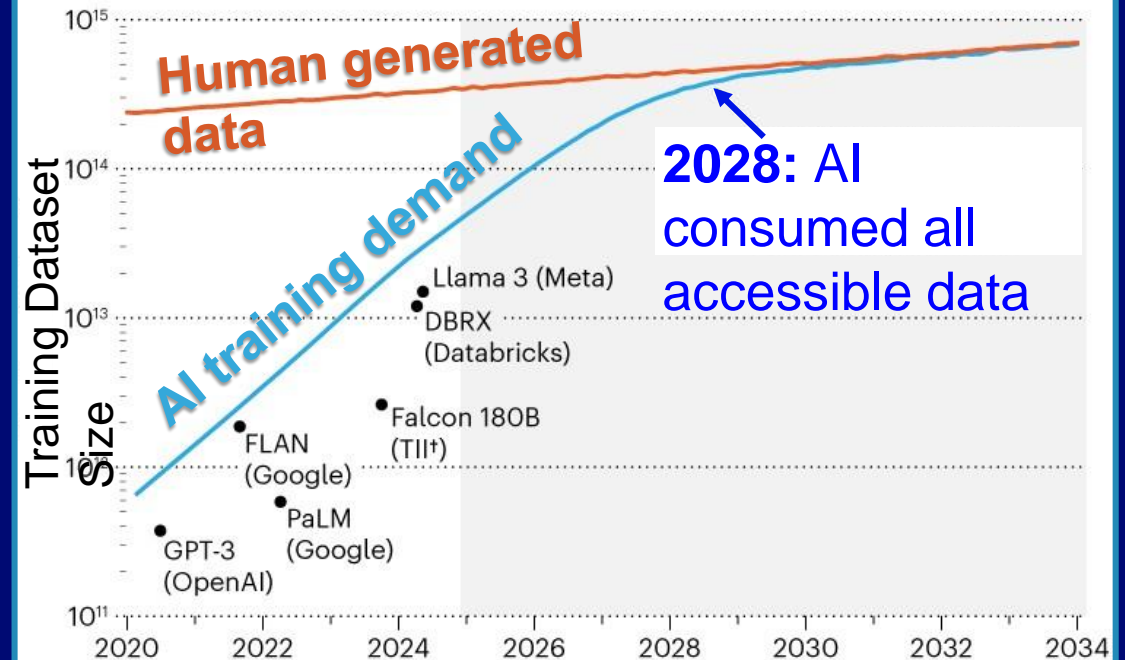
*Predicted trajectory under current regulatory conditions and industry projections.

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Chen, Sophia. *Nature* (2025)

AI Training Data Demand

- We will **run out of AI training data by 2028**



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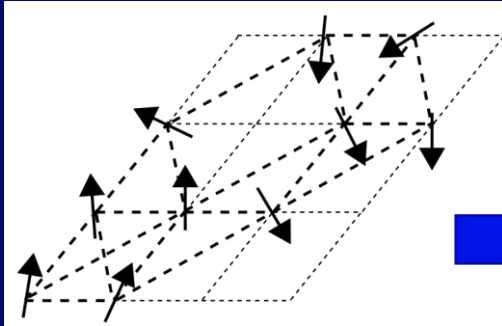
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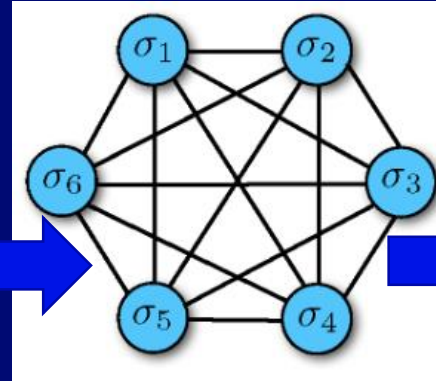
Can we develop a **Brain-Like** Processor?

Magnetism: A Promising Physics-based Solution

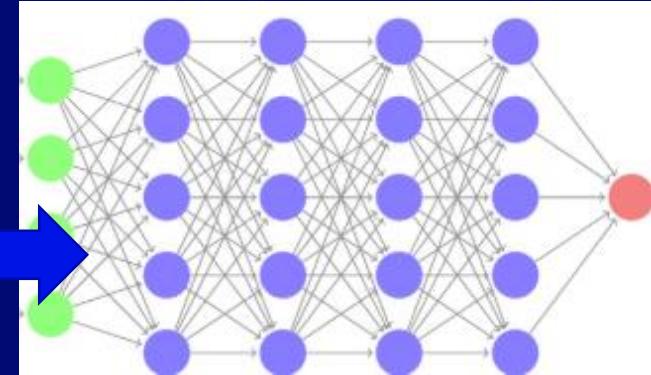
Artificial Neural Networks: Magnetically Inspired



Complex Magnetic System:
Spin Glass
Sherrington-Kirkpatrick



Hopfield Networks
Nobel Prize for Physics:
2024



Deep Neural Networks

Benefits of magnetism:

- **Memory, Non Volatility, & Reconfigurability**
- **GHz speed, Strong Coupling**

Magnetism: Promising physics-based solution

Spin glasses

Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model

Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} s_i s_j + \sum_i h_i s_i$$

spin at site i

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Neural networks

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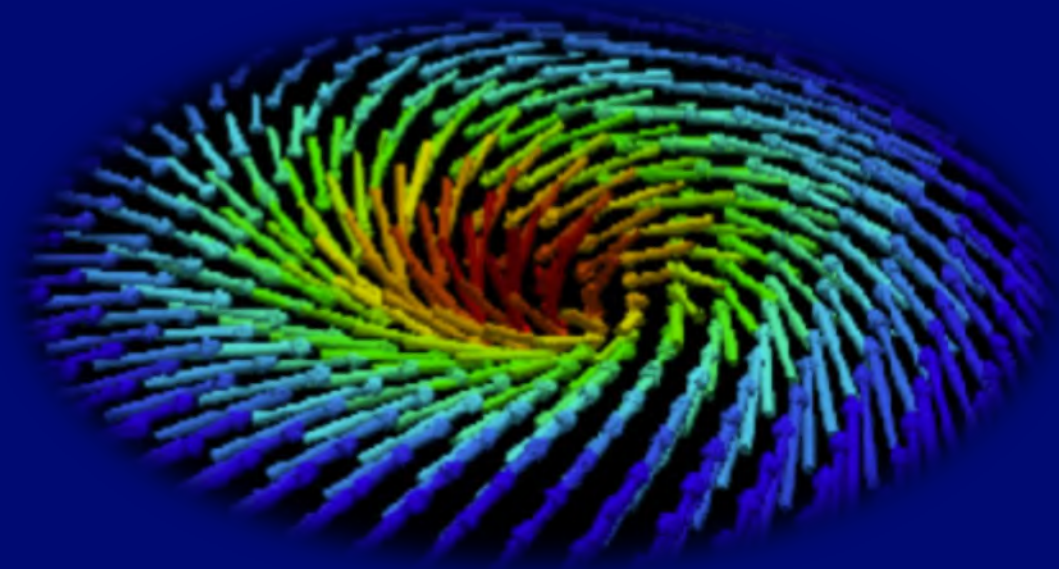
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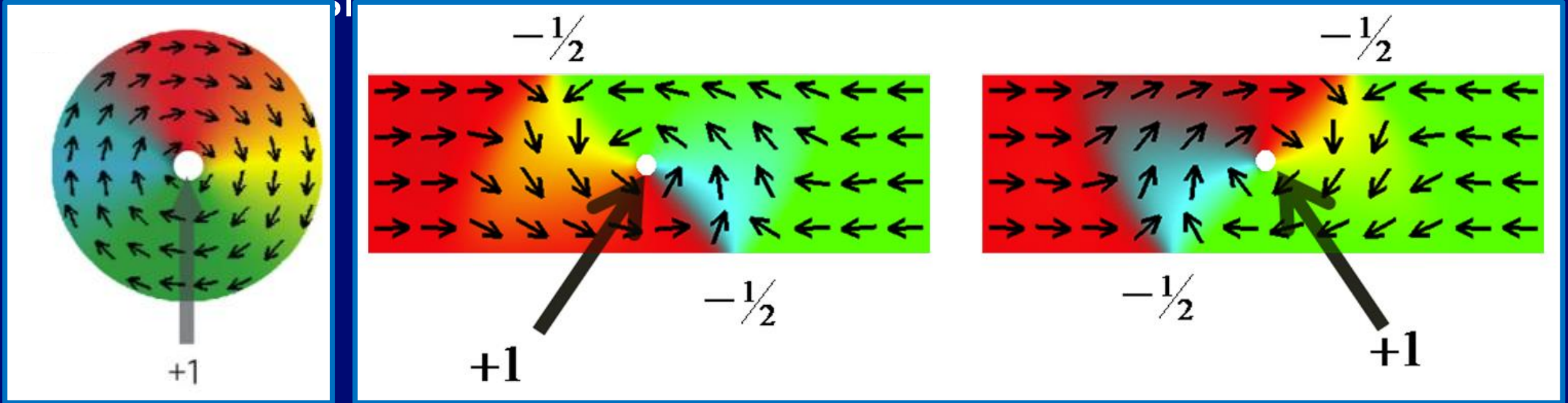


So we have synergy – but why ‘topology’?



What even are Topological Textures? – A brief detour...Topology is perhaps best defined by ‘winding numbers’

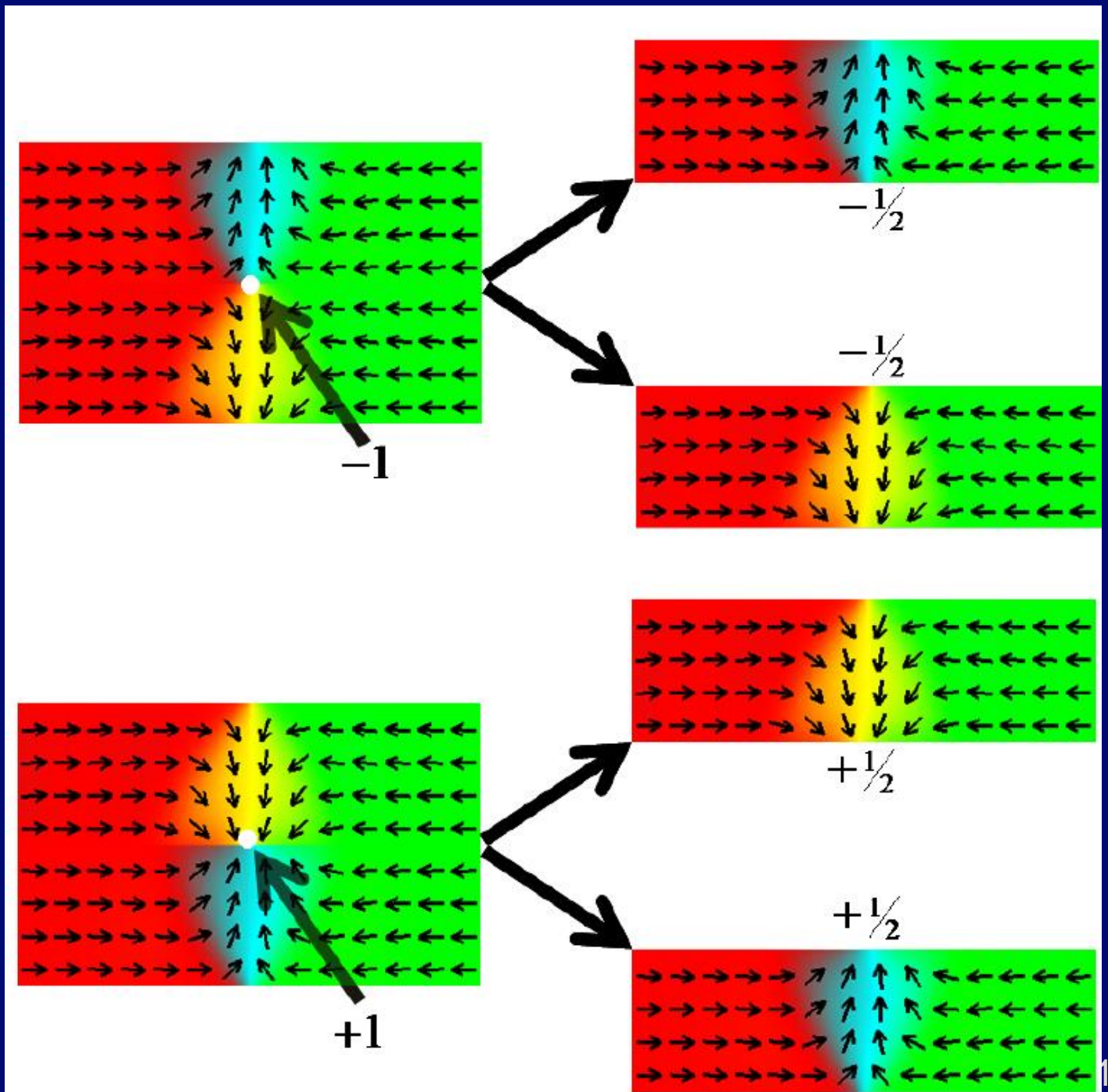
- How many times does your magnetisation wrap around the unit circle as you go around some defect?
- Classic cases: **Vortex** or **vortex domain wall**



Pushp, Aakash, et al. "Domain wall trajectory determined by its fractional topological edge defects." *Nature Physics* 9.8 (2013): 505-511.

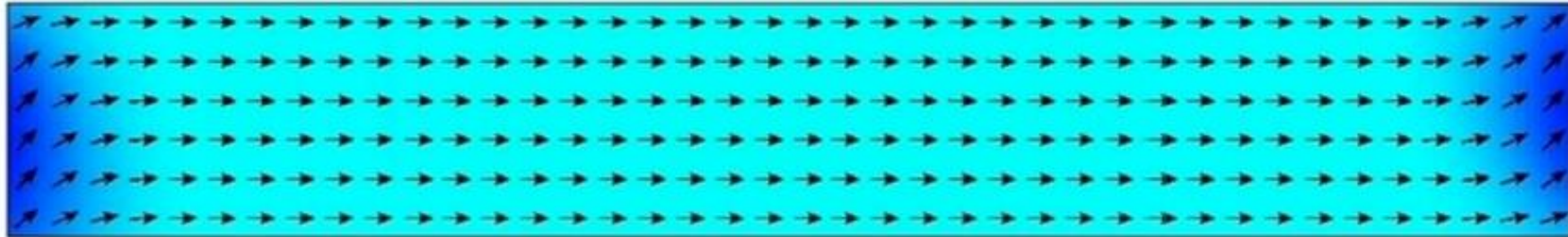
Topological Textures

- Integer winding numbers must live in the 'bulk'
- Half-integer/fractional live on the edges



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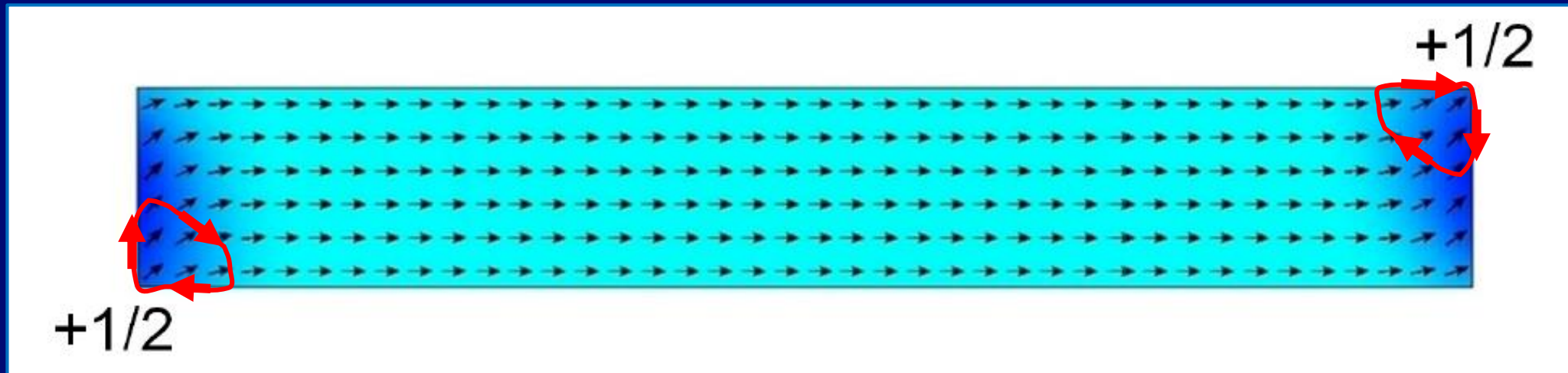
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- But where is the winding?!

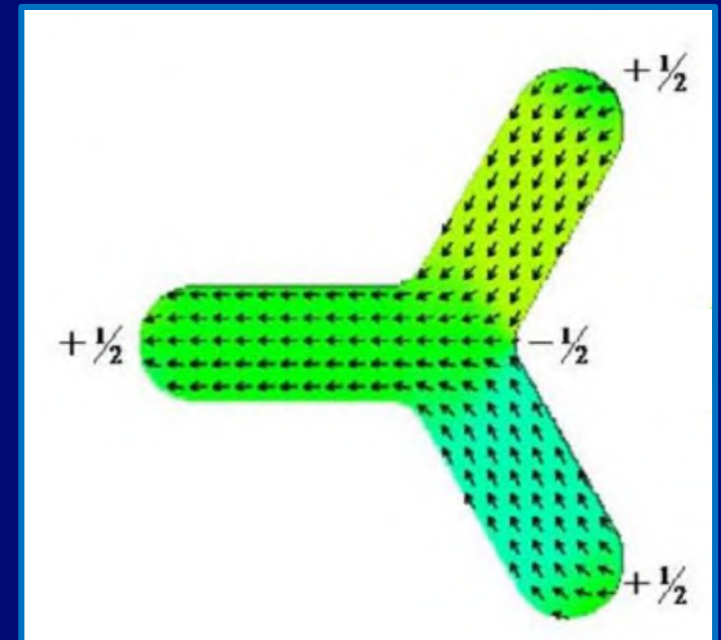
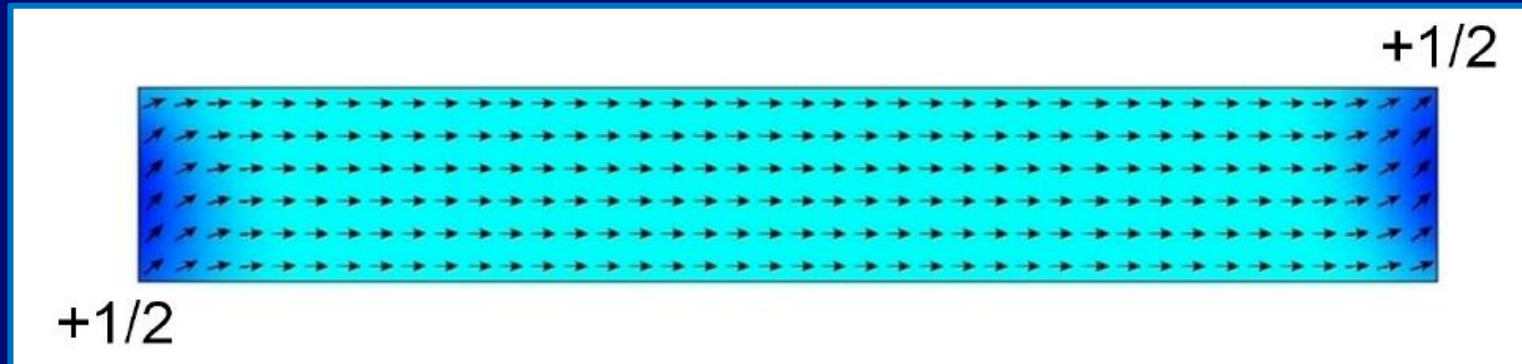
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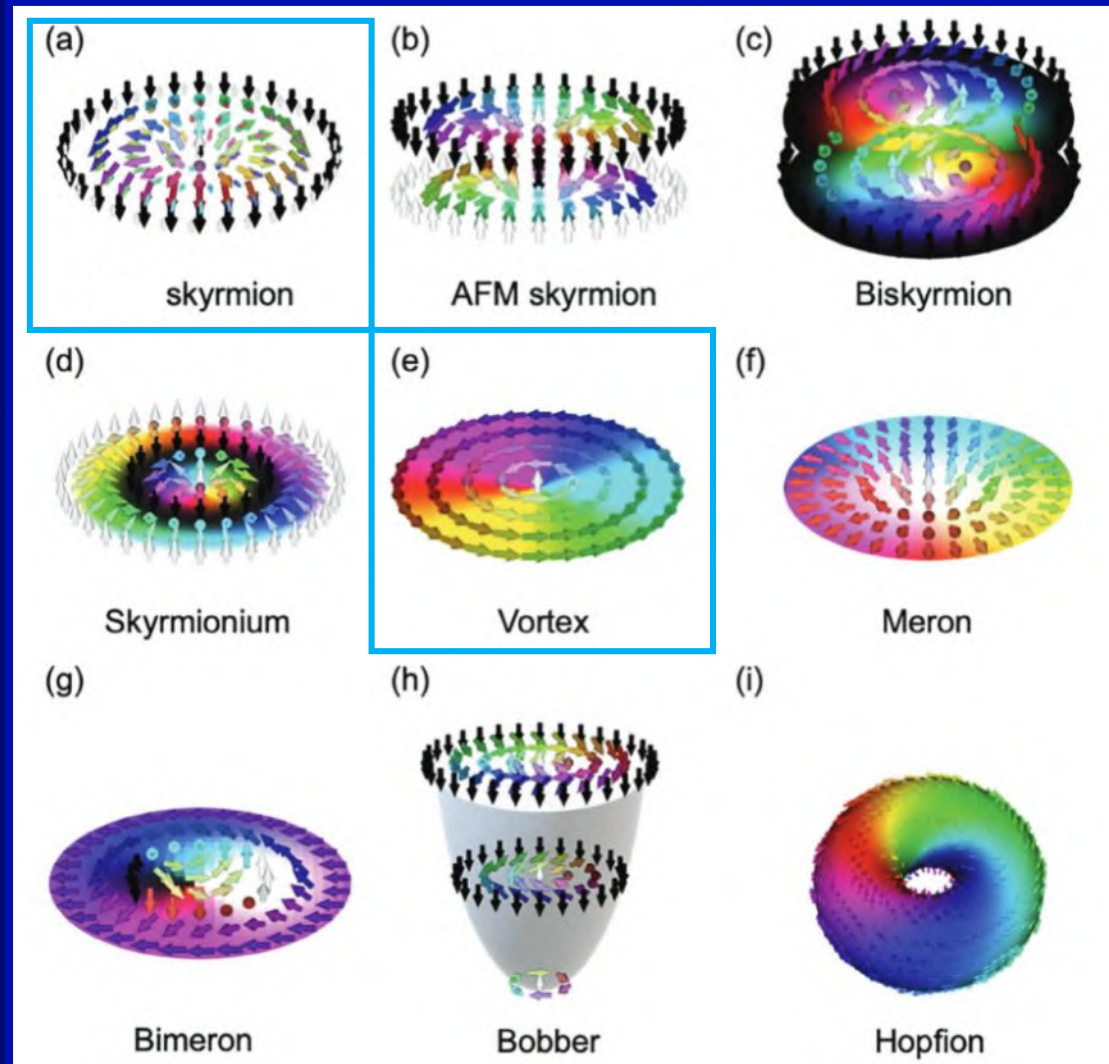
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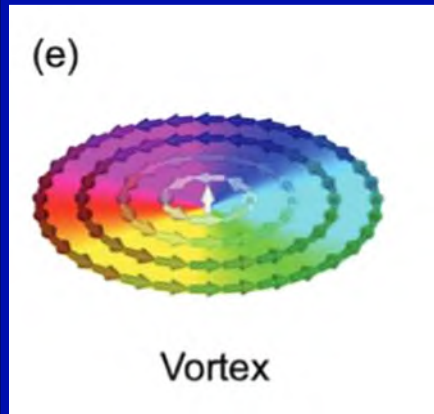
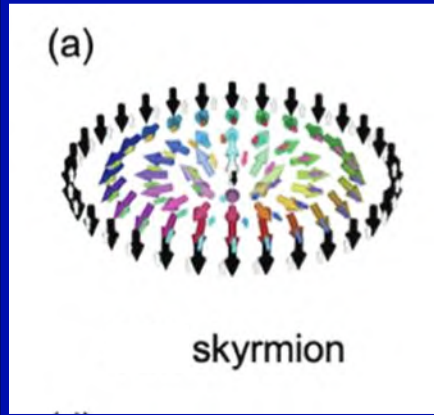
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- Today, we'll focus on textures with bulk integer winding numbers



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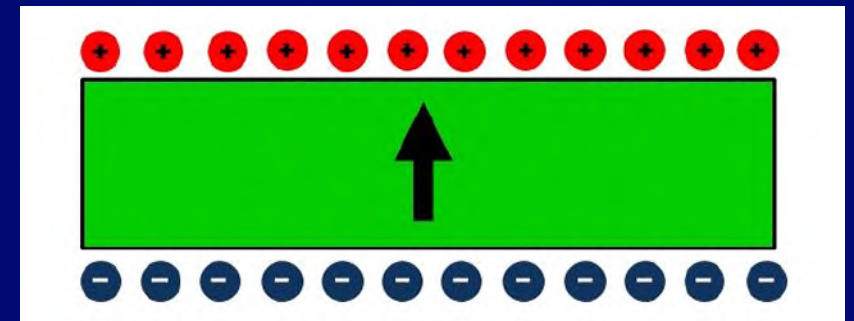
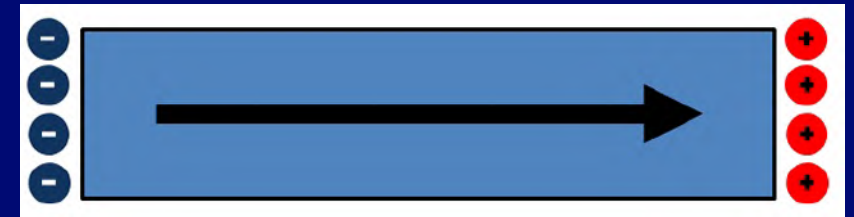
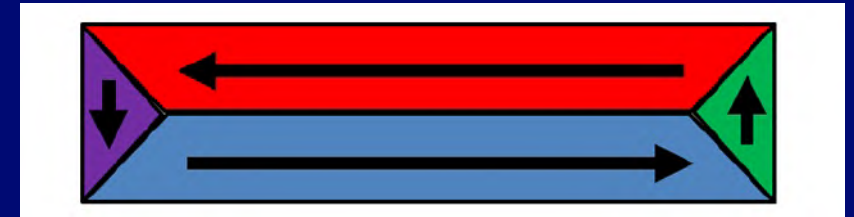
- Energy terms/Stabilisation



Exchange

DMI

Dipolar happy



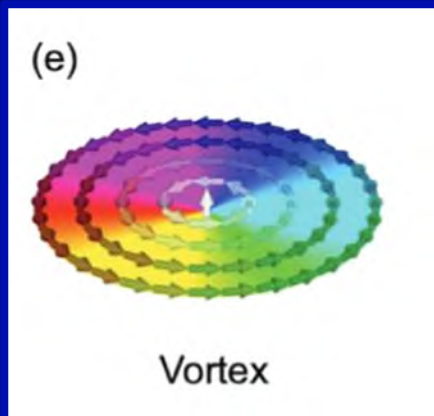
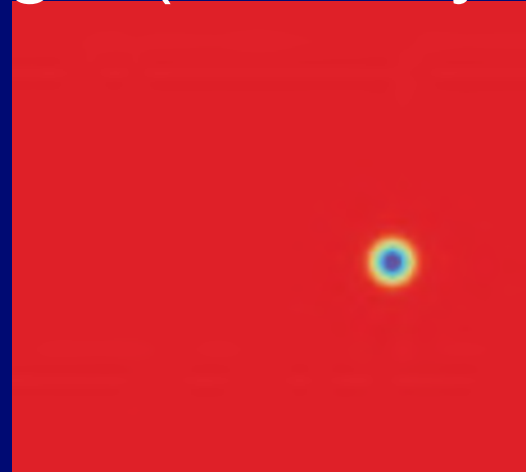
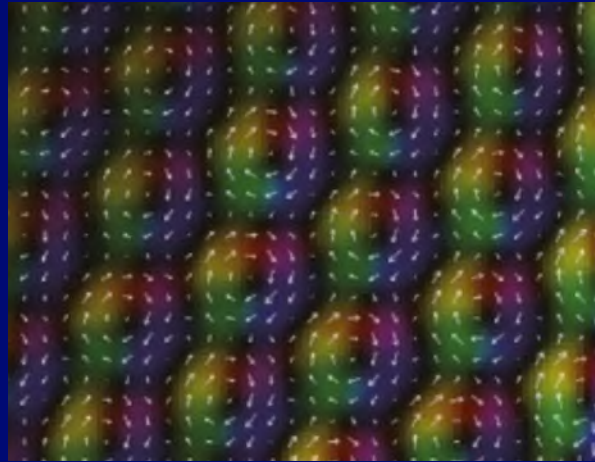
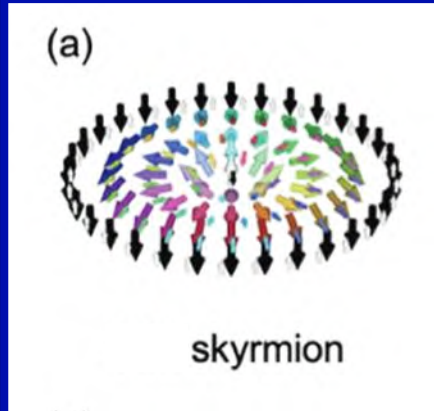
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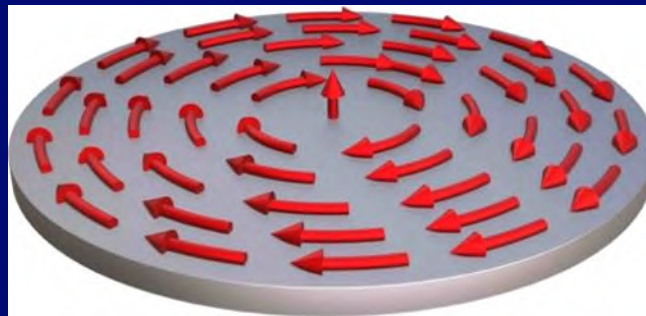
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Crystal

Single (often 'synthetic')



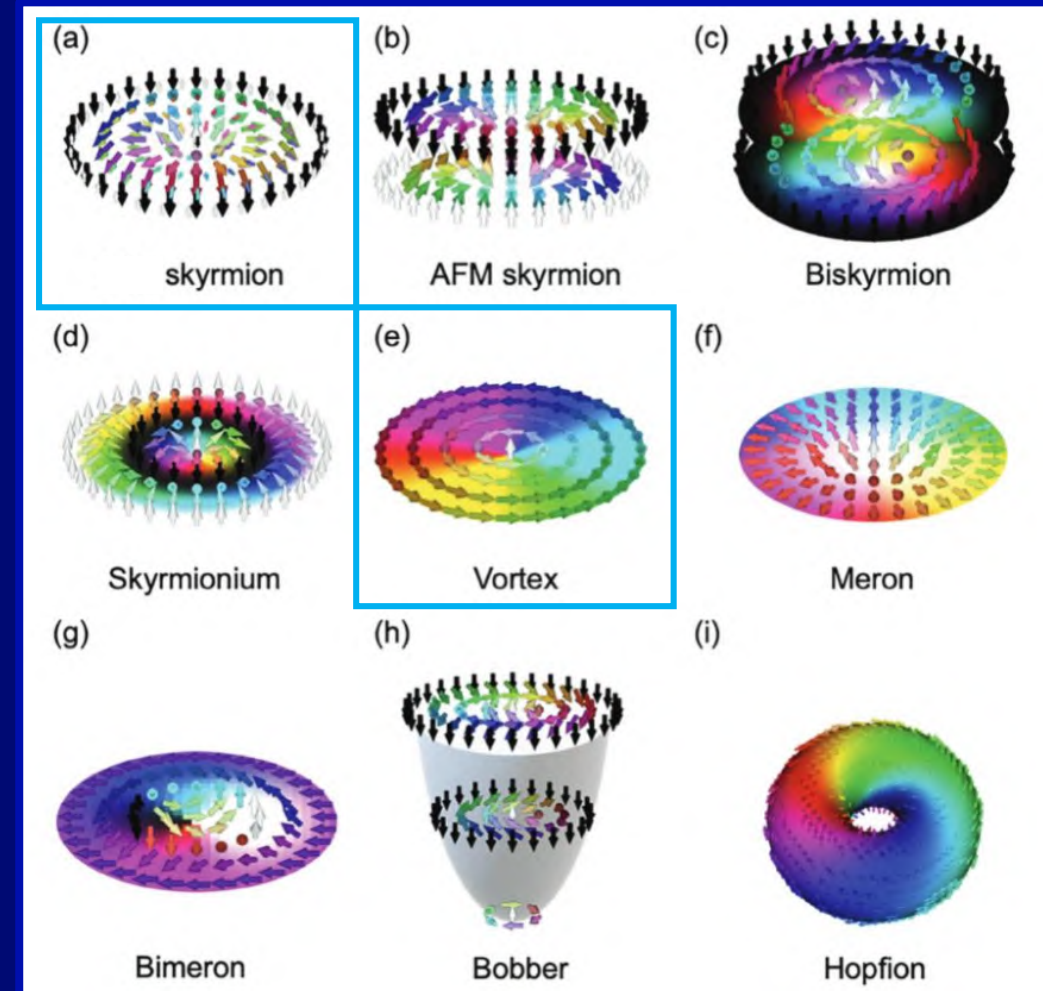
Vortices typically nanostructure-bound



Topological Textures

Pros:

- **Stability** Topology 'protects' these states
 - Big exchange cost to unwind
- **Writable/Deletable**
 - Grants memory
- **Easy to move**
 - Lower tendency to get stuck/pin
 - $J = 10^6\text{-}10^8 \text{ A/m}^2$ vs 10^{12} A/m^2 for DWs!
- **Rich textures**
 - Complex GHz dynamics
 - Multiple magnon modes



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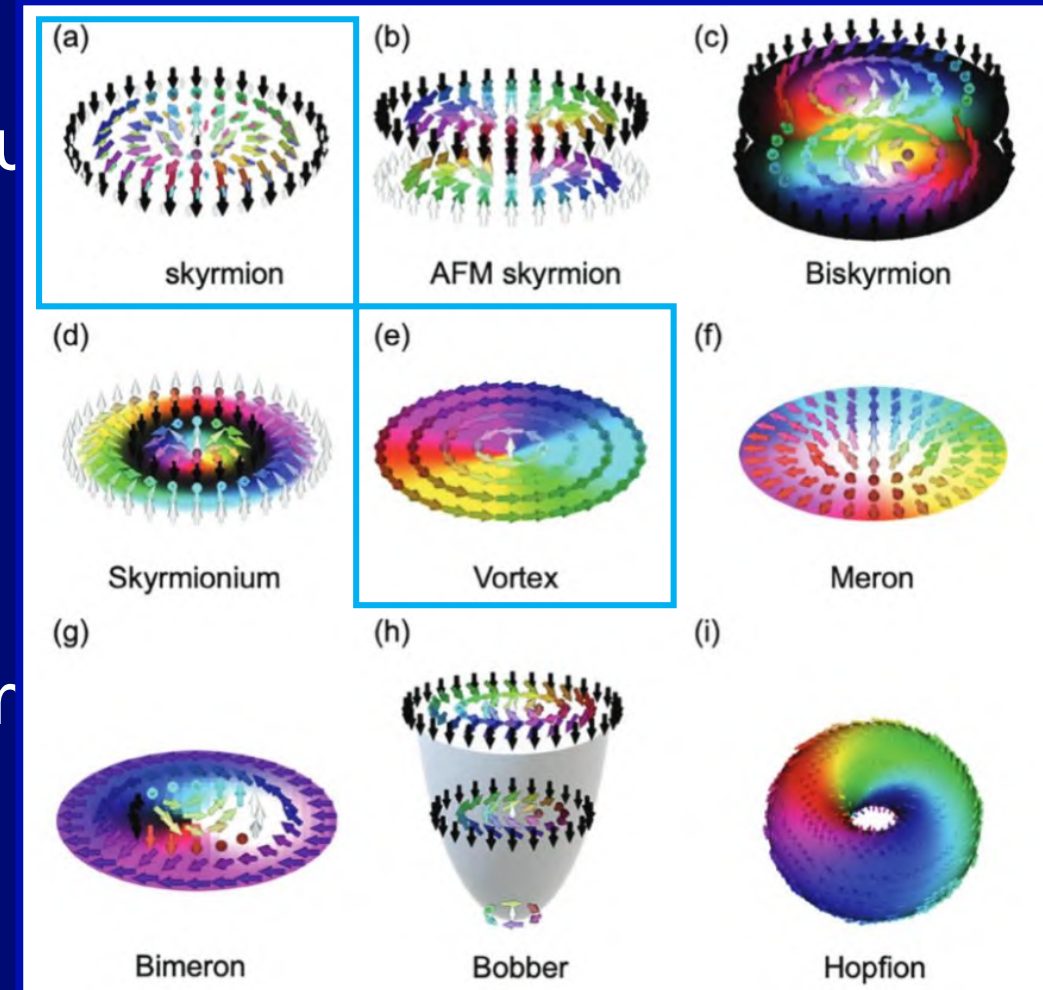
- Potentially offer a lot of what's **best** about magnetism

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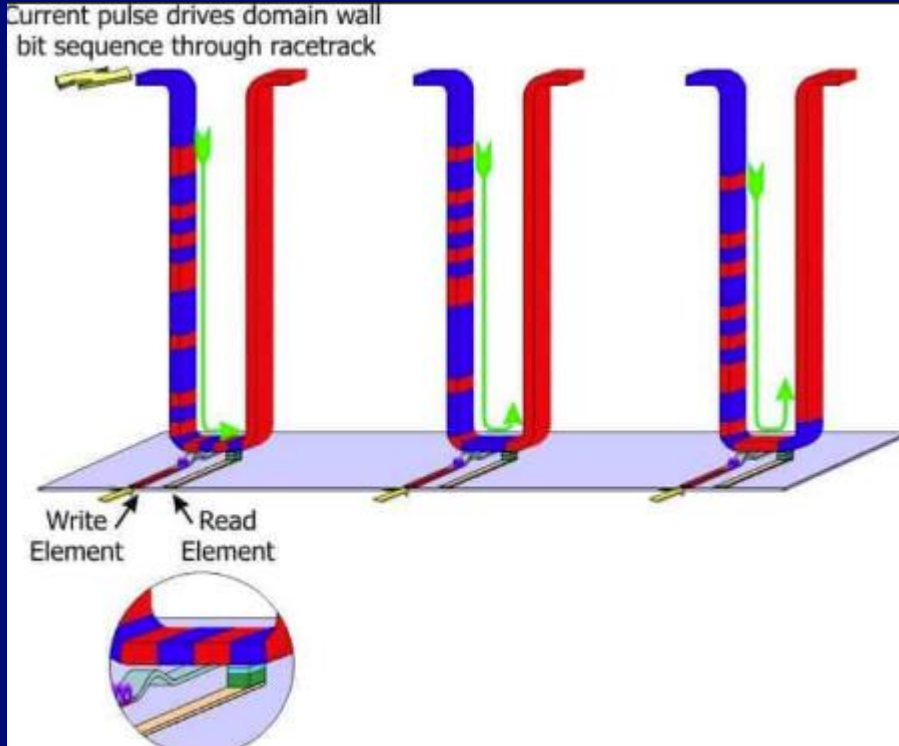
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Challenges:

- **Materials** Can require high quality material/interface
- **New Physics** Still learning to control them
- **Hard to scale up**



An example: Moving information on a track



Magnetic Domain-Wall Racetrack Memory

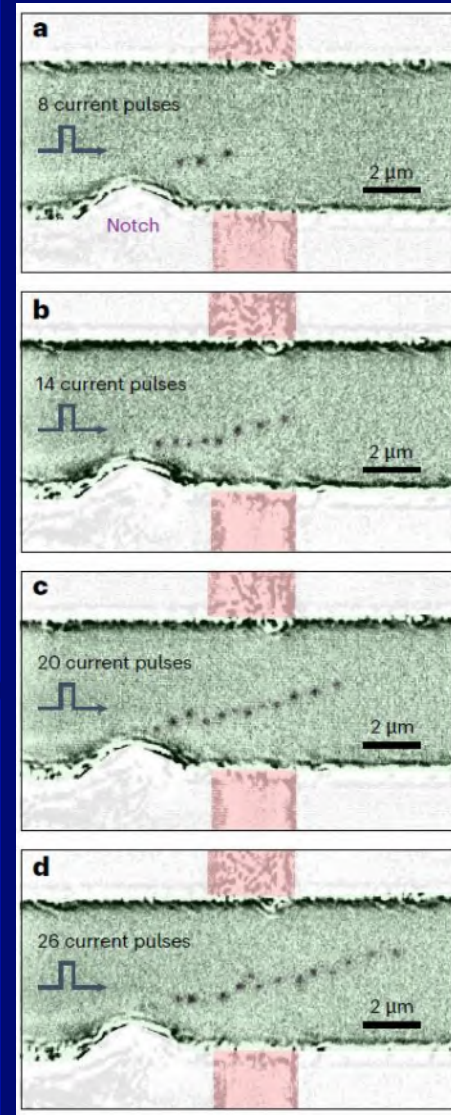
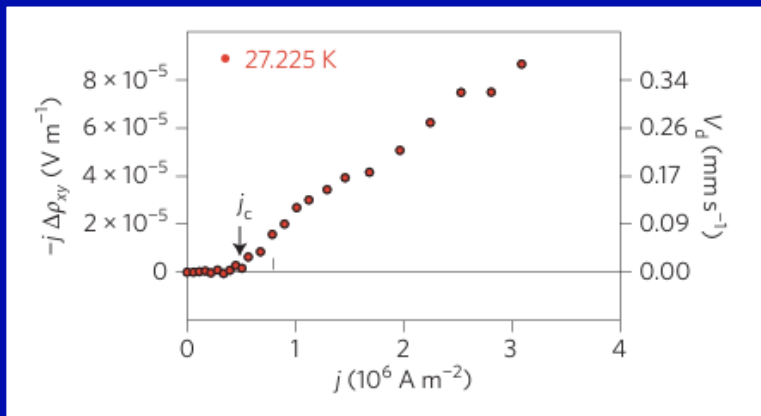
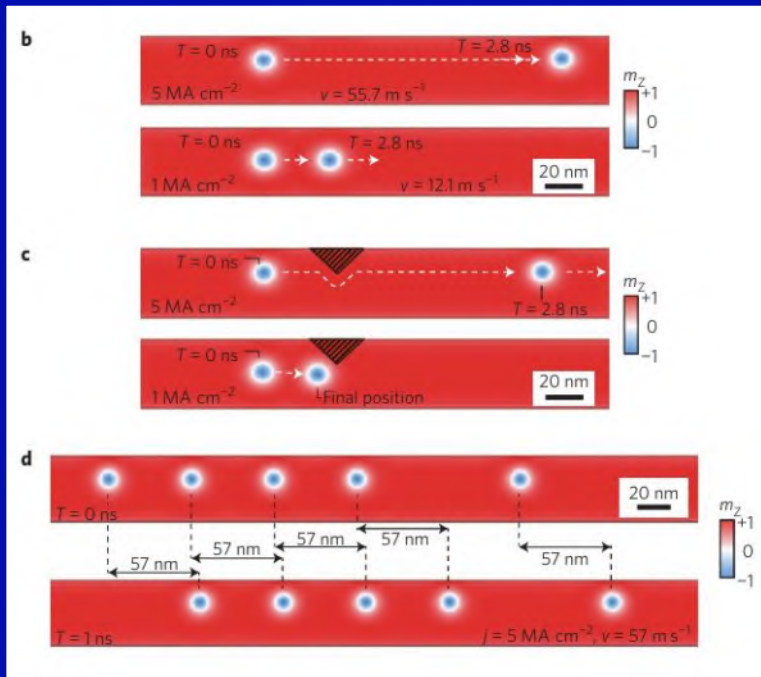
Stuart S. P. Parkin,* Masamitsu Hayashi, Luc Thomas

Recent developments in the controlled movement of domain walls in magnetic nanowires by short pulses of spin-polarized current give promise of a nonvolatile memory device with the high performance and reliability of conventional solid-state memory but at the low cost of conventional magnetic disk drive storage. The racetrack memory described in this review comprises an array of magnetic nanowires arranged horizontally or vertically on a silicon chip. Individual spintronic reading and writing nanodevices are used to modify or read a train of ~10 to 100 domain walls, which store a series of data bits in each nanowire. This racetrack memory is an example of the move toward innately three-dimensional microelectronic devices.

Parkin et al scheme – Elegant yet faced challenges due to intrinsic issues with domain wall physics:

- High pinning
- High current density needed (10^{12} A/m²)
- Significant heating

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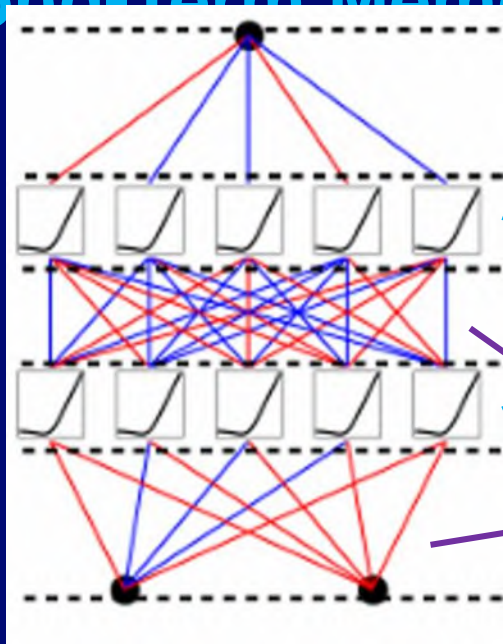
- Use **Skyrmions** instead of **Domain Walls**
- **Much** lower currents $J = 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$
- Able to **distort** shape and avoid pinning
- **Localised** defects
 - Don't need to span track width like DW
- **However** still have their own challenges to solve!

Fert, Albert, Vincent Cros, and Joao Sampaio. "Skyrmions on the track." *Nature Nanotechnology* 8.3 (2013): 152-156.

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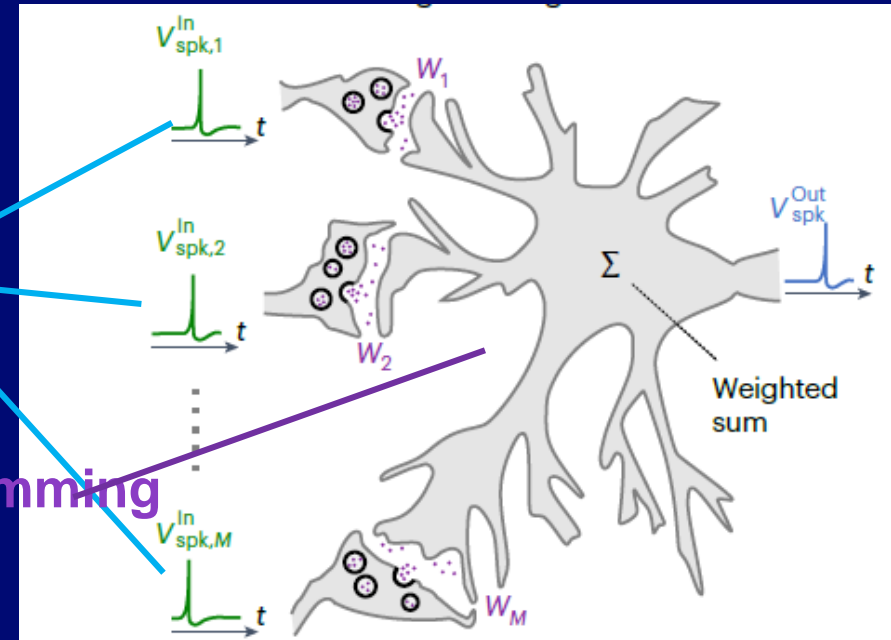
Processing Functionality we want:

- **Moving information** around a device
- **Nonlinear Processing** – without this, can't do complex tasks ('neurons')
- **Programmable 'weights'** – A means to adapt device function to tasks
- **Integrate & sum signals** – 'Synapses'
- **Long-Term Memory**



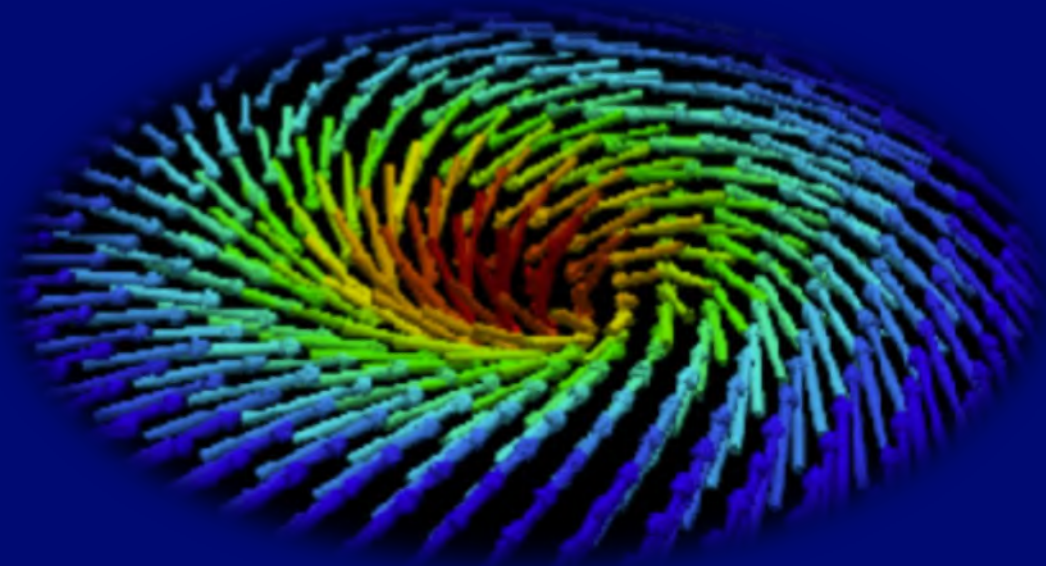
Nonlinearity/neurons

Weights & synaptic summing



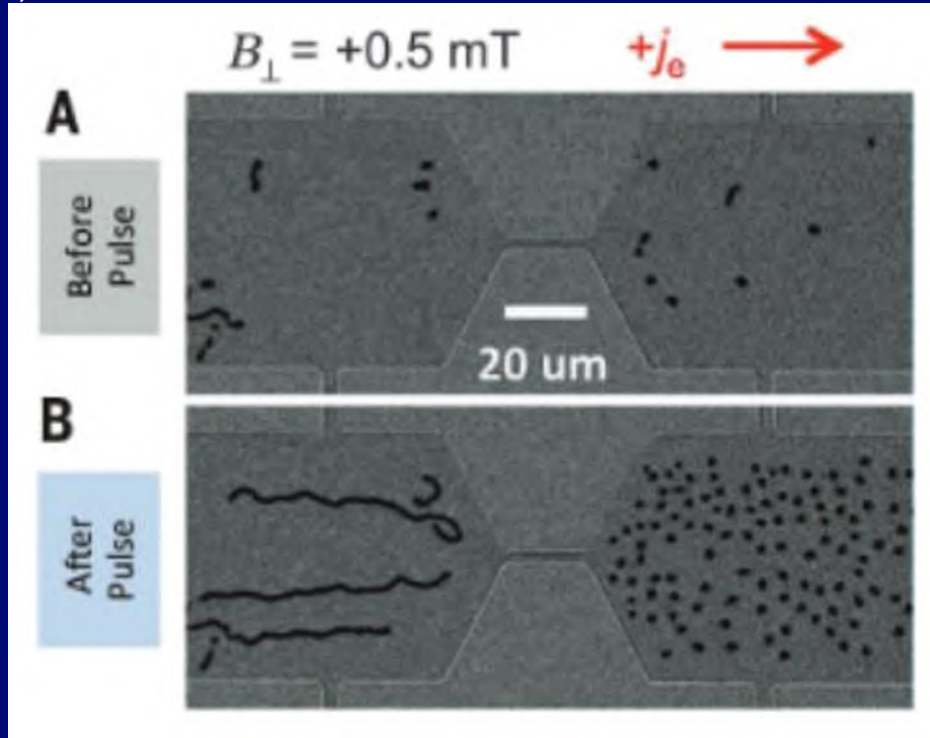
Skyrmions

- Local schemes
- Mean-Field/Global schemes



Skyrmion nucleation – Older studies

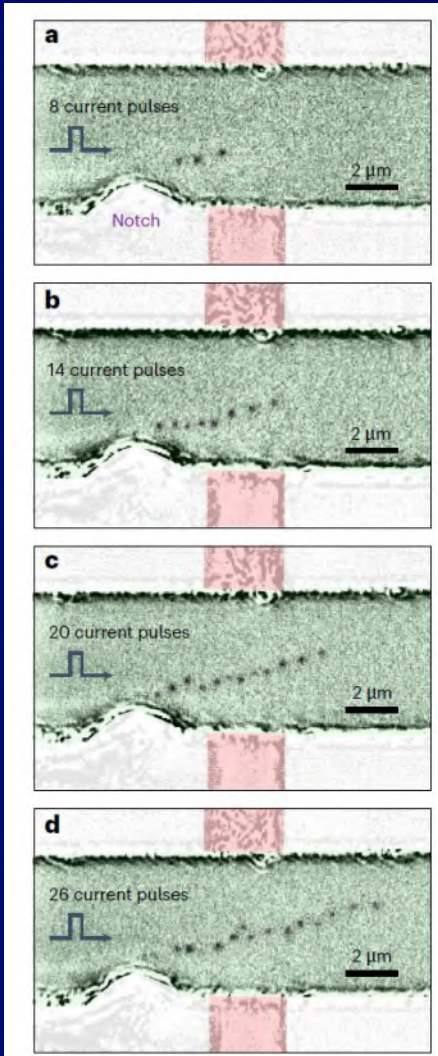
Skyrmion Material Stack: Ta(5 nm)/Co₂₀Fe₆₀B₂₀(CoFeB)(1.1 nm)/TaO_x(3 nm)



- Constrictions allow current density J to be enhanced to only *locally* nucleate skyrmions
- However, often suffer from some stochasticity
- This is 2015 – things have improved!

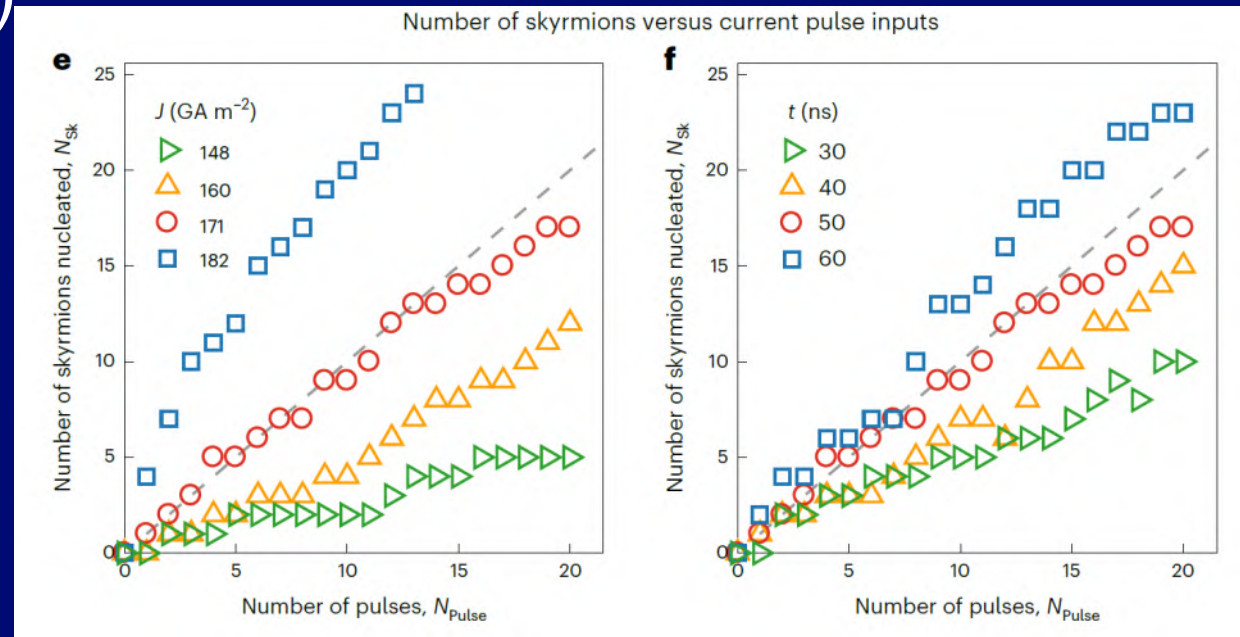
Jiang, Wanjun, et al. "Blowing magnetic skyrmion bubbles." *Science* 349.6245 (2015): 283-286.

Skyrmion nucleation – Recent work



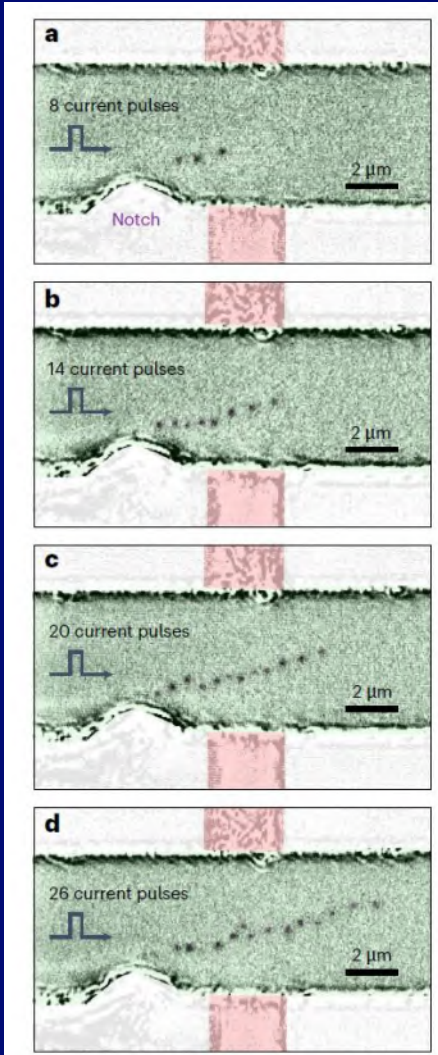
Skyrmion Material Stack: Ta(5 nm)/Pt(8 nm)/[Co(1.2 nm)/Al(3 nm)/Pt(3 nm)]₁₀

- Very nice progress: Fine tuned nucleation, controlling pulse current & length.
- Reliably inject & electrically read-out Skyrmions (Ta)



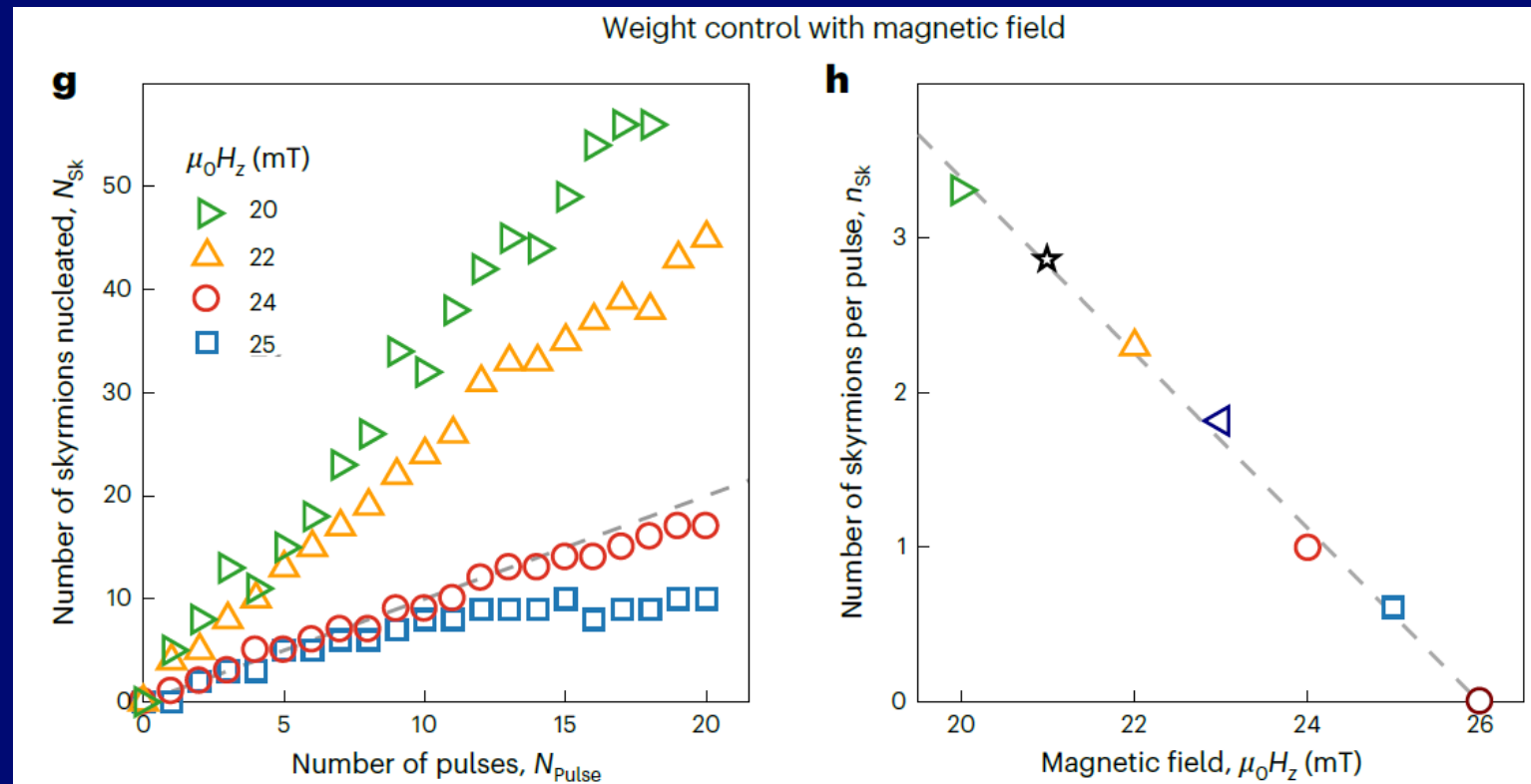
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Skyrmion weighting



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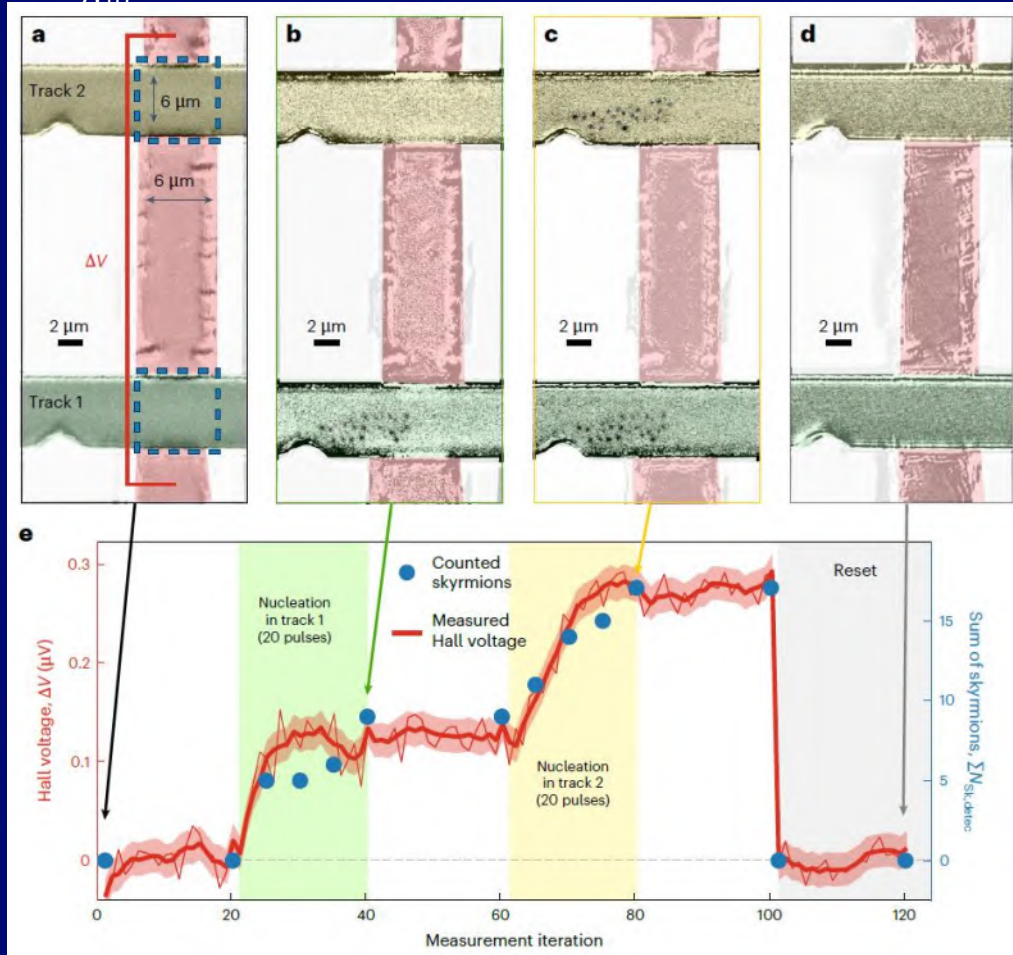
- Tuning applied field enables synaptic weights:
 - *Applied field increases skyrmion formation cost*



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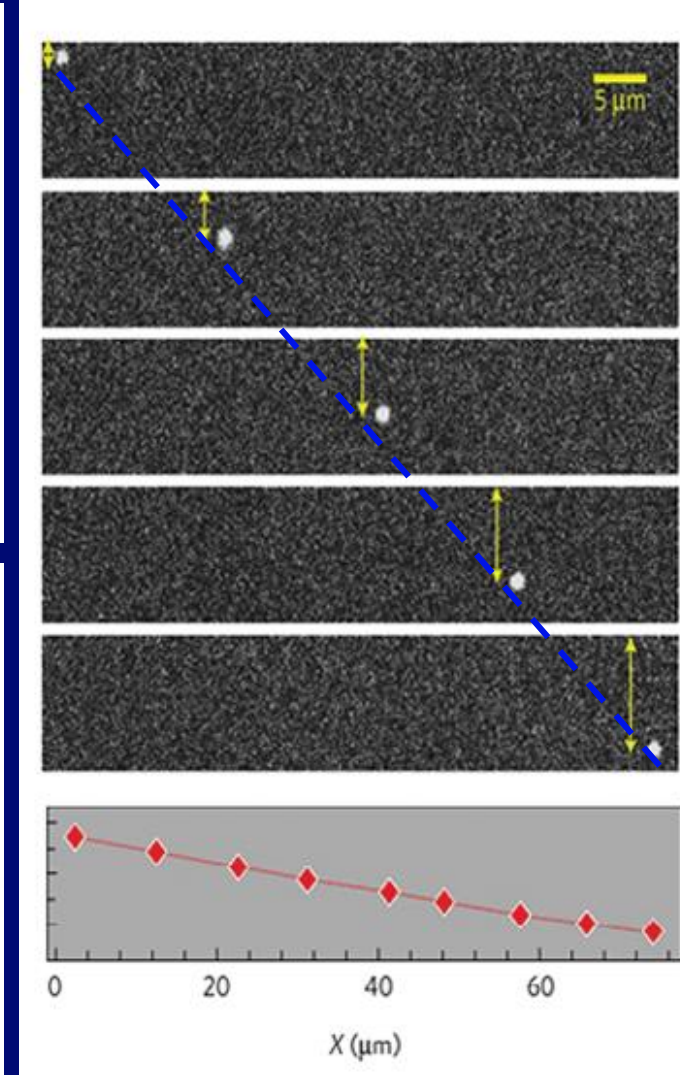
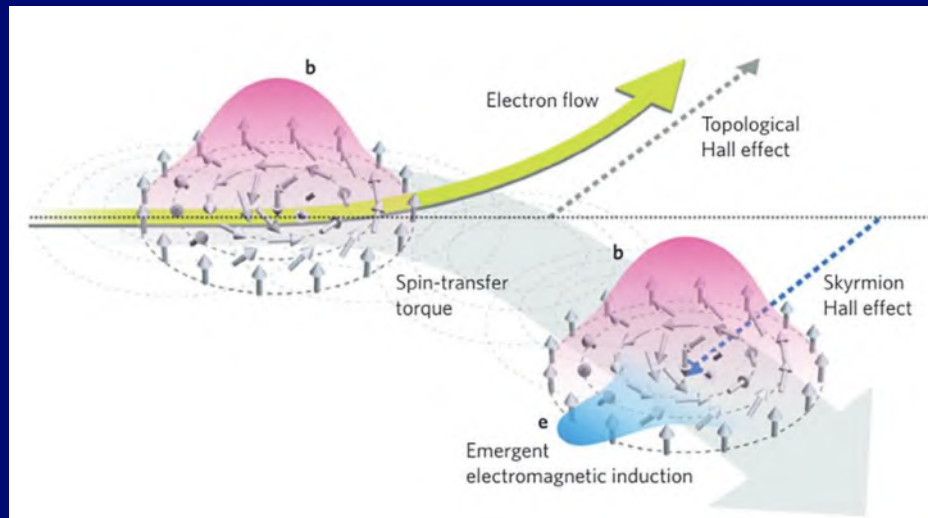
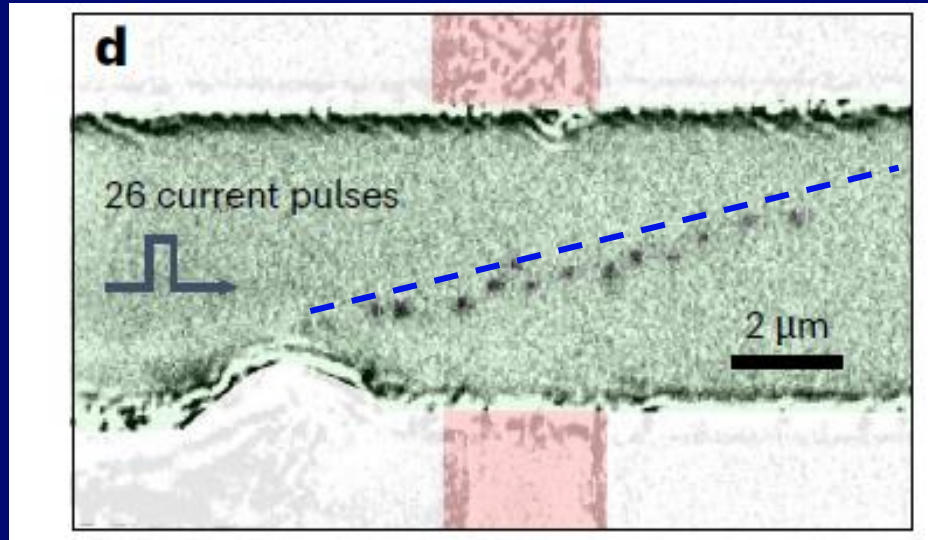
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- The Ta stripline non-perturbatively sums over all Skyrmion tracks
- This is a great step – previously could be challenging to read out states without disturbing them
- **20 pJ** to nucleate a Skyrmion
- Beautiful manipulation, still a way far from a device
- Limits:
 - Missing nonlinearity
 - **Skyrmion Hall effect** limits numbers

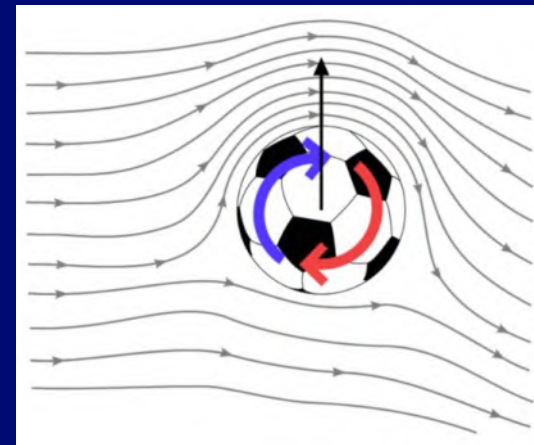
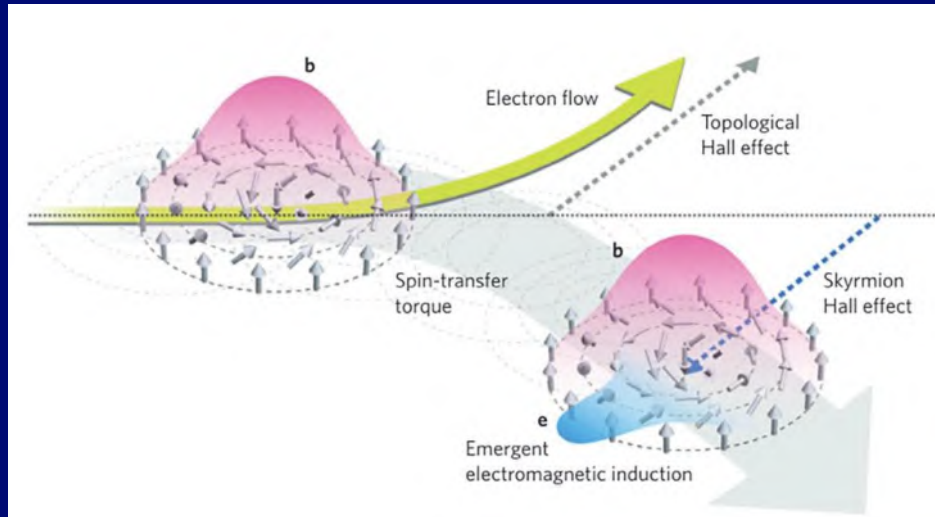
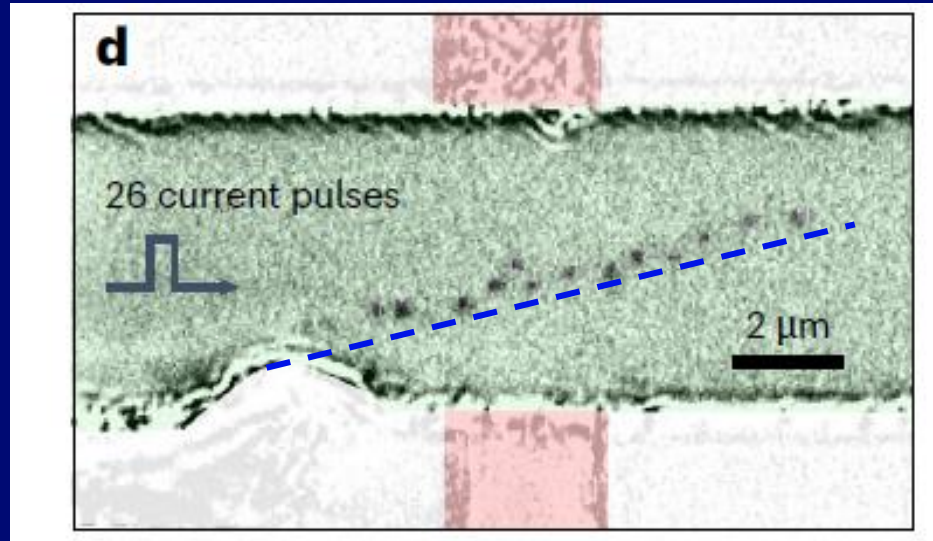
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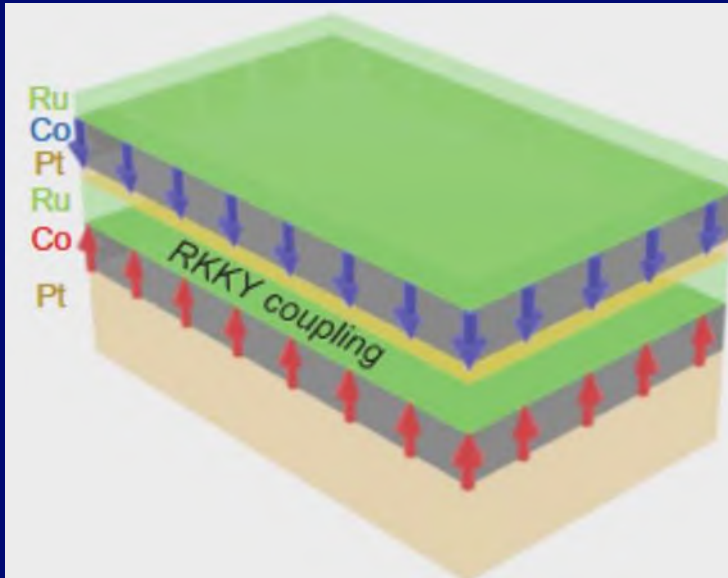
Recent solution:

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Fast current-induced skyrmion motion in synthetic antiferromagnets

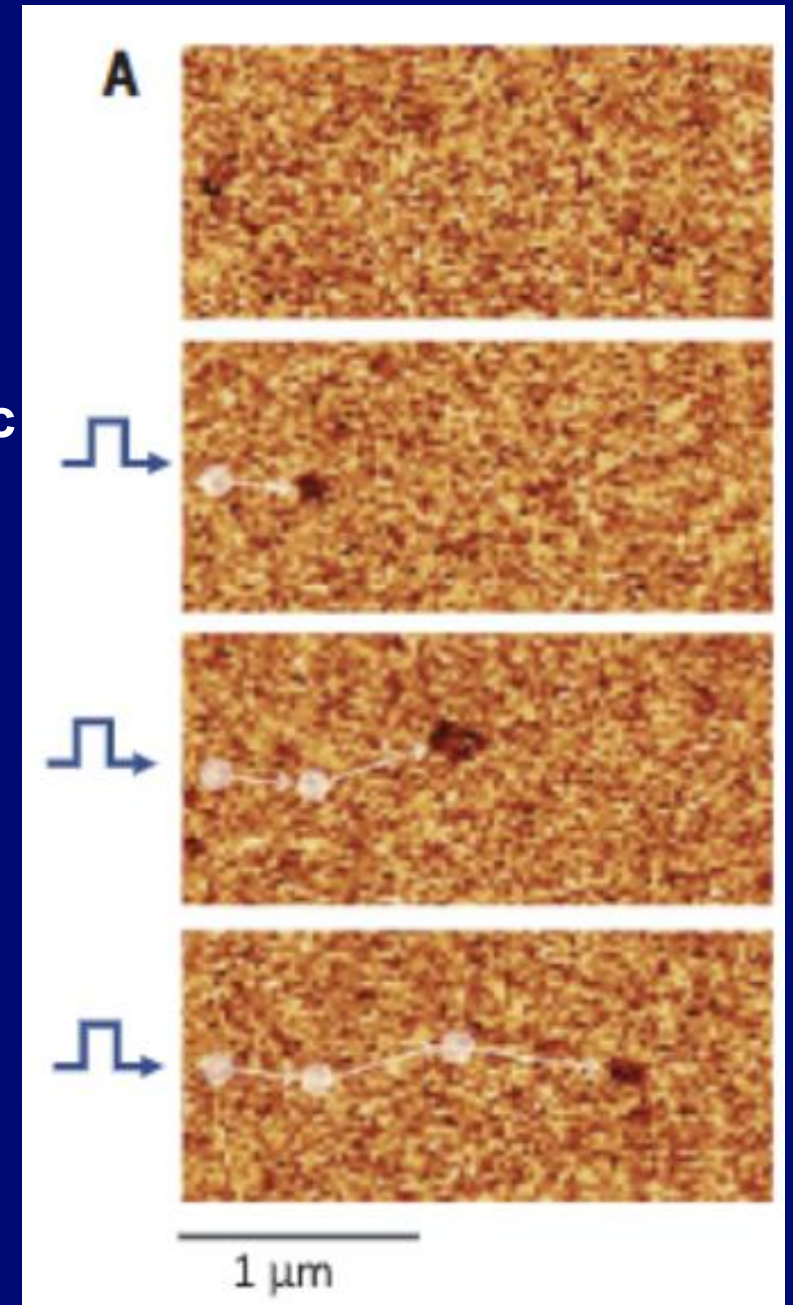
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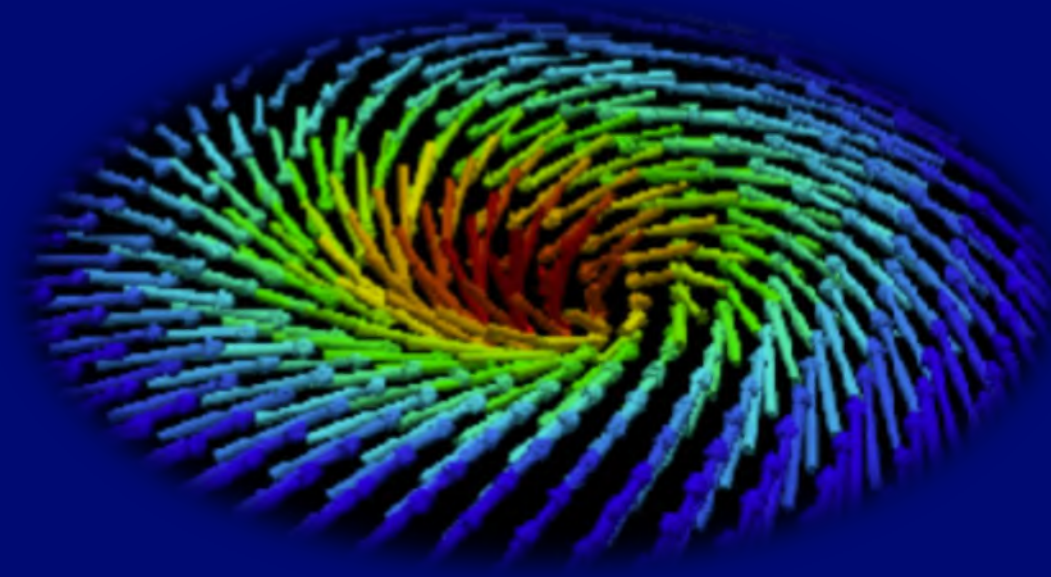
- **Opposing Anti-Ferromagnetic ordered layers:**
- **Cancels Skyrmion Hall Effect**
- But! Higher $J...$
 - 10^{11} A/m^2
- Requires optimisation

Straight Line Motion!



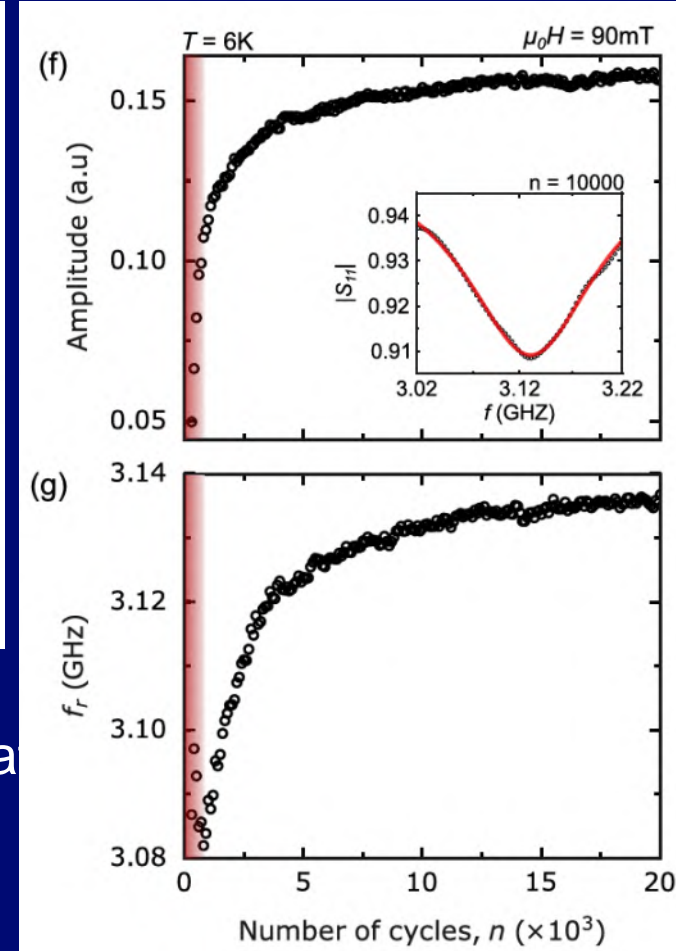
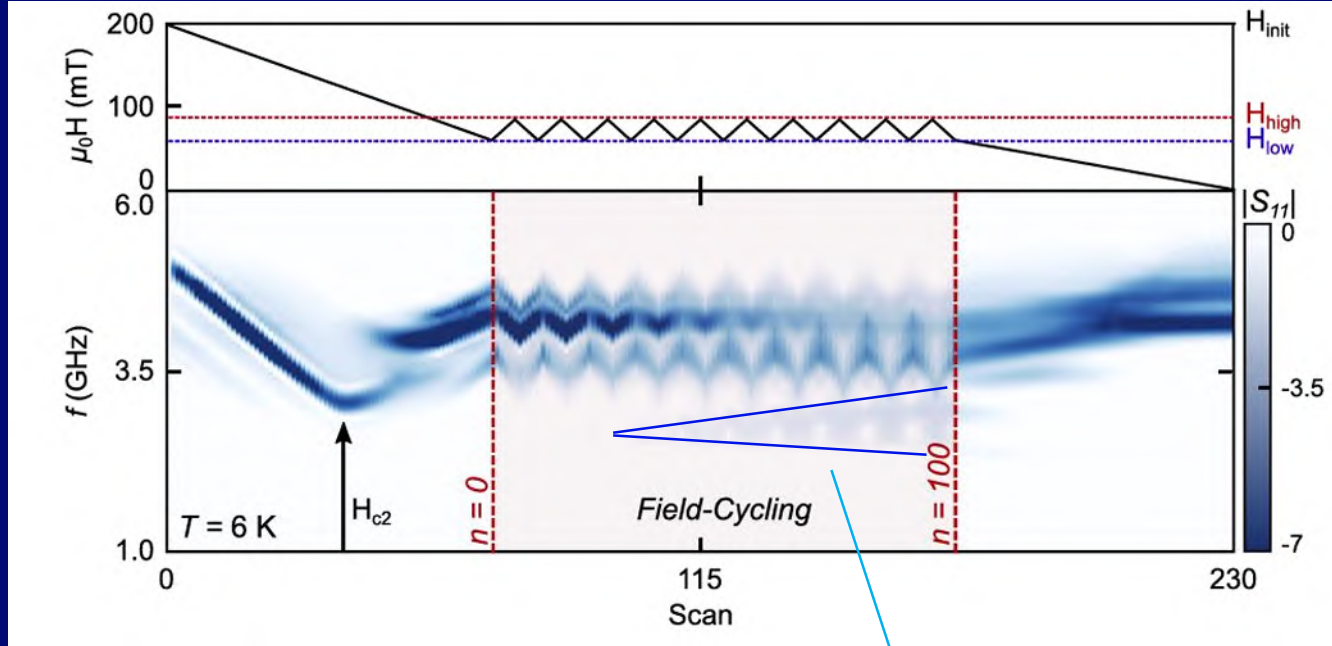
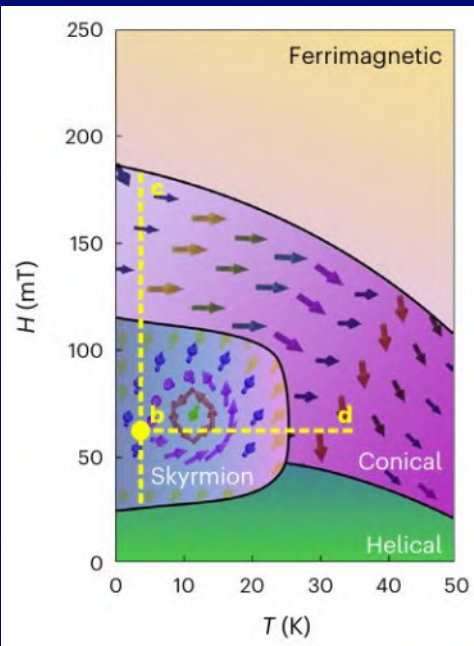
We've seen:

- Precise control - still some distance from full device
- What about approaches using global, not local, control and focusing on implementing computation?

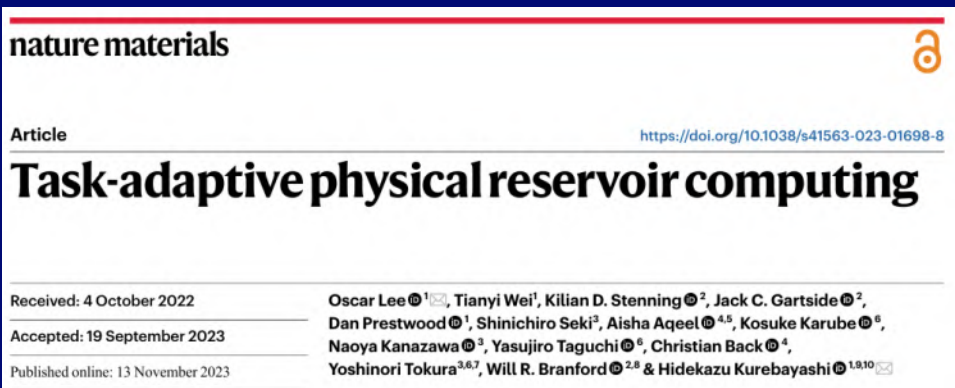


Mean-Field Skyrmion computing schemes

Very gradual evolution of state over 10,000s loops – Long term memory



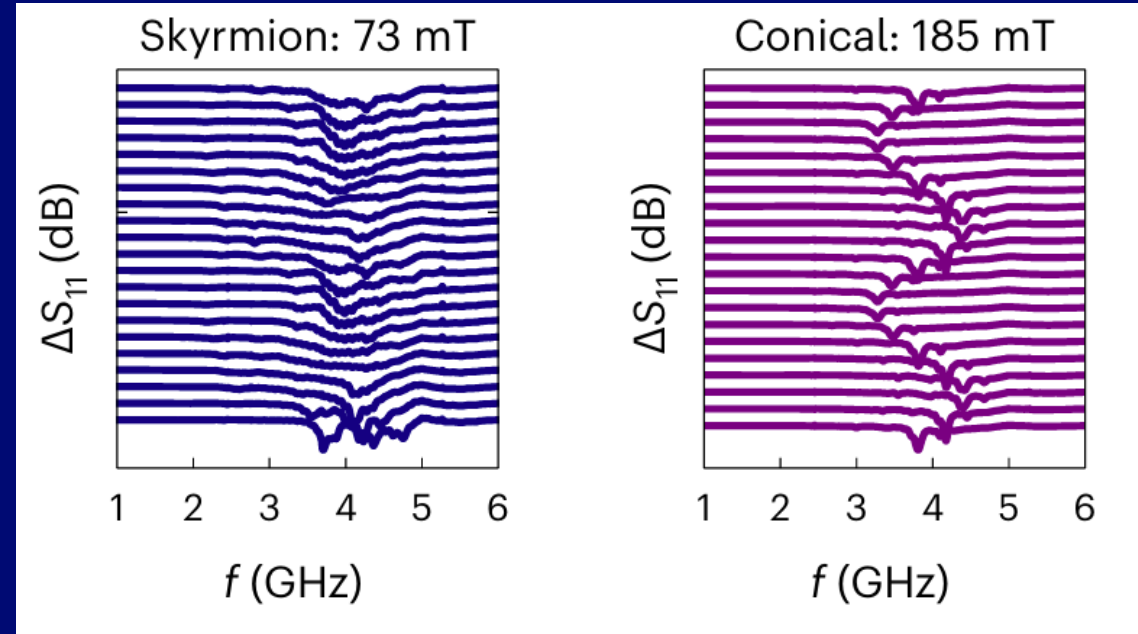
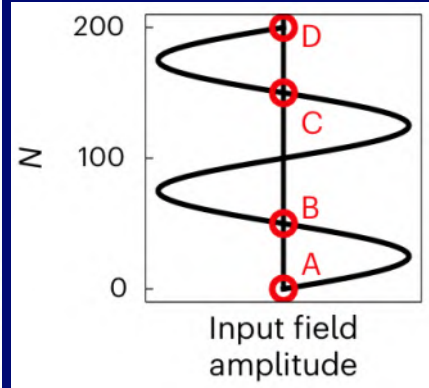
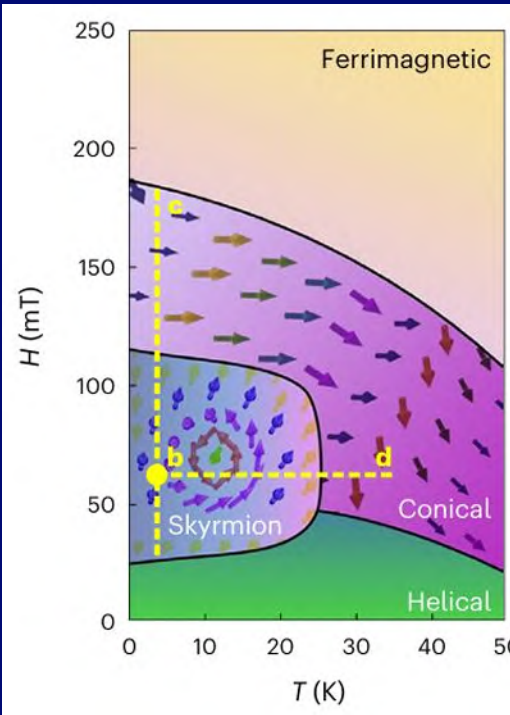
Slowly Growing Skyrmion state



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Mean-Field Skymion computing schemes

- Is it possible to exploit rich topological texture phase diagram for process



Strong
Memory

Nonlinear

nature materials

Article <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41563-023-01698-8>

Task-adaptive physical reservoir computing

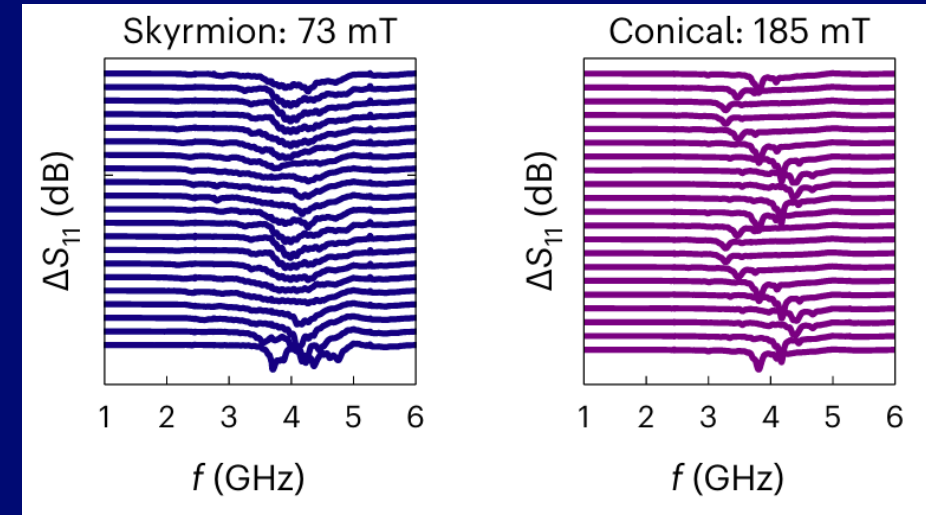
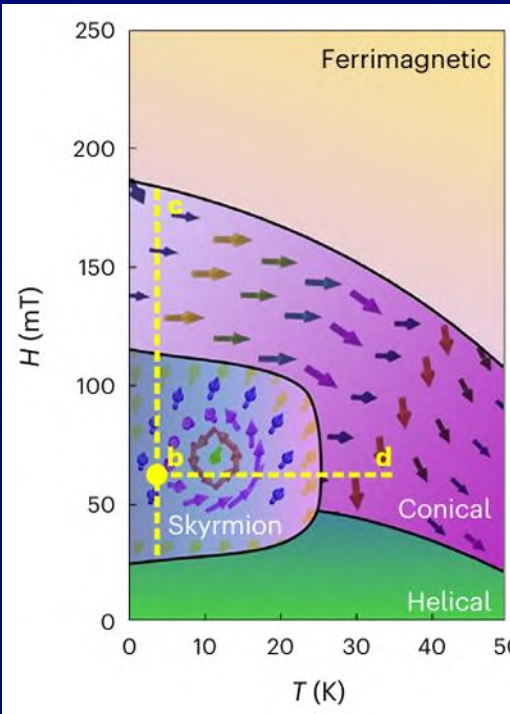
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Mean-Field Skymion computing schemes

- But how to compute?
- No control over individual textures



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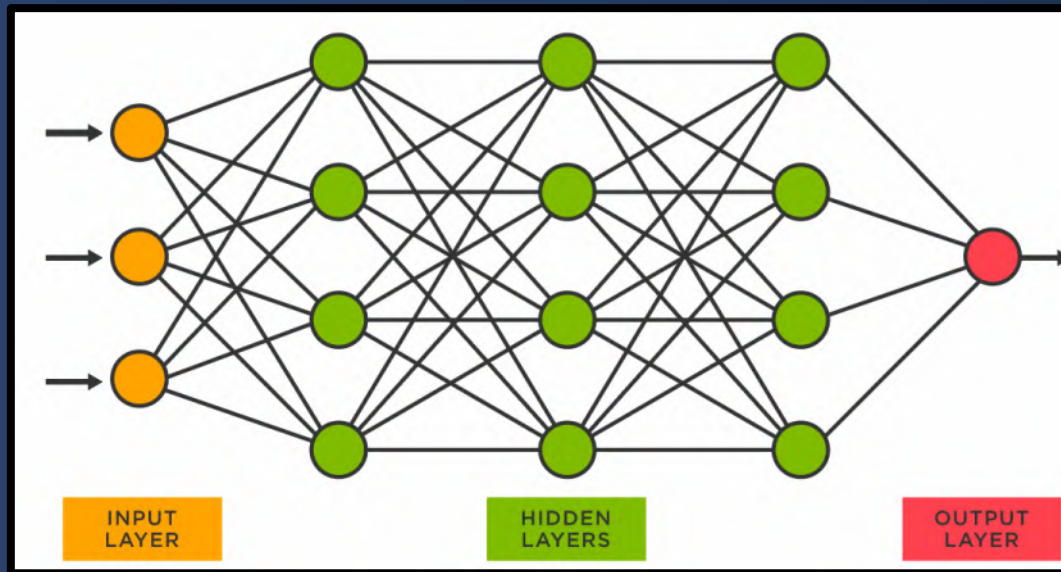
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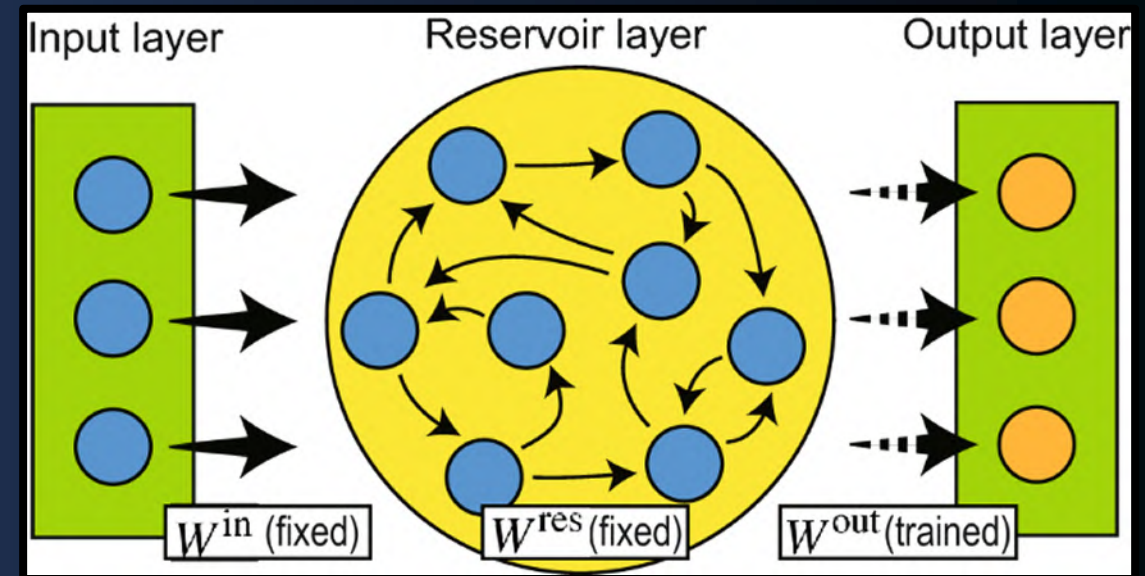
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Deep Neural Network



VS.

Reservoir Computing



1: energy-uk.org, towardsdatascience.com, OpenAI white paper (2019)

Field

**Topological
Magnetic Texture**

**Magnon
Spectra**

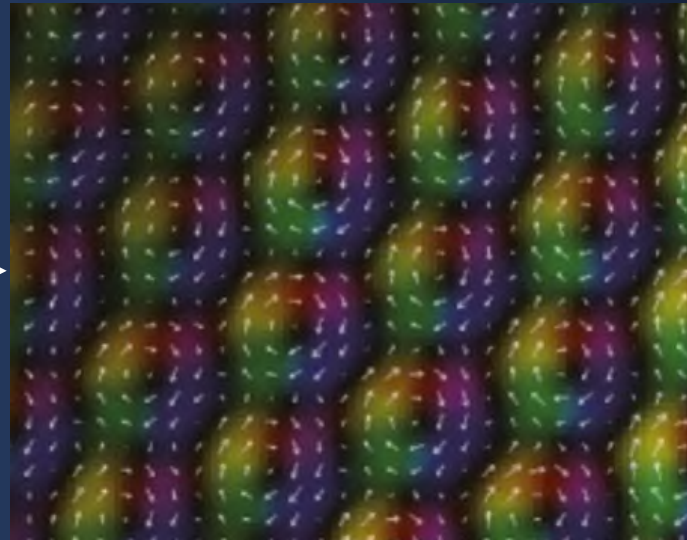
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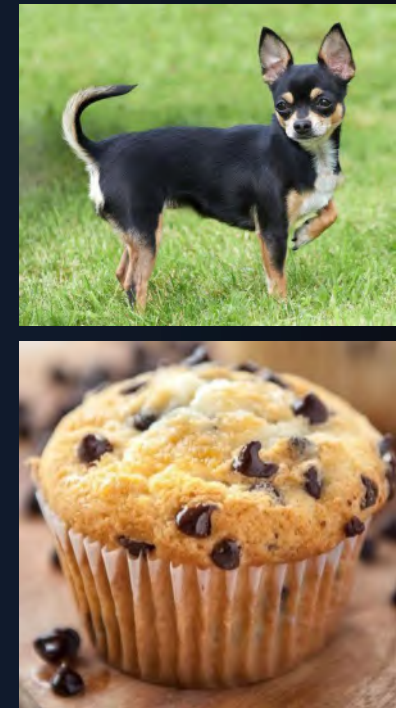
Input Problem:
Hard, nonlinear



Physical Reservoir
Configured to desired texture

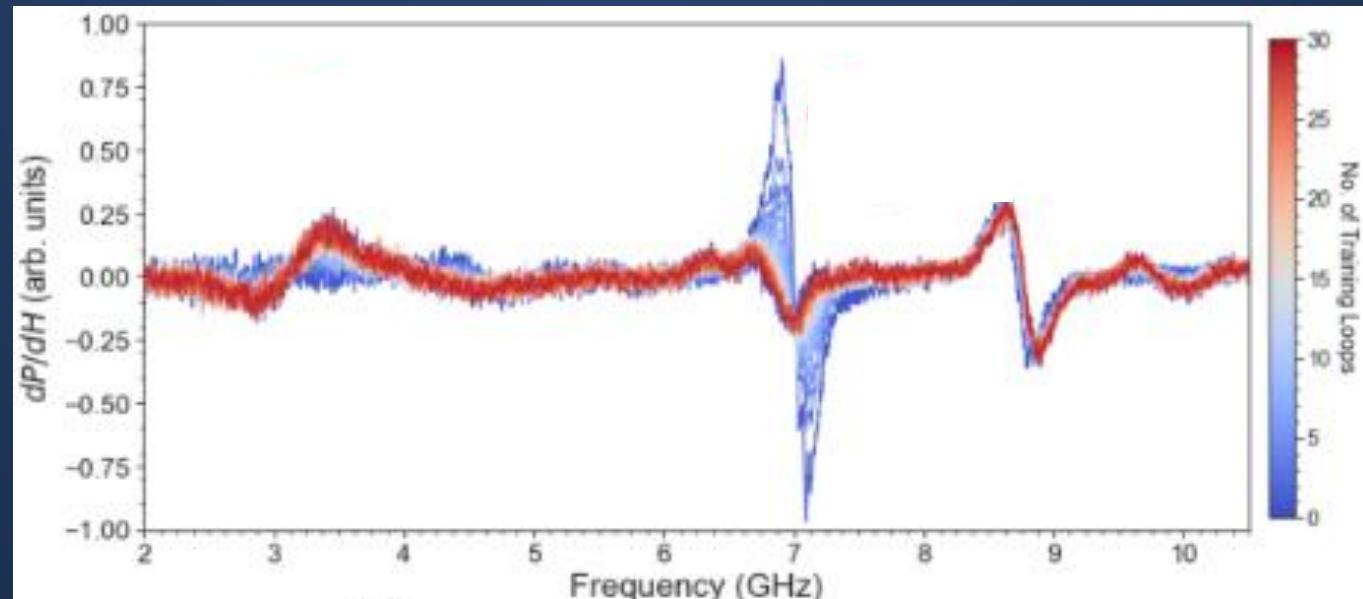


Output Problem
Simple, linear



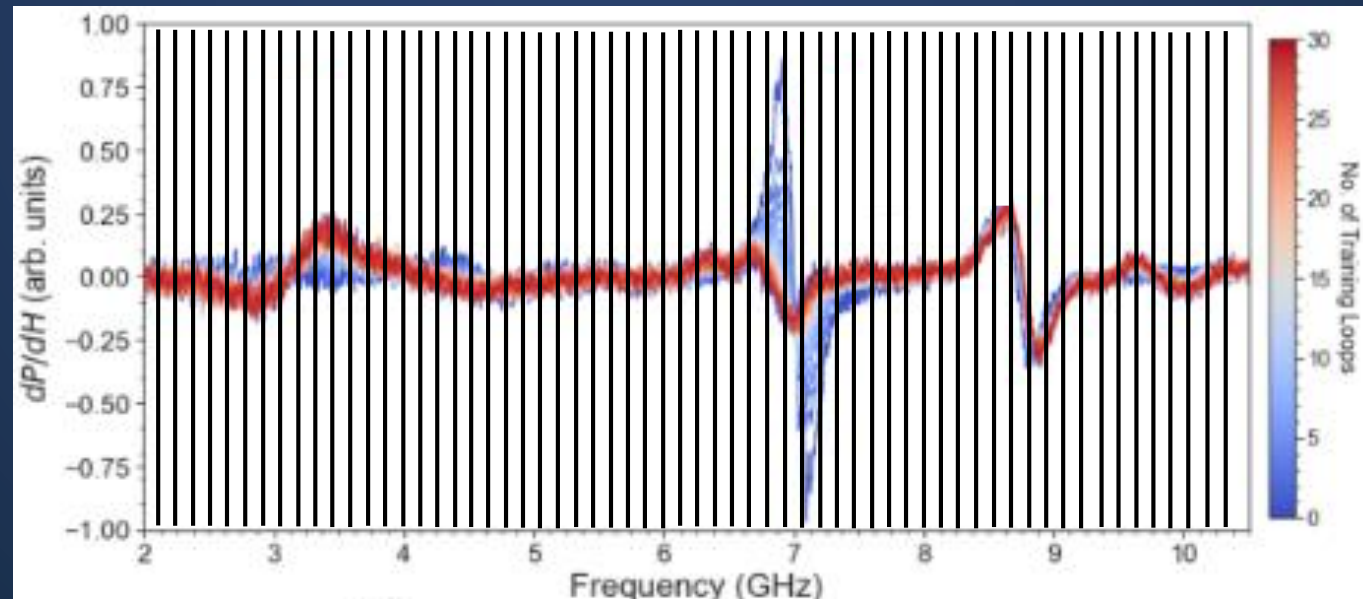
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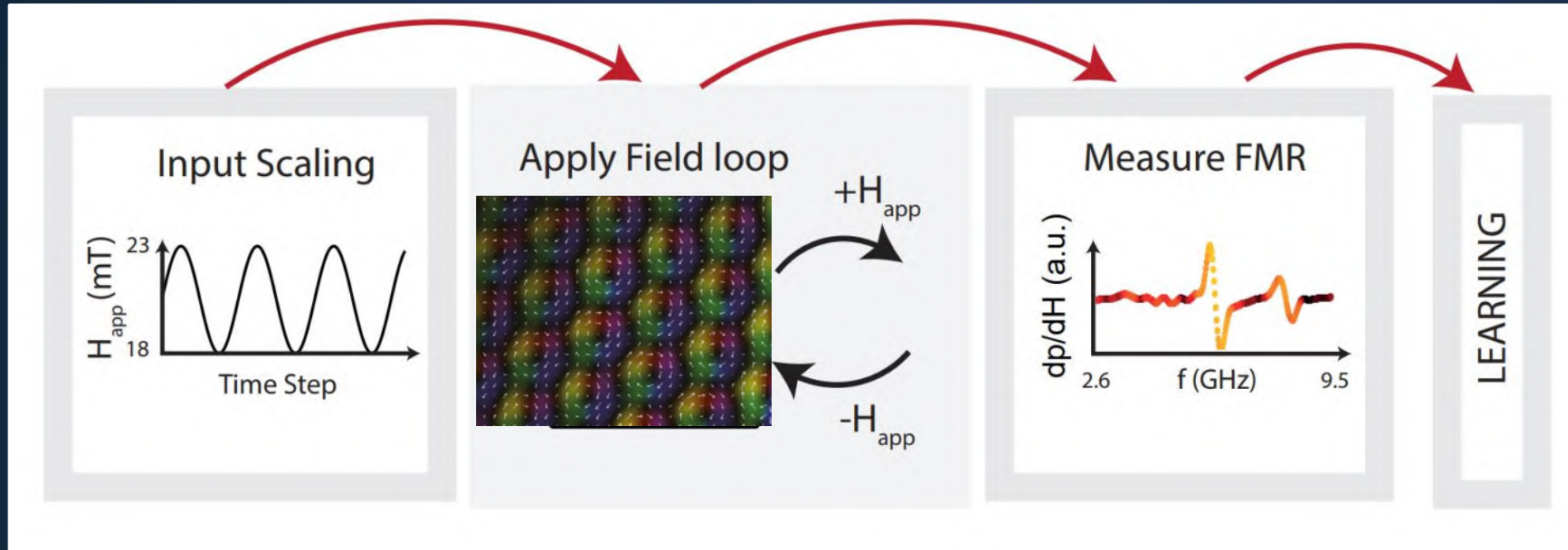


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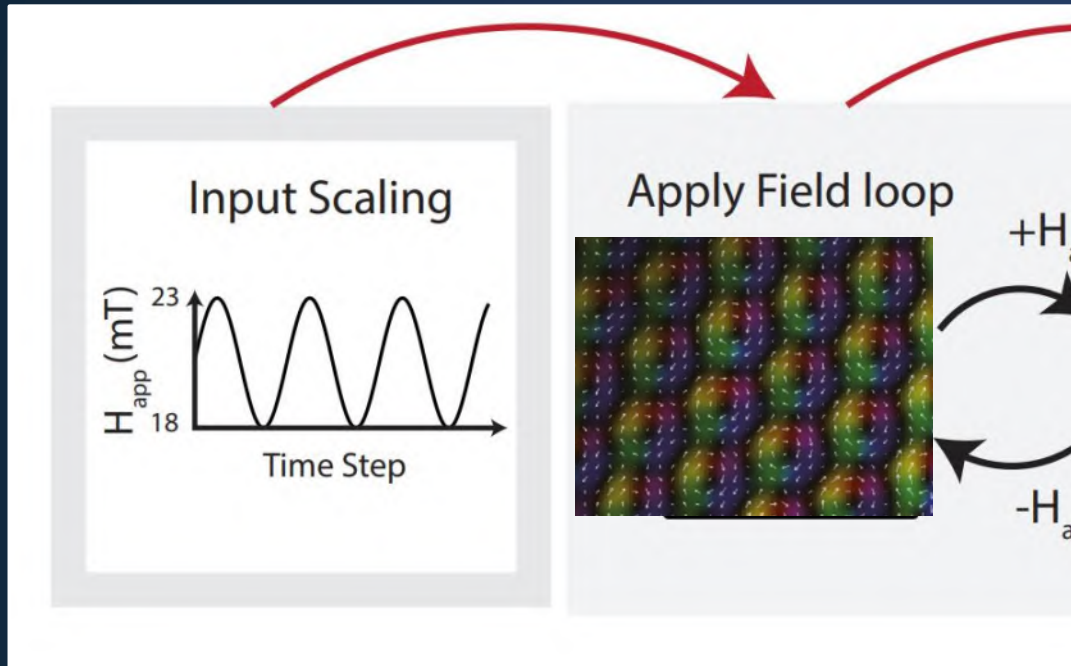
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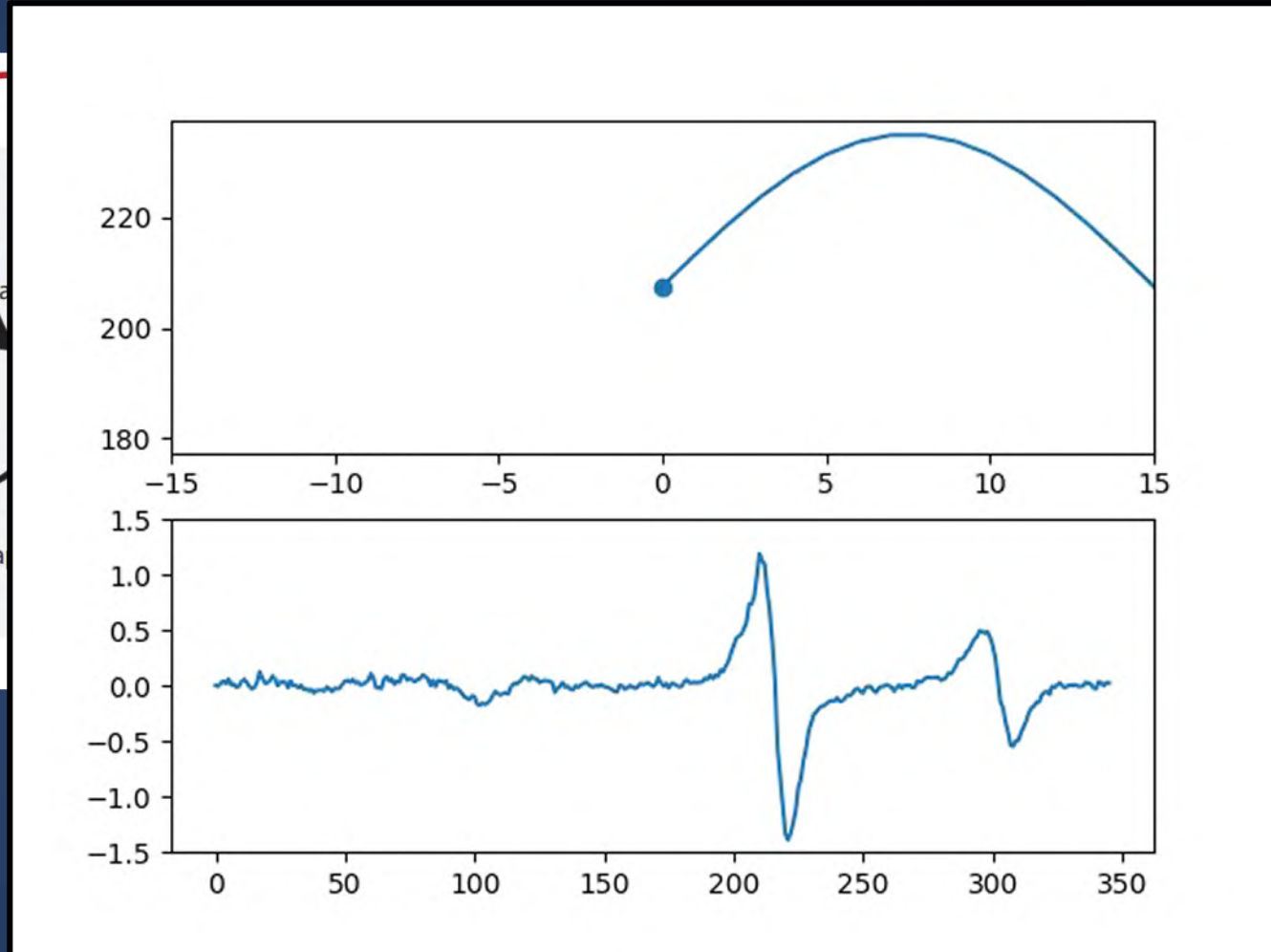
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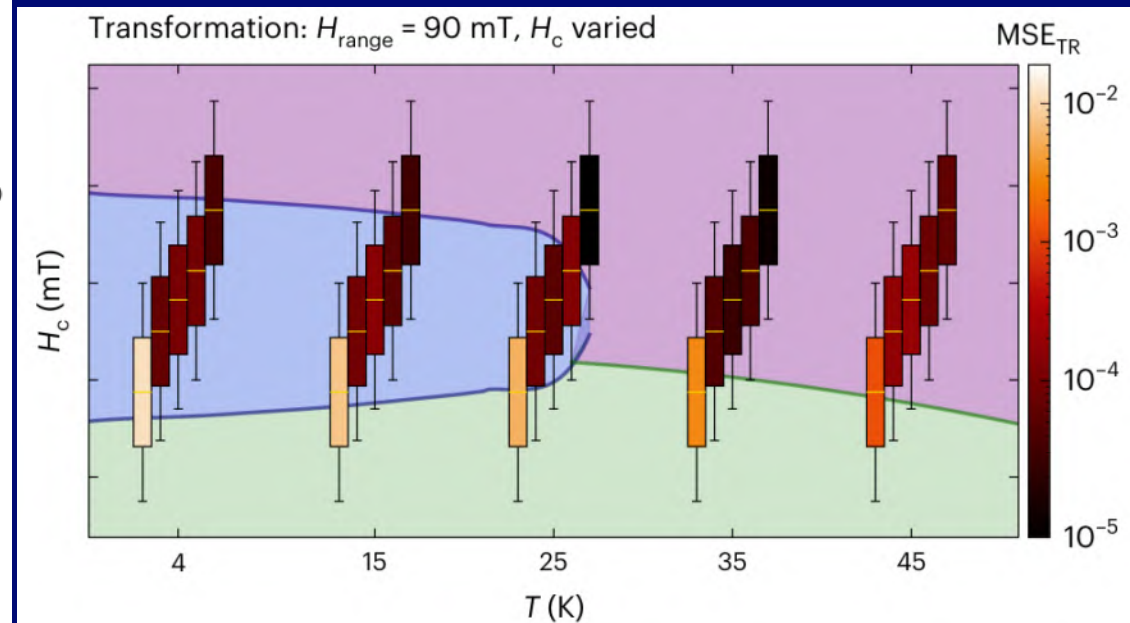
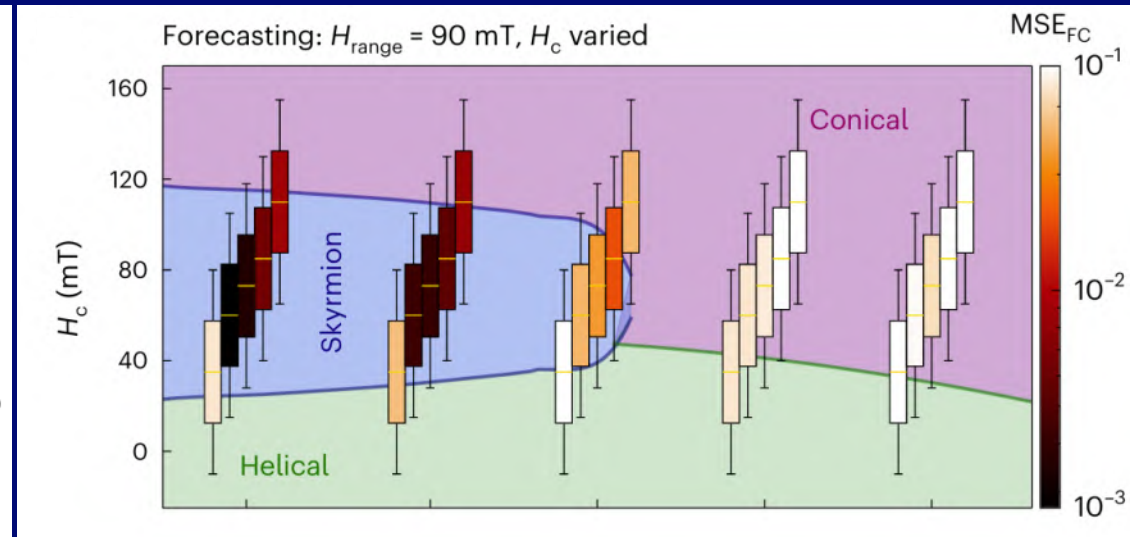
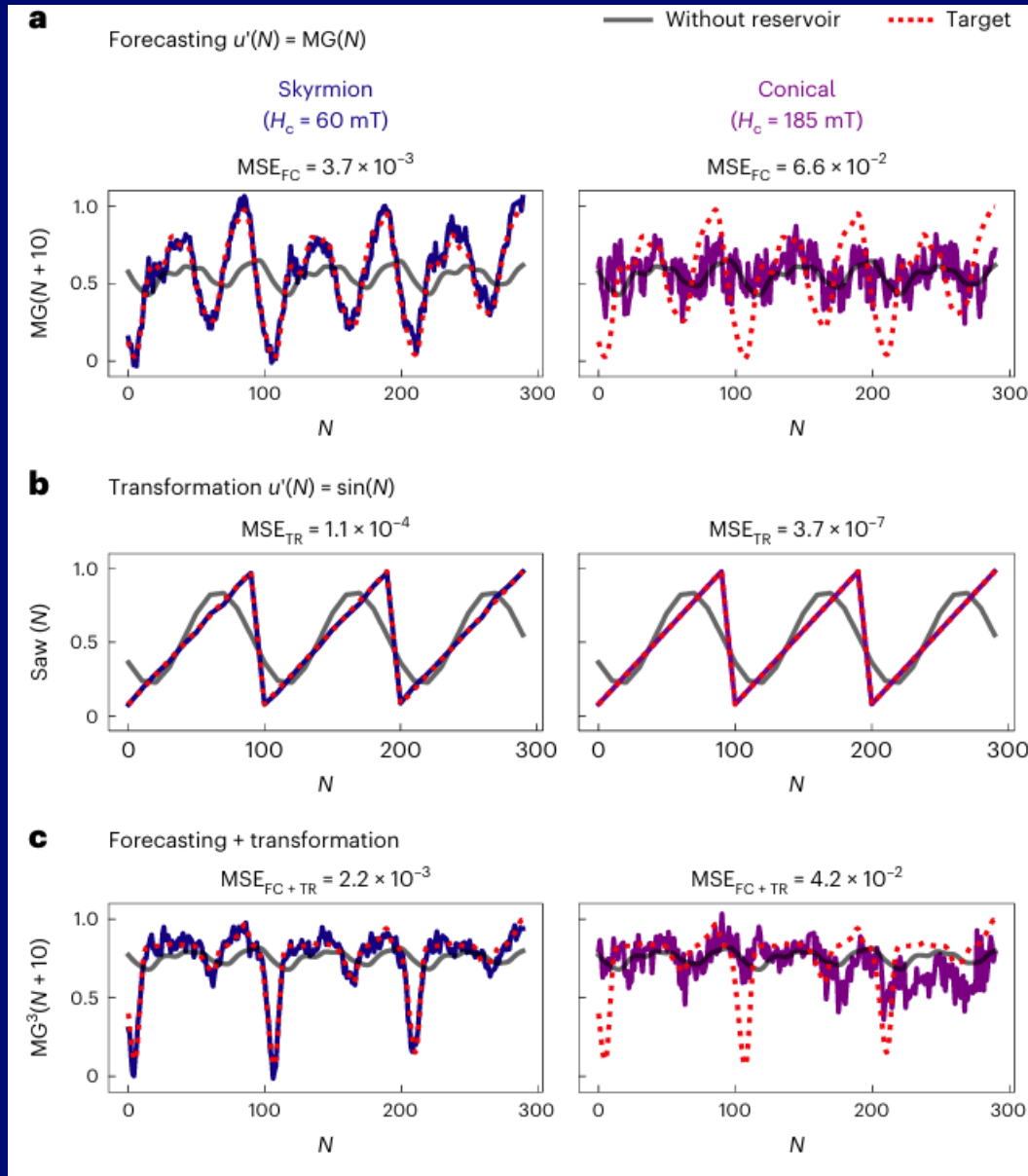
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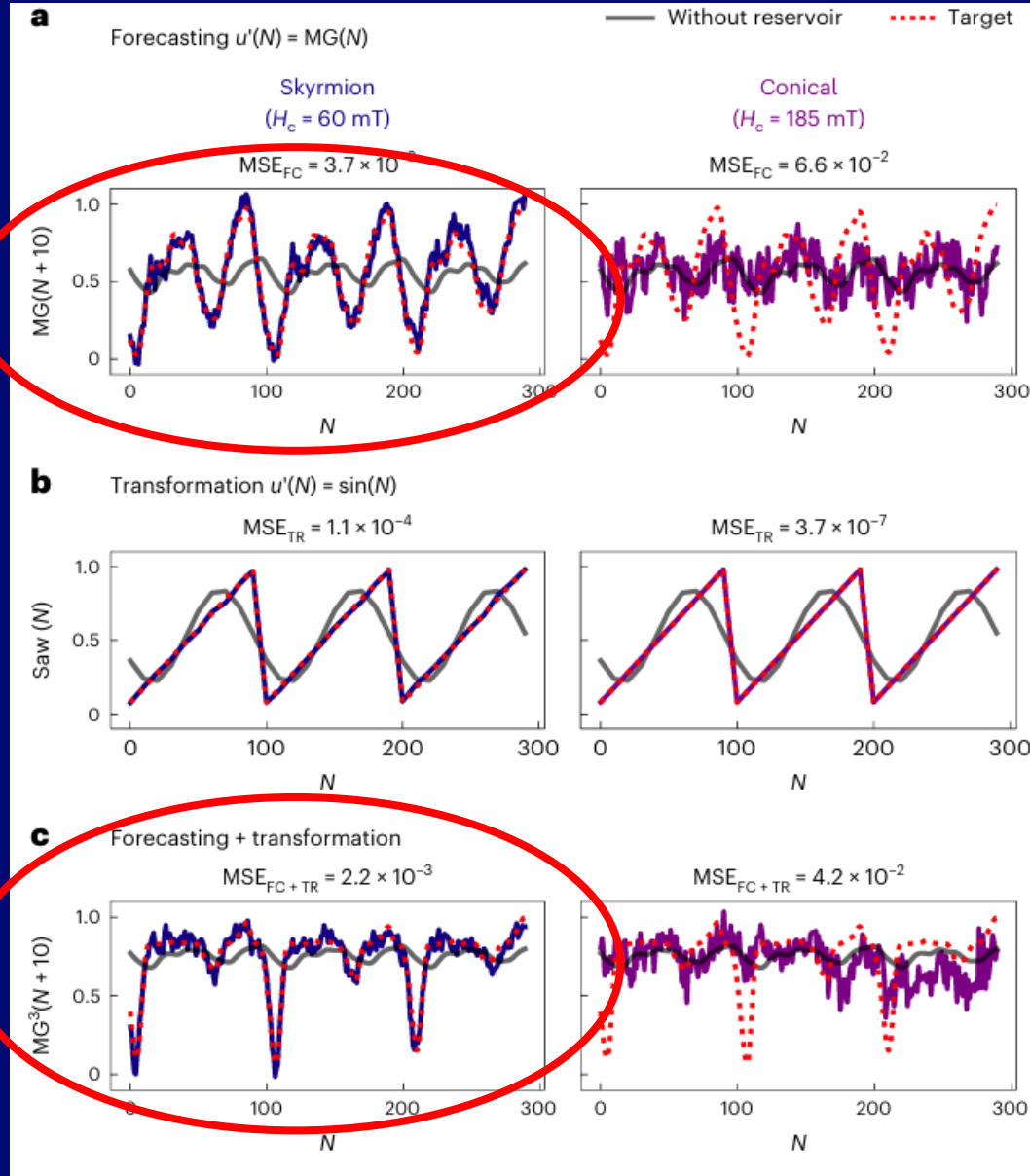
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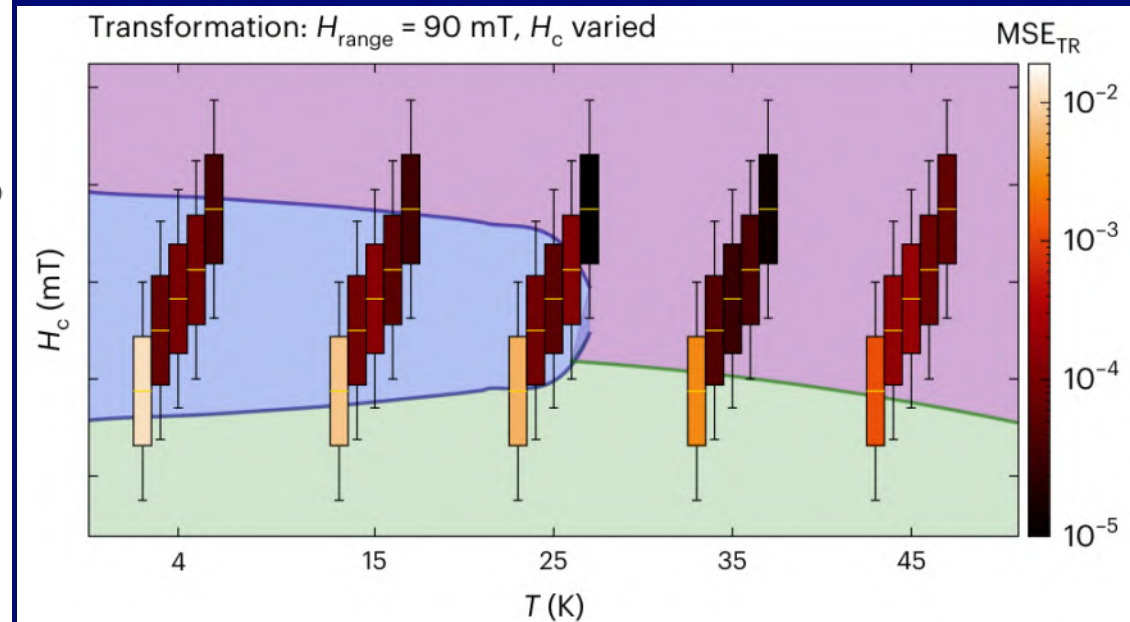
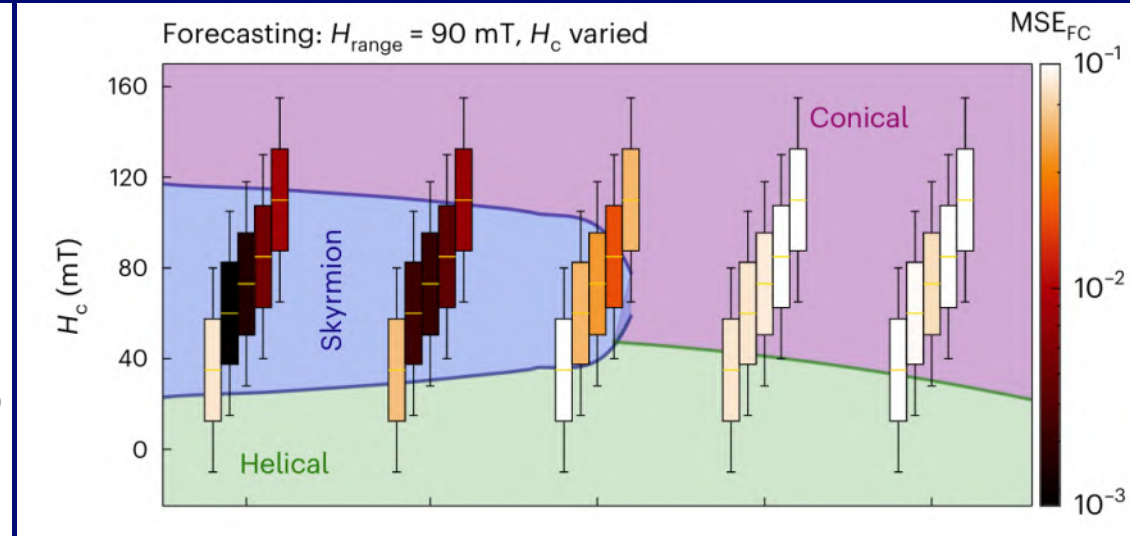
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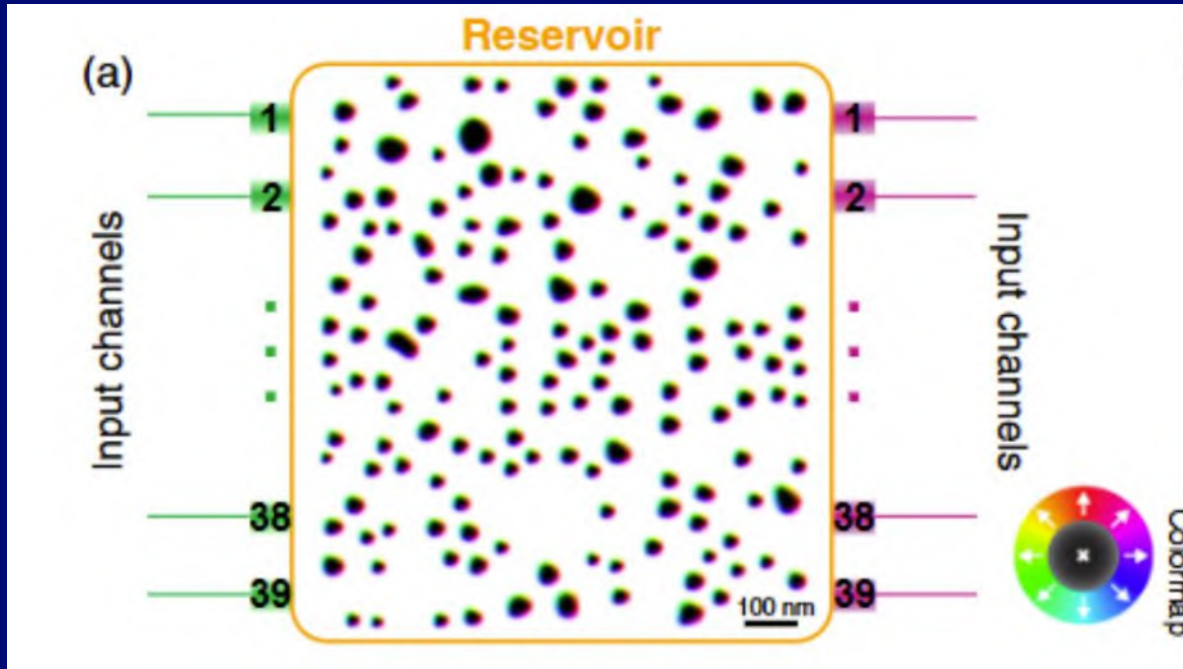
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Need Skymions
for memory!

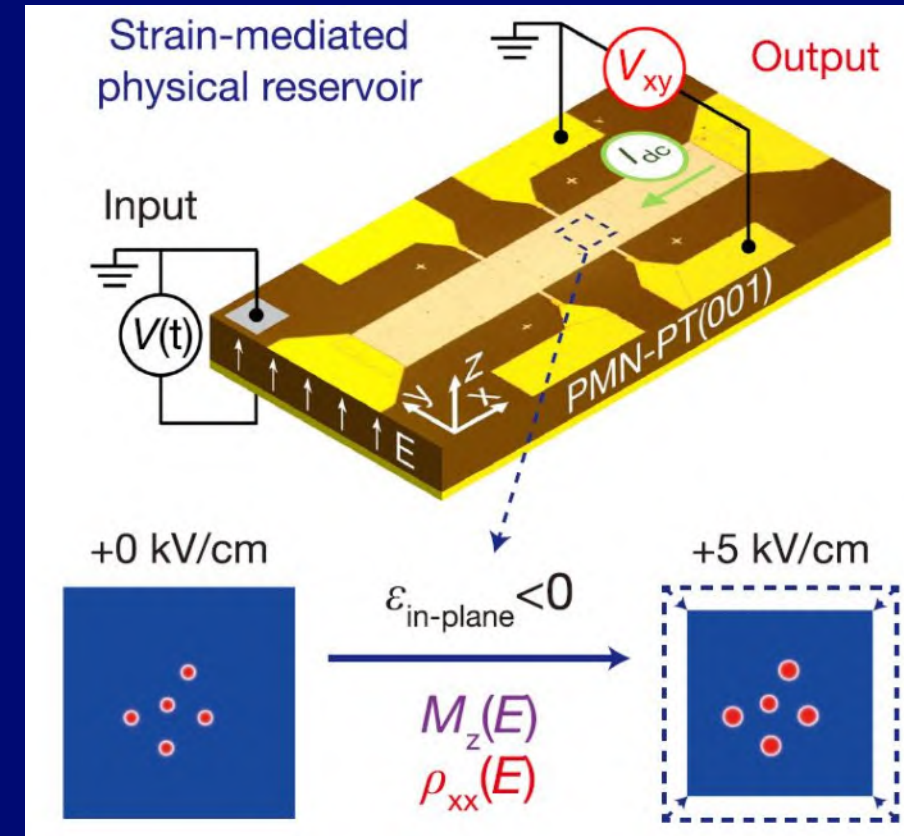


Many Reservoir schemes – Simulation & experiment



Simulation – shows benefit of large number of input channels

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50 fJ per operation

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Nice range of recent reviews

REVIEW

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Perspective

Topological magnetic and ferroelectric systems for reservoir computing

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Physics for neuromorphic computing

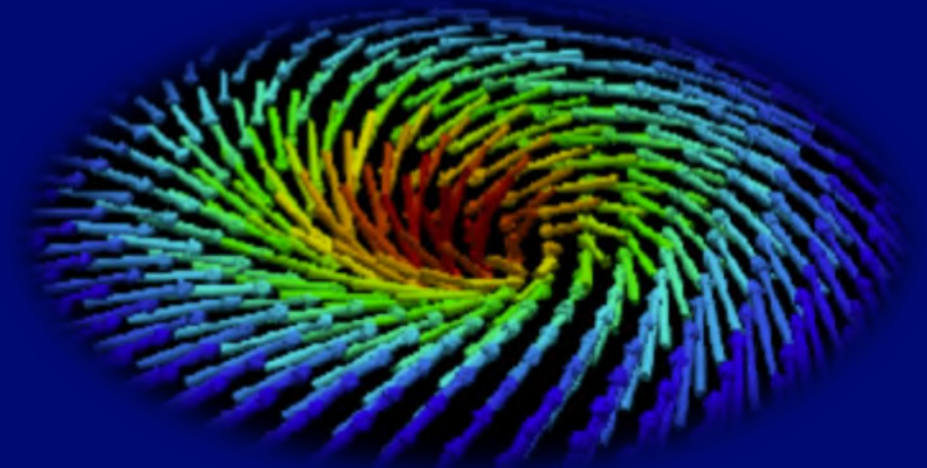
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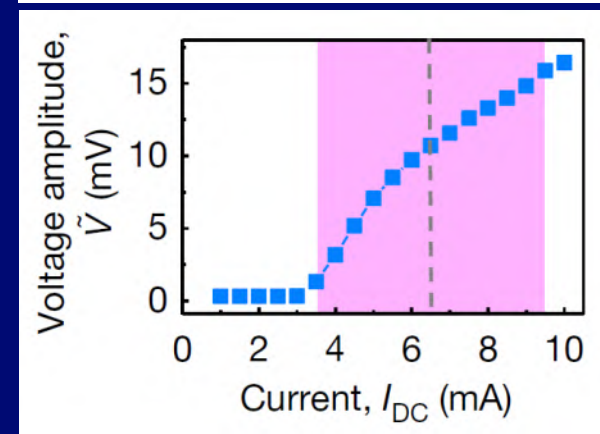
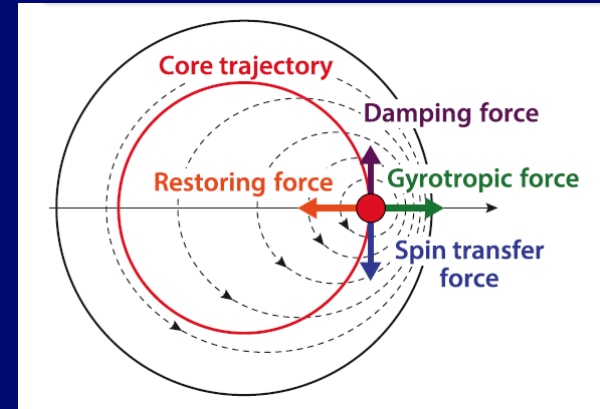
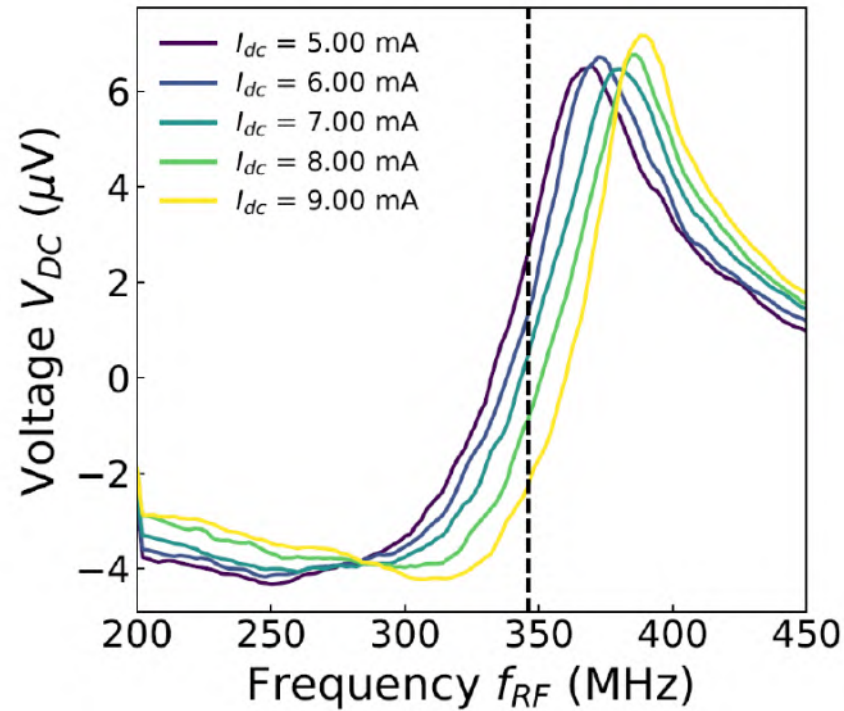
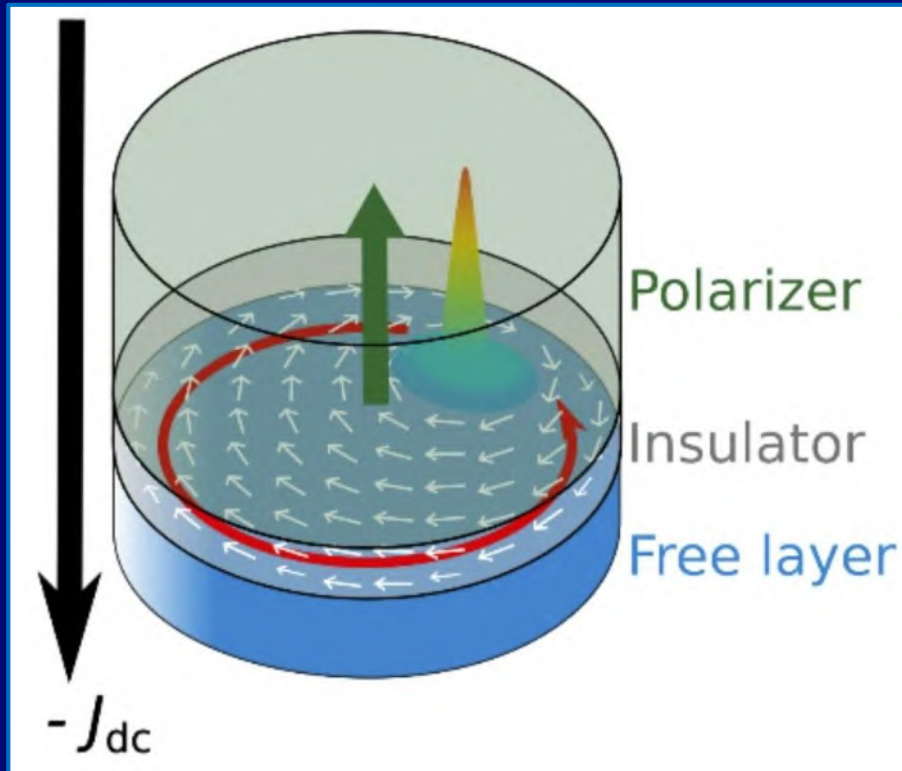
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We've seen:

- Precise control - still some distance from full device
- Reservoir computing which solves tasks, but lacks fine control. Some reconfigurability but limited
- What about a middle ground?
 - Can we have fine control, and actual computation?
 - Let's look at **vortex oscillators**



Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators



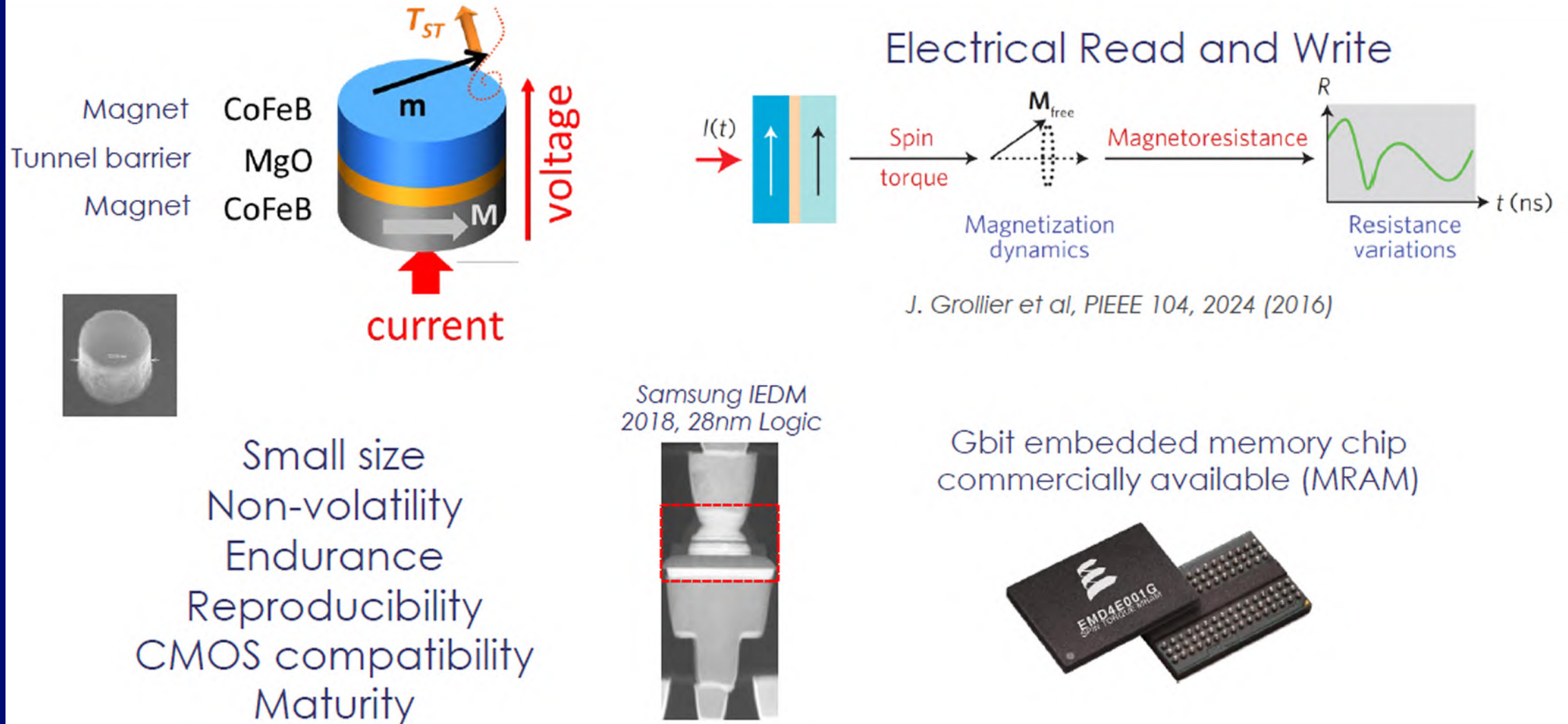
- **Good:** Low linewidth, low input current (mA), relatively high RF power (uW)
 - Nonlinear/threshold input response
- **Less good** Poor upper frequency output (typically 100s MHz to low GHz)

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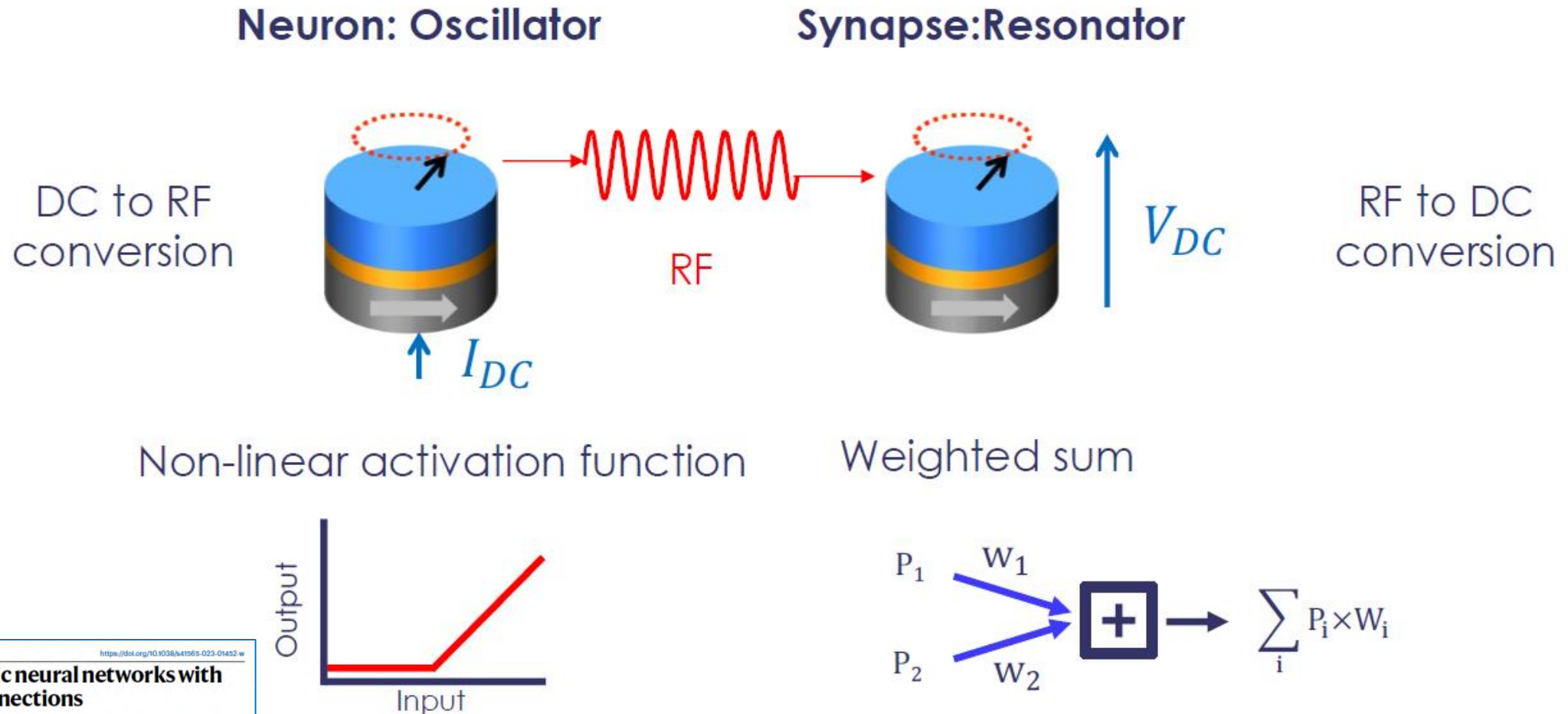
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The Magnetic Tunnel Junction: multifunctional mature technology



Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators – Neurons and Synapses

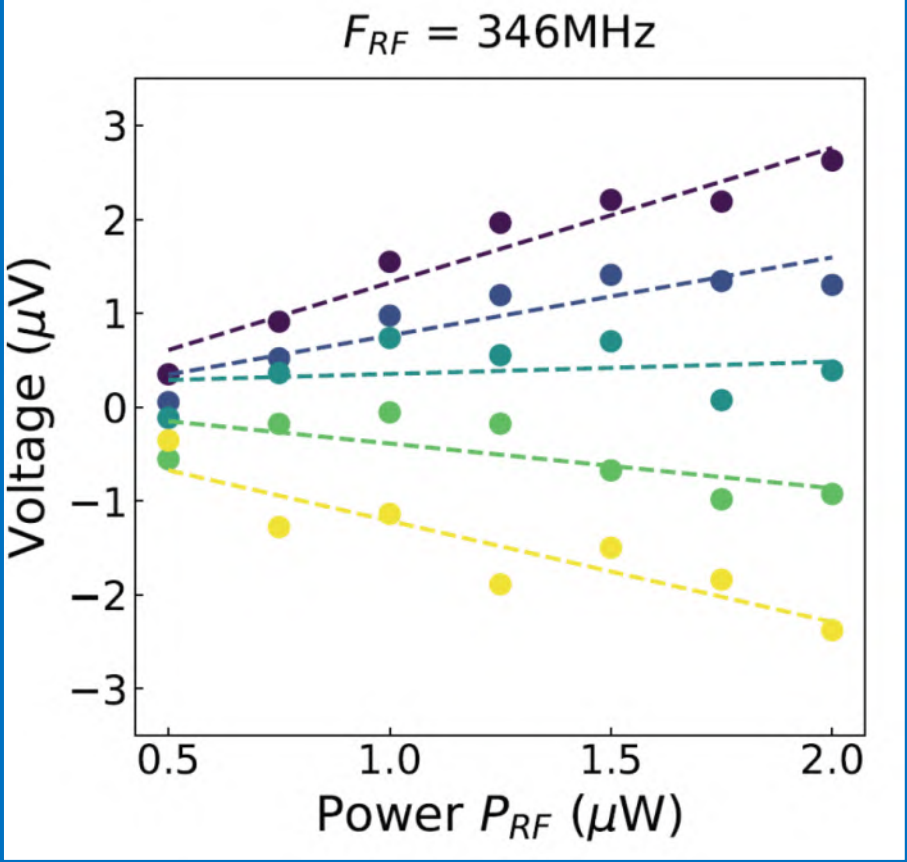
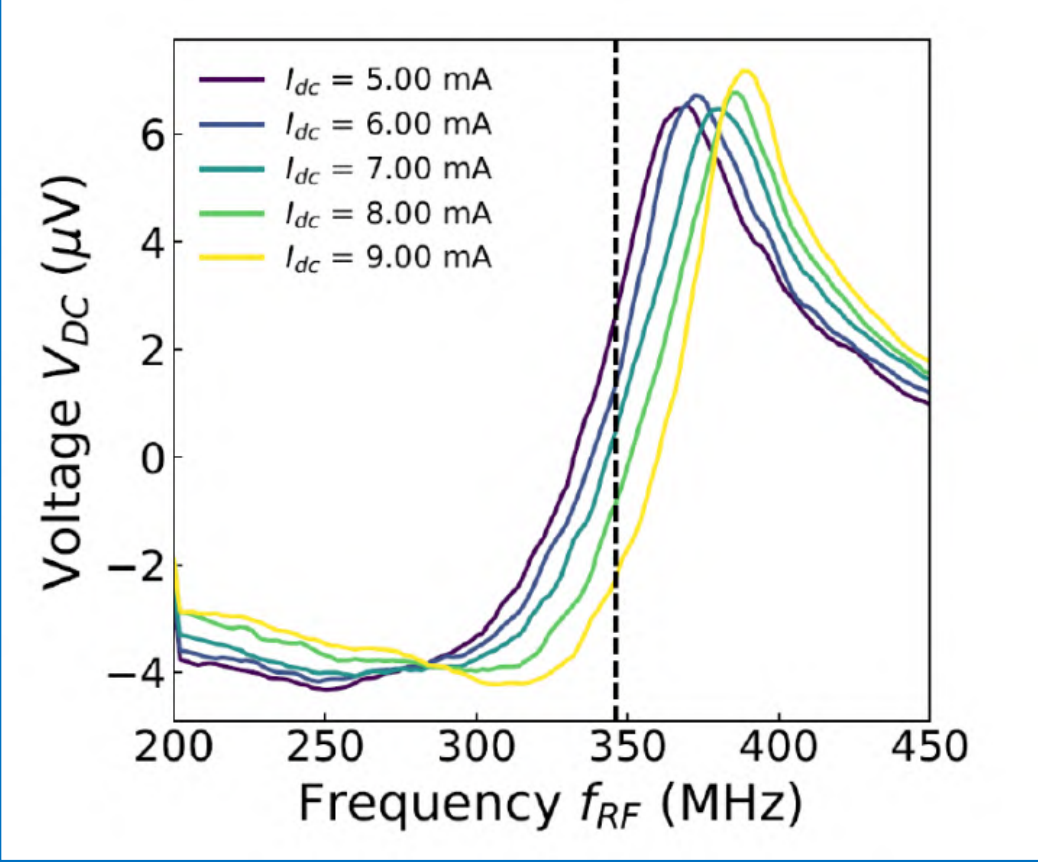
DC to RF (spin torque) and RF to DC (spin diode effect) allows bidirectional conversion



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Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators – Synapses



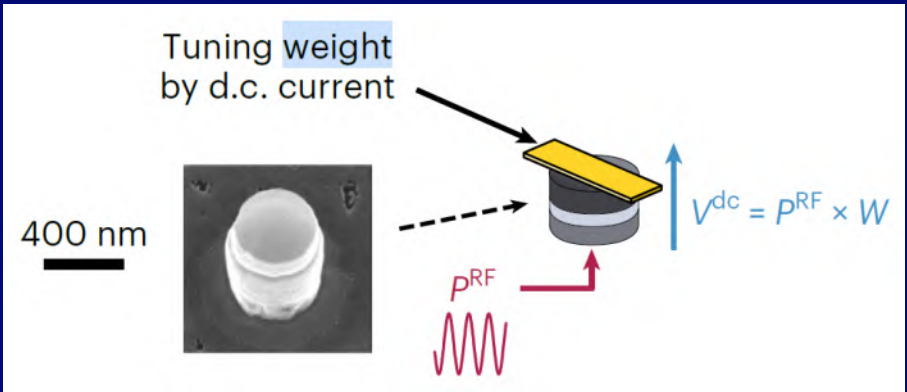
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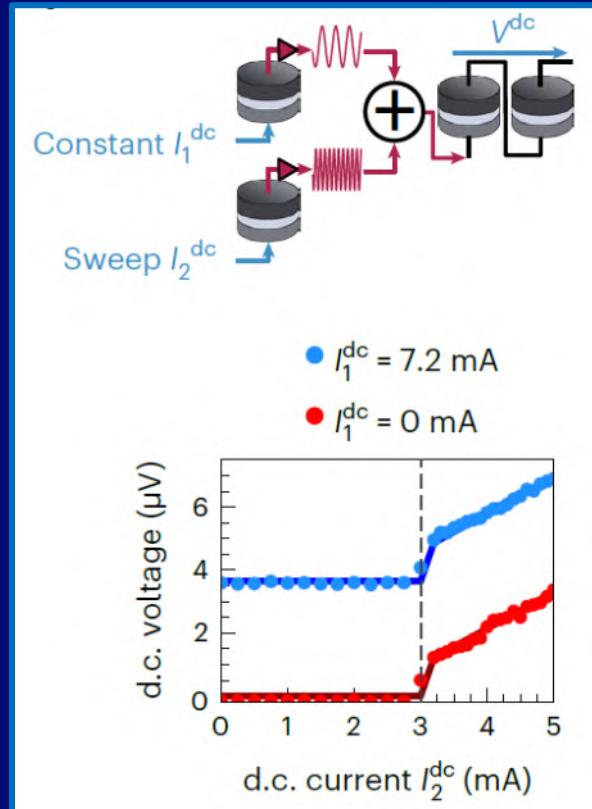
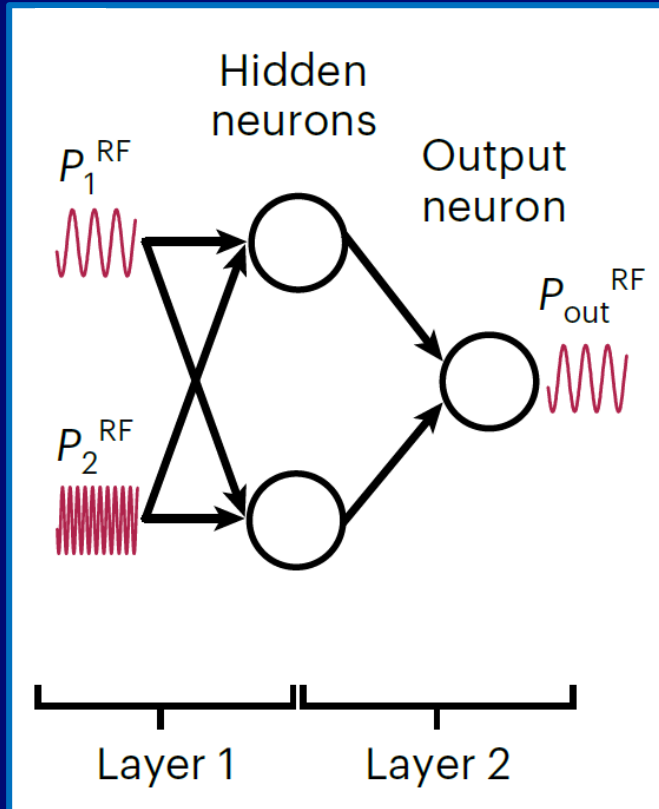
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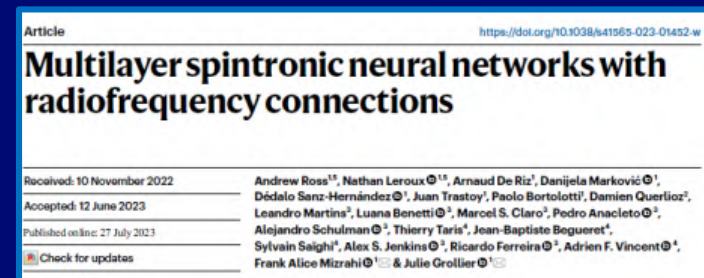
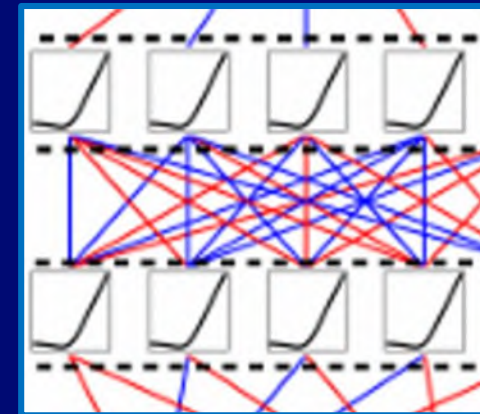
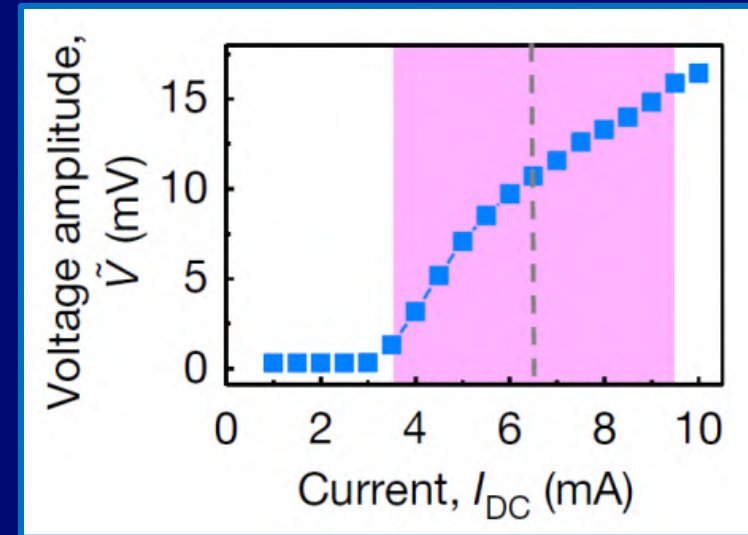
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Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators – Neurons



Nice threshold/ReLU style nonlinearity:

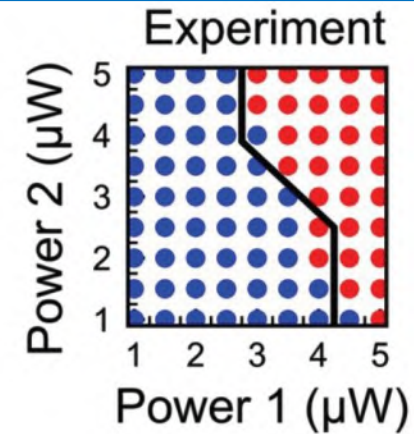
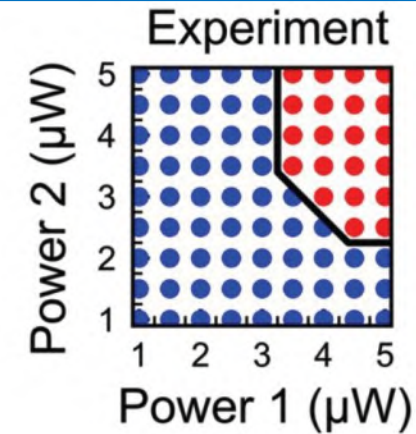
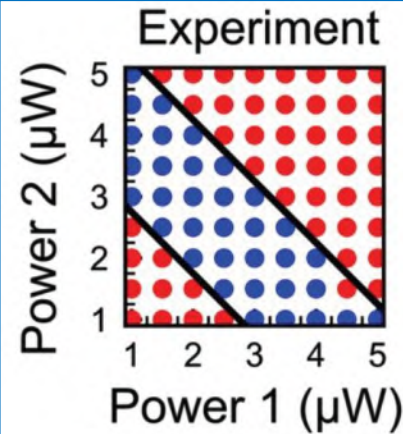
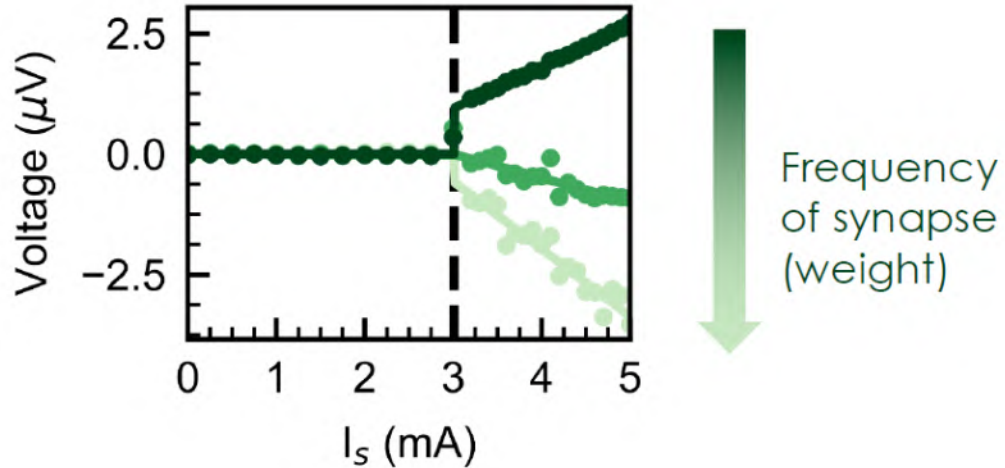
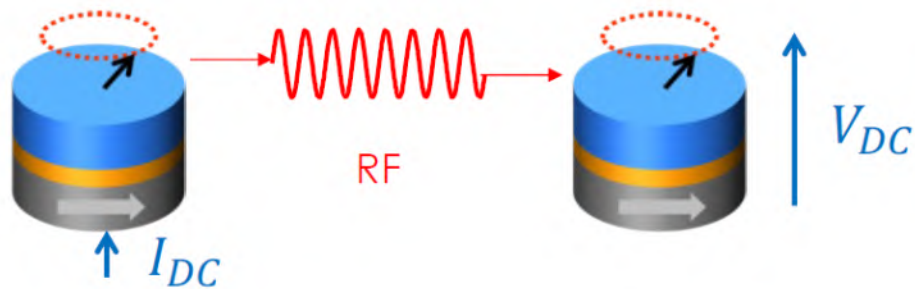


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Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators – Neurons & Synapse together

Oscillator Neuron

Resonator Synapse

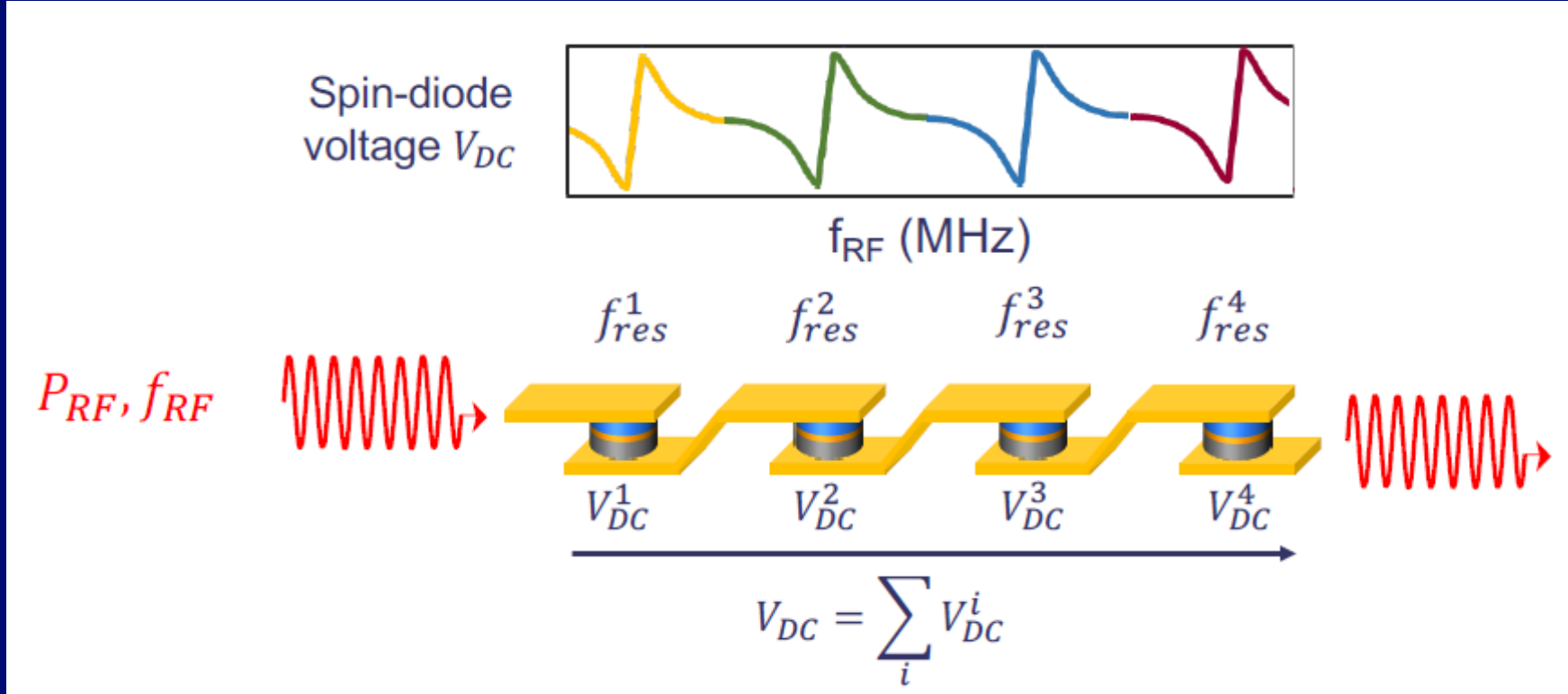


Each task: different set of weights

● $P_{out} = 0$
● $P_{out} \neq 0$

97.7 % accuracy

Spin-Torque Vortex Oscillators – Challenges



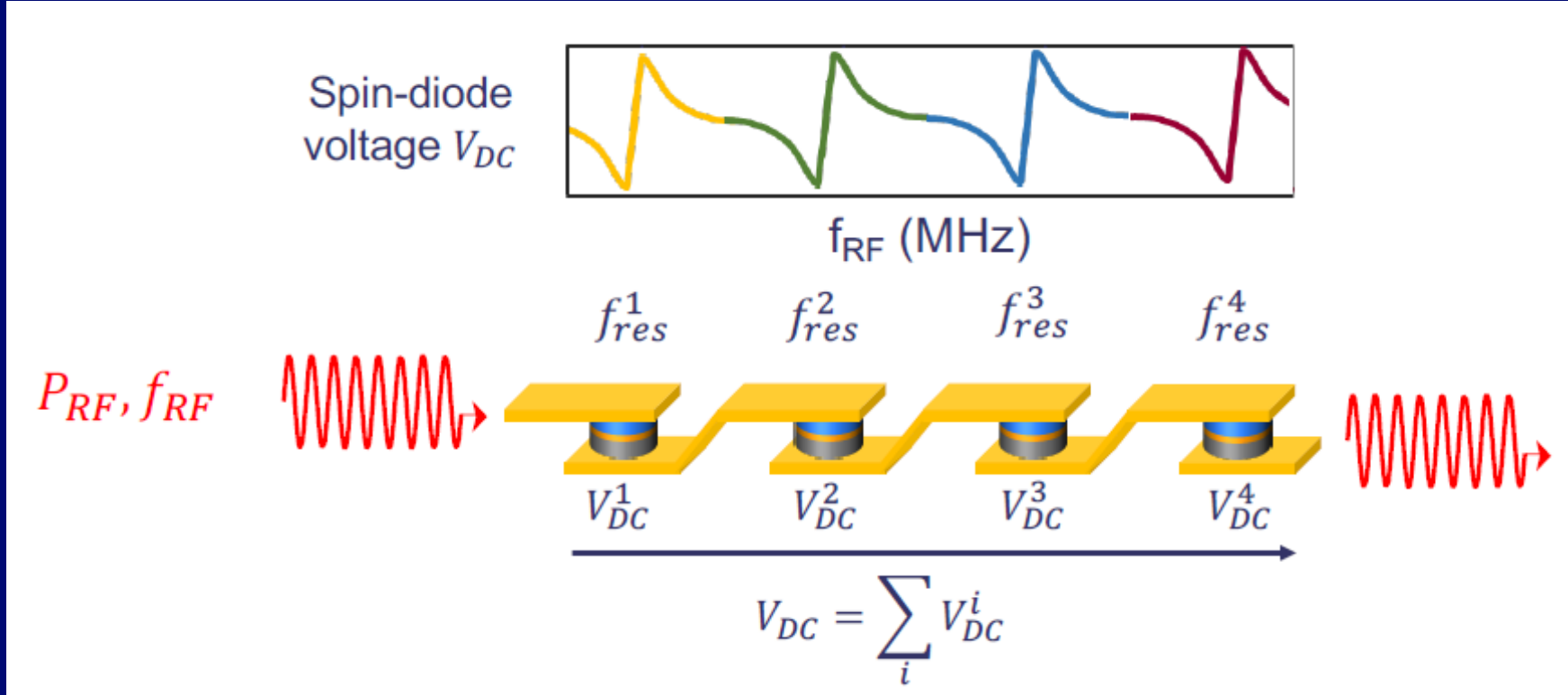
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Only 3 neurons... Far from device scale

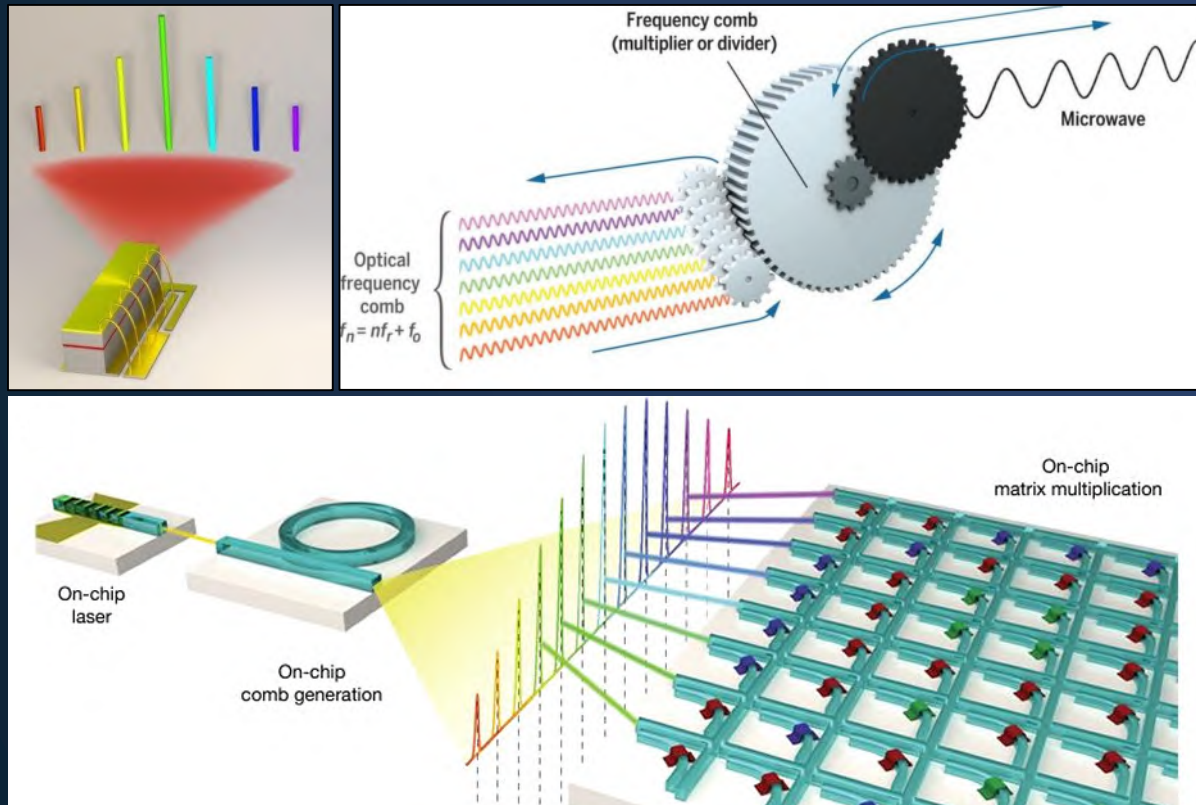
We've seen:

- **Great scheme!**
 - Excellent control
 - Nonlinearity, Synaptic weights
 - Challenge around number of available frequency channels
- Can magnetic textures & magnonics offer solutions?

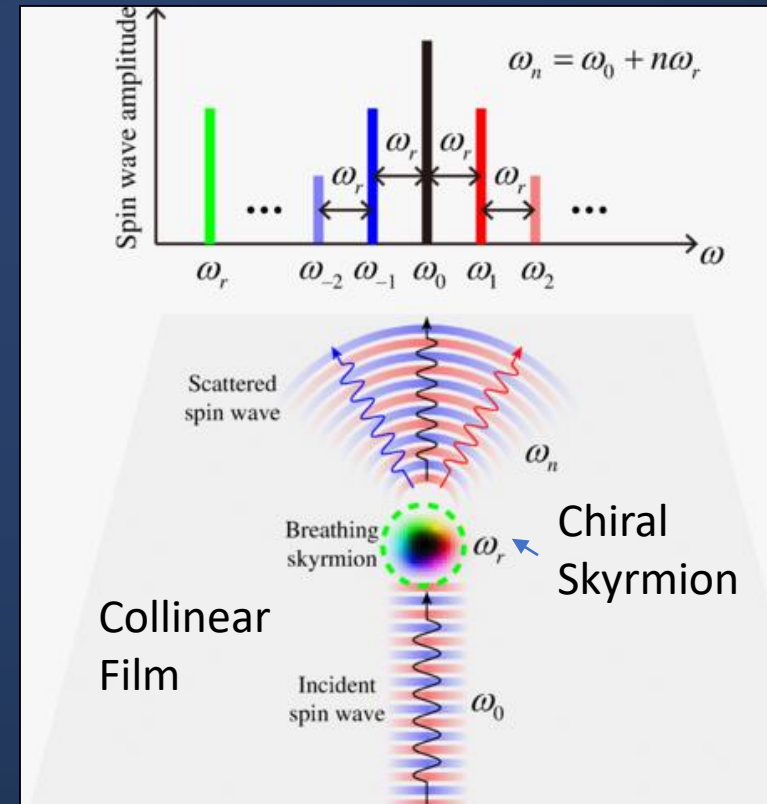
Magnon Frequency Comb

- Optical frequency combs create new modes by coupling microwaves to lasing modes
- Many magnetic device schemes demand more frequency channels/parallelization - **magnetic 'magnon' frequency combs?**
- One theoretical proposal: Couple chiral magnetism to collinear magnetism

Optical Combs: Metrology, Computing



Magnon Comb?

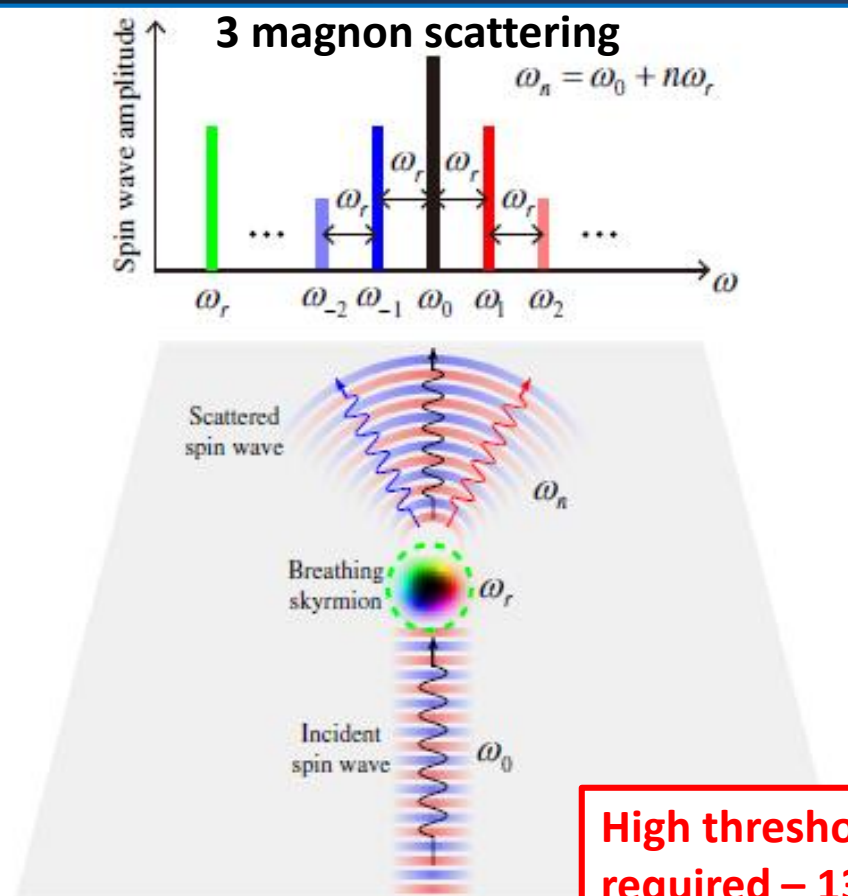


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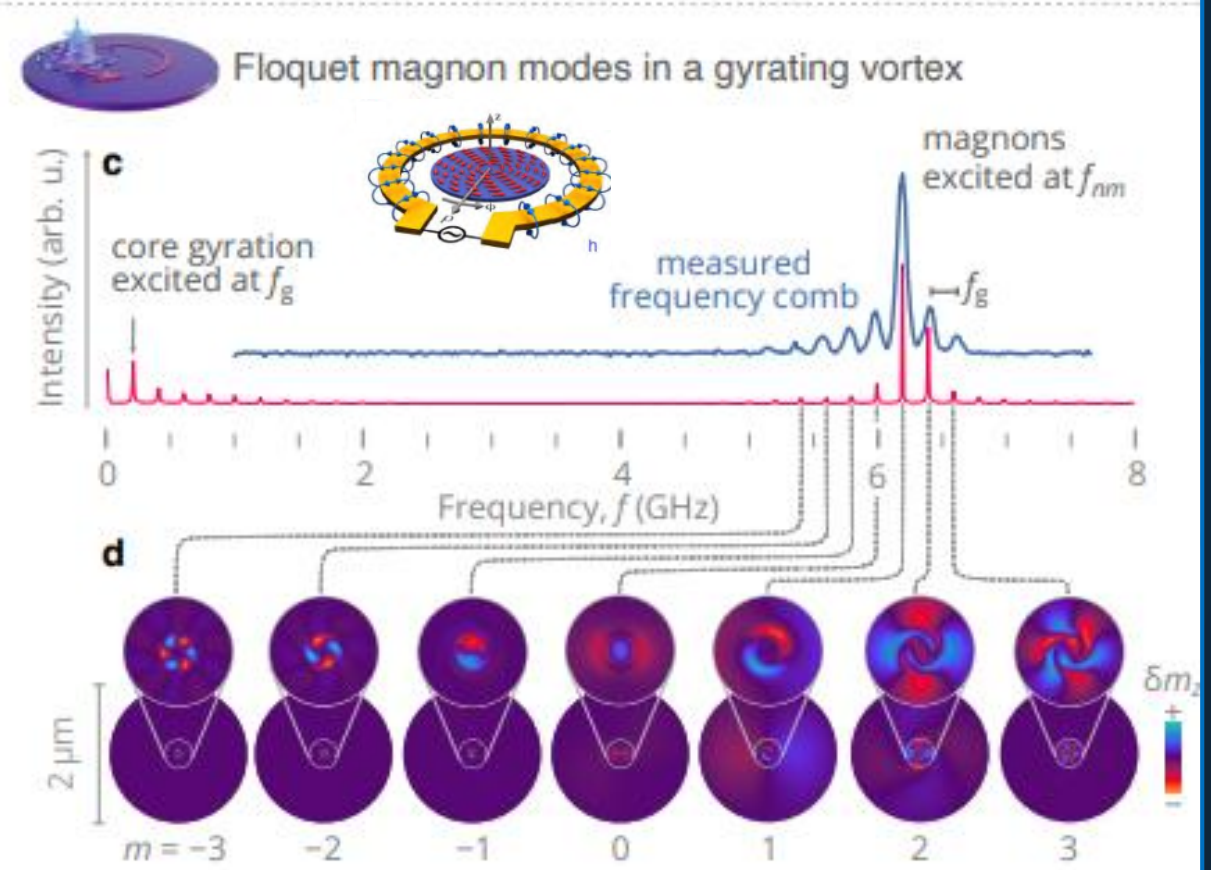
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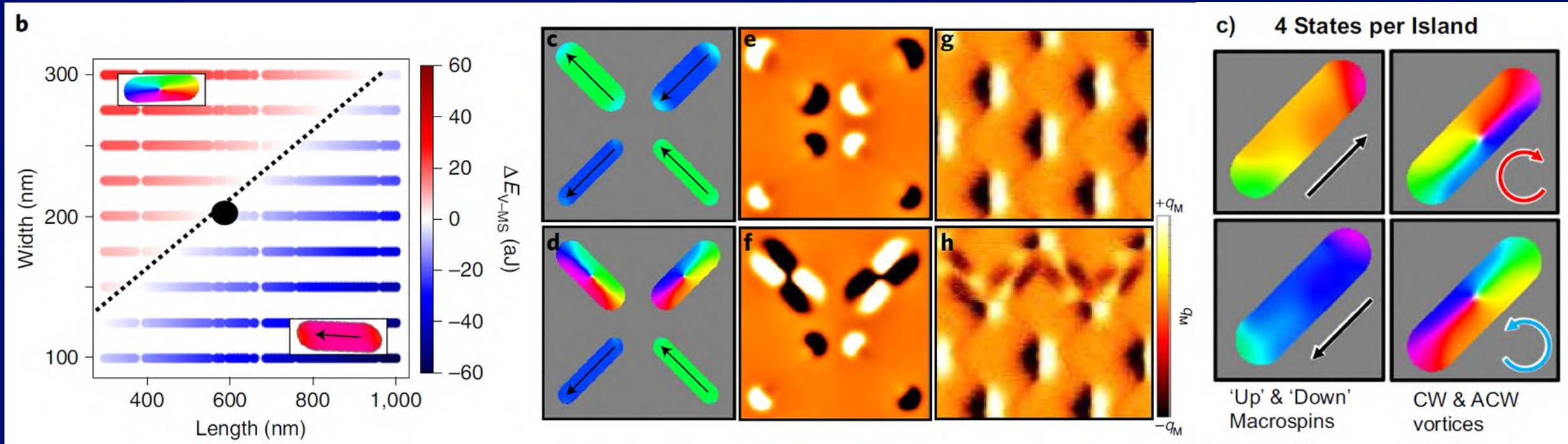
High threshold RF field
required – 130 mT

Self-induced Floquet magnons in magnetic vortices

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Magnetic Metamaterials with Reconfigurable Textures:

'Multistable' Nanostructures – Vortex or Macrospin, tunable:

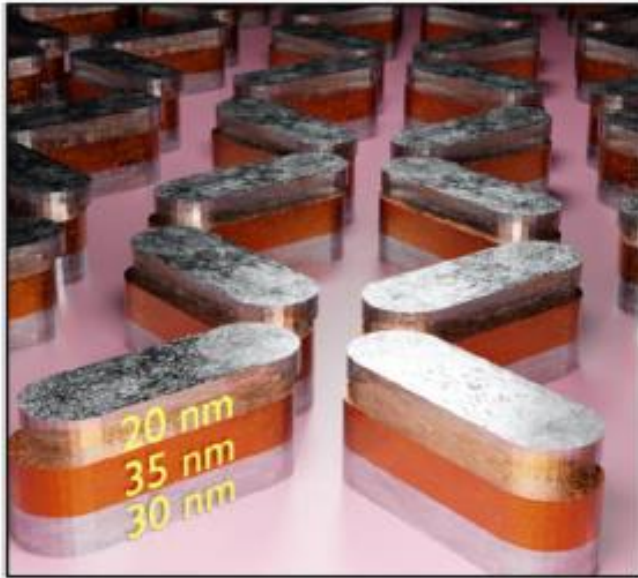


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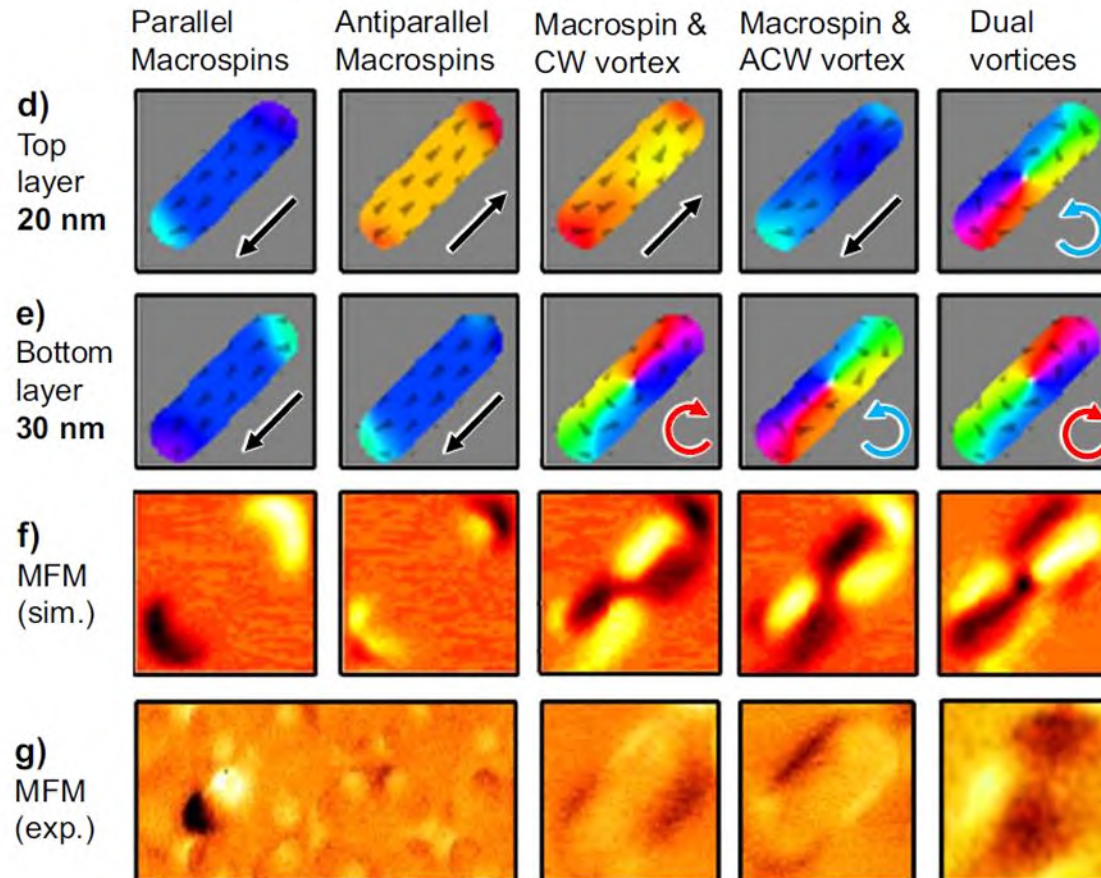
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a) 3D ASVI Schematic



3D Inter-layer State Combinations

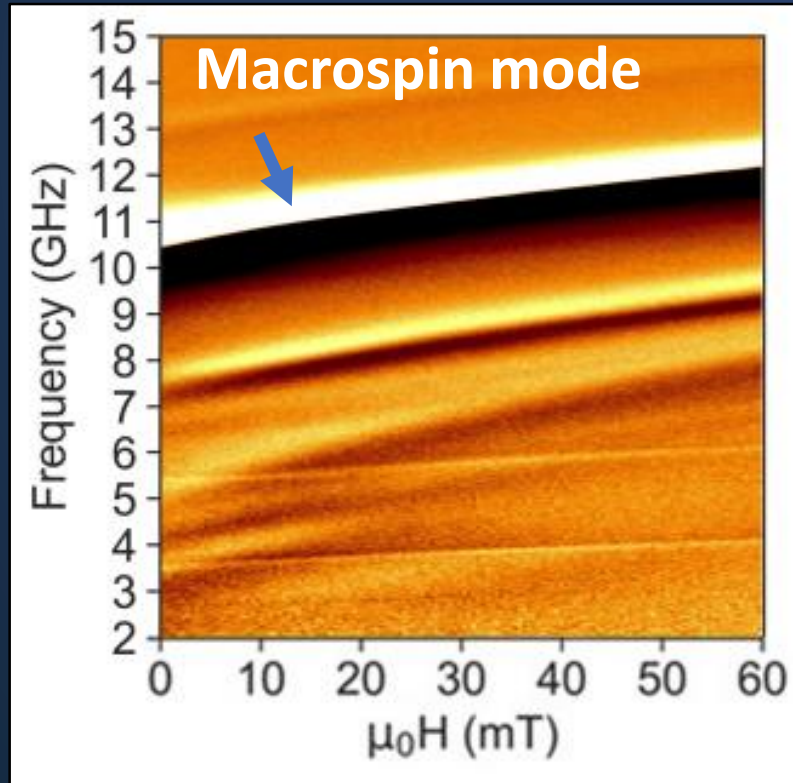


Stack dipolar coupled layers: 16 states per island

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Magnon Frequency Comb

- We can do it!
- Couple chiral vortex to collinear macrospin
- Observe **many new modes**
- Evenly spaced (550 MHz)
- Following main macrospin mode in frequency

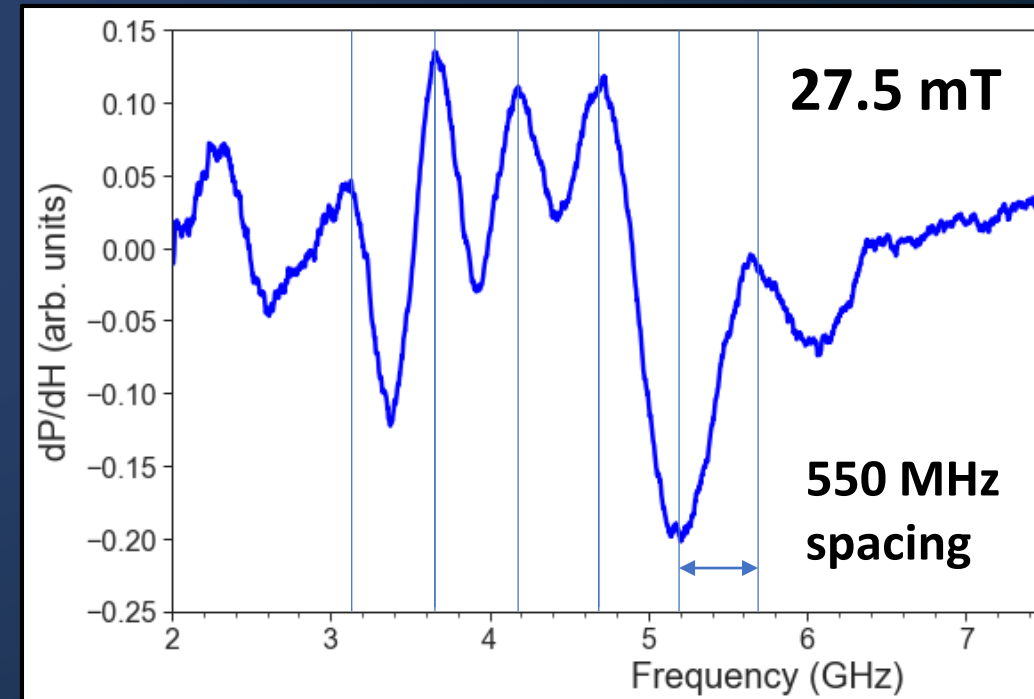
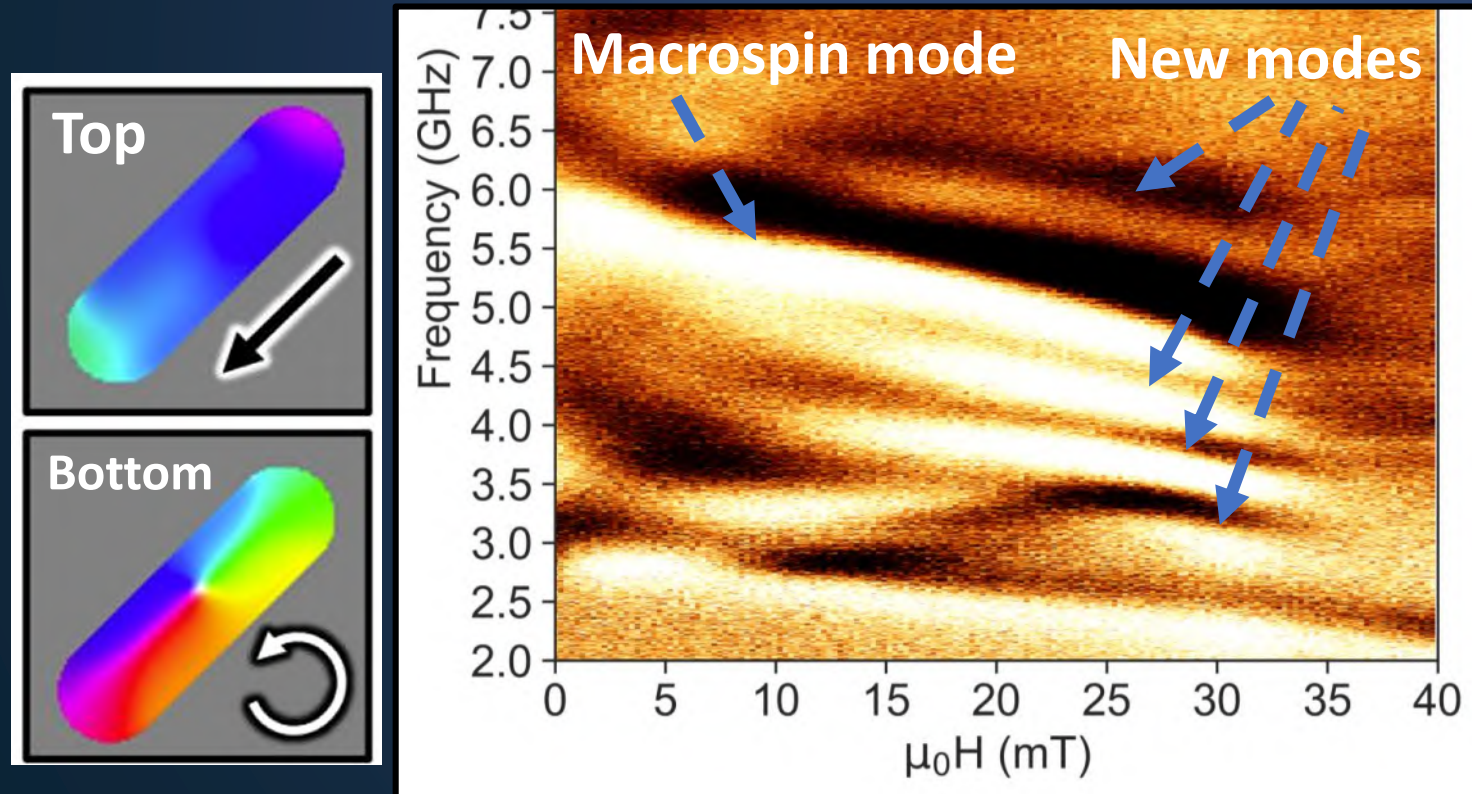


← Here no chiral textures

Magnon Frequency Comb

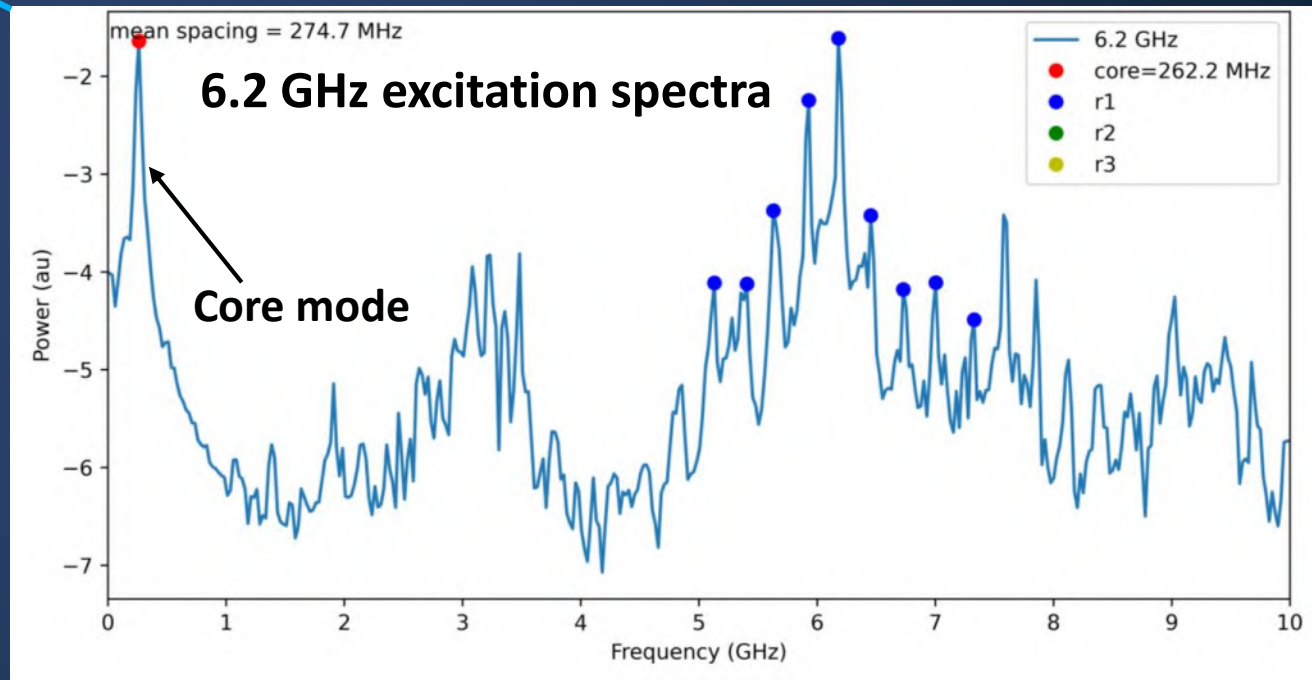
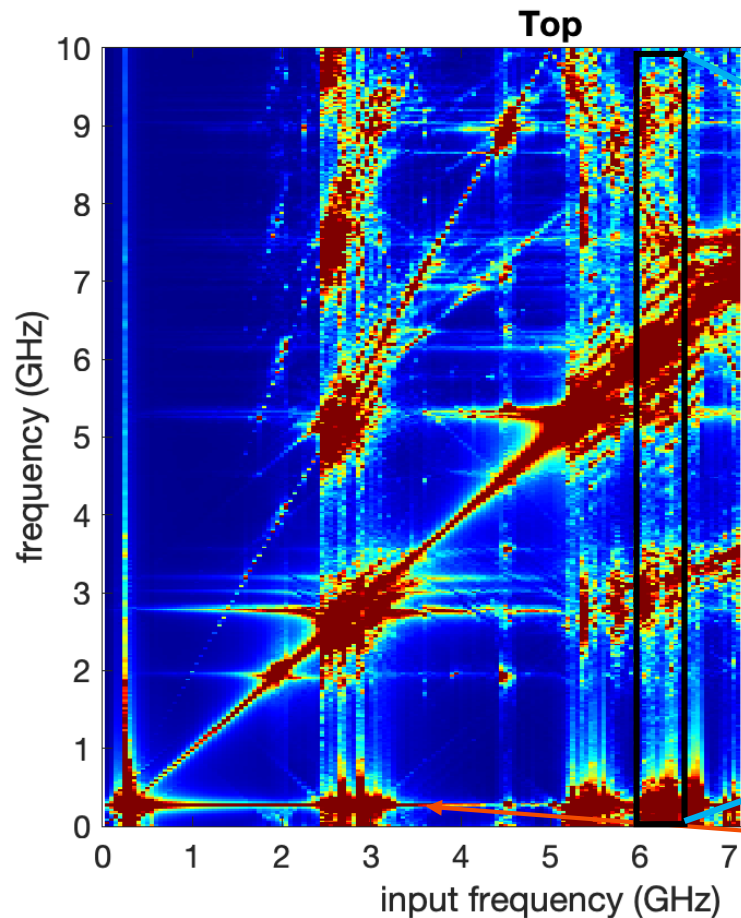
- We can do it!
- Couple chiral vortex to collinear macrospin
- Observe **many new modes**
- Evenly spaced (550 MHz)
- Following main macrospin mode in frequency

Here chiral & collinear



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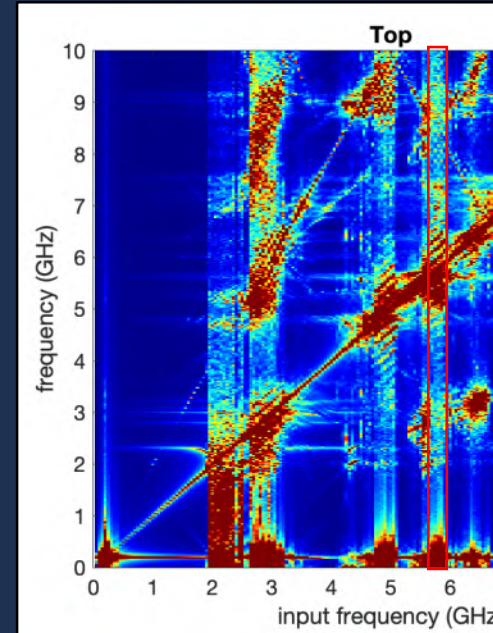
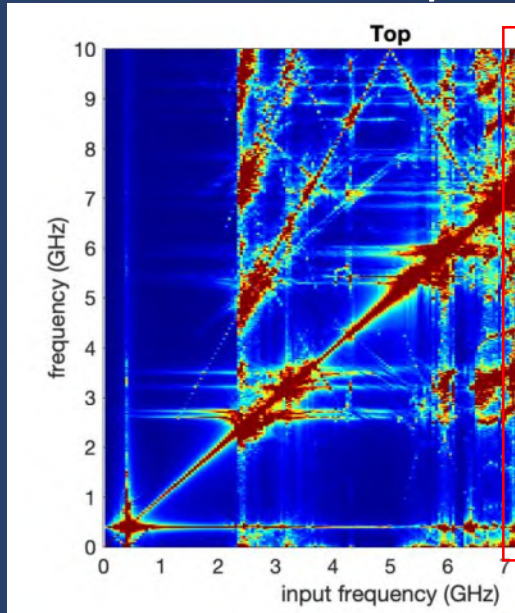
- What's happening?
- Vortex **gyrotropic core mode** is 550 MHz... Core stray-field is coupling to macrospin texture
- Dipolar-coupled magnon frequency comb between vortex core & macrospin



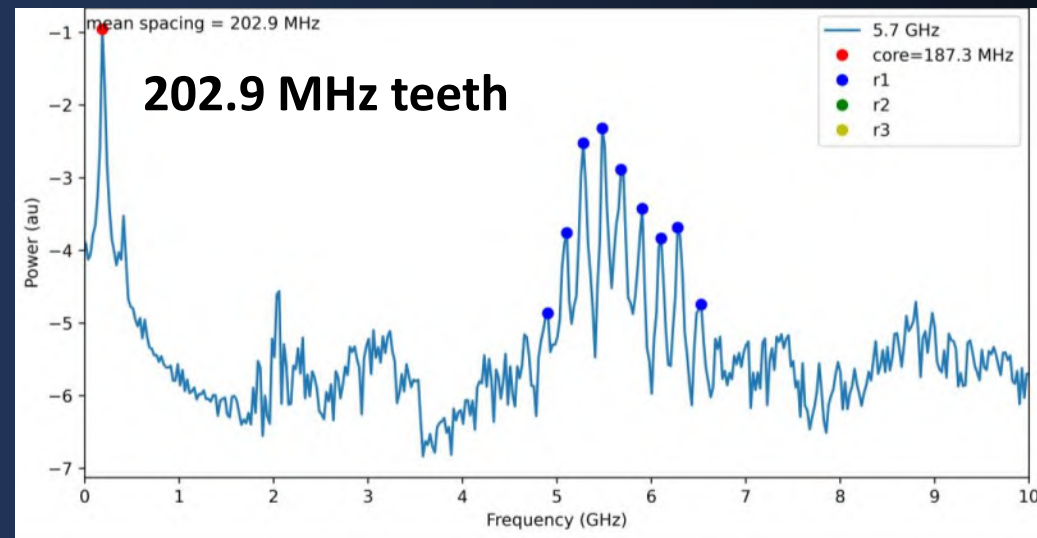
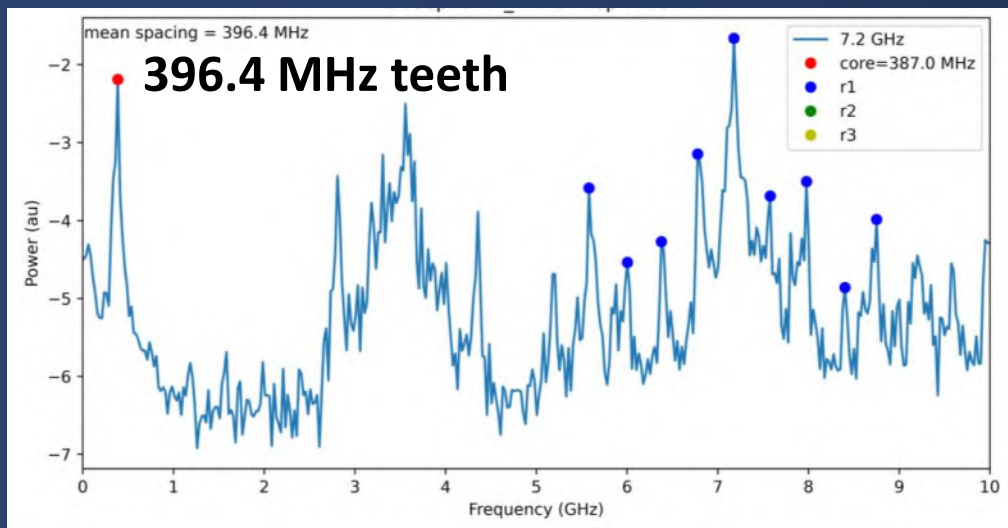
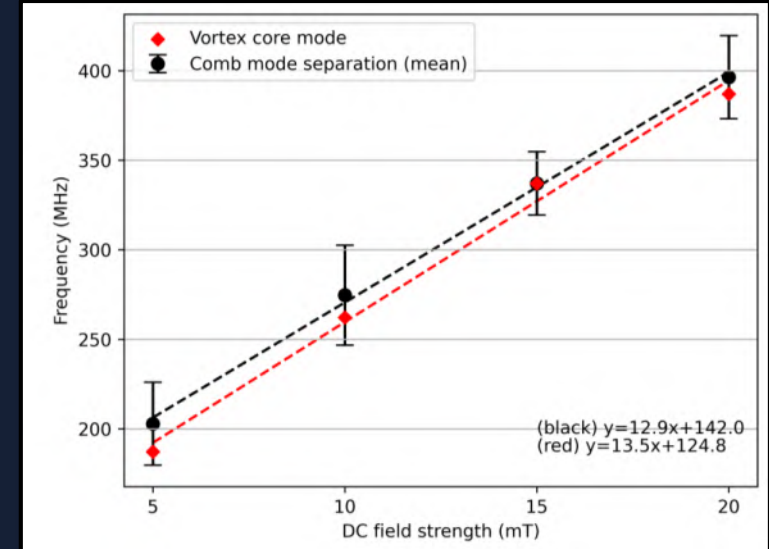
Core mode

Magnon Frequency Comb

- Control comb teeth spacing via field/core frequency

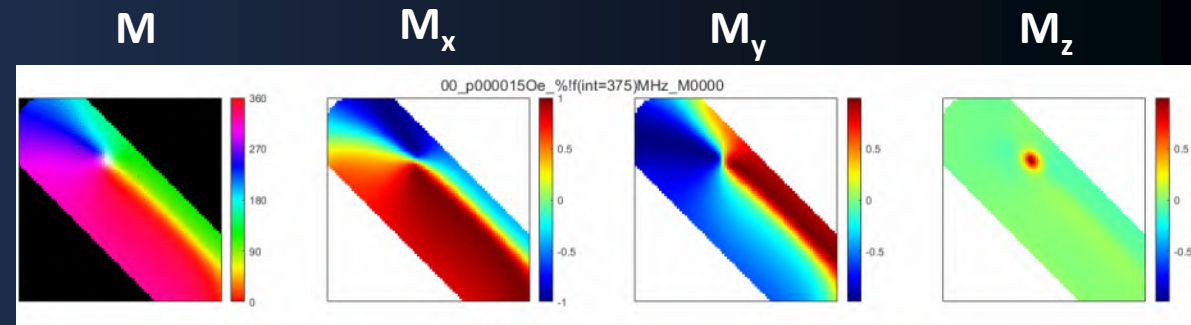
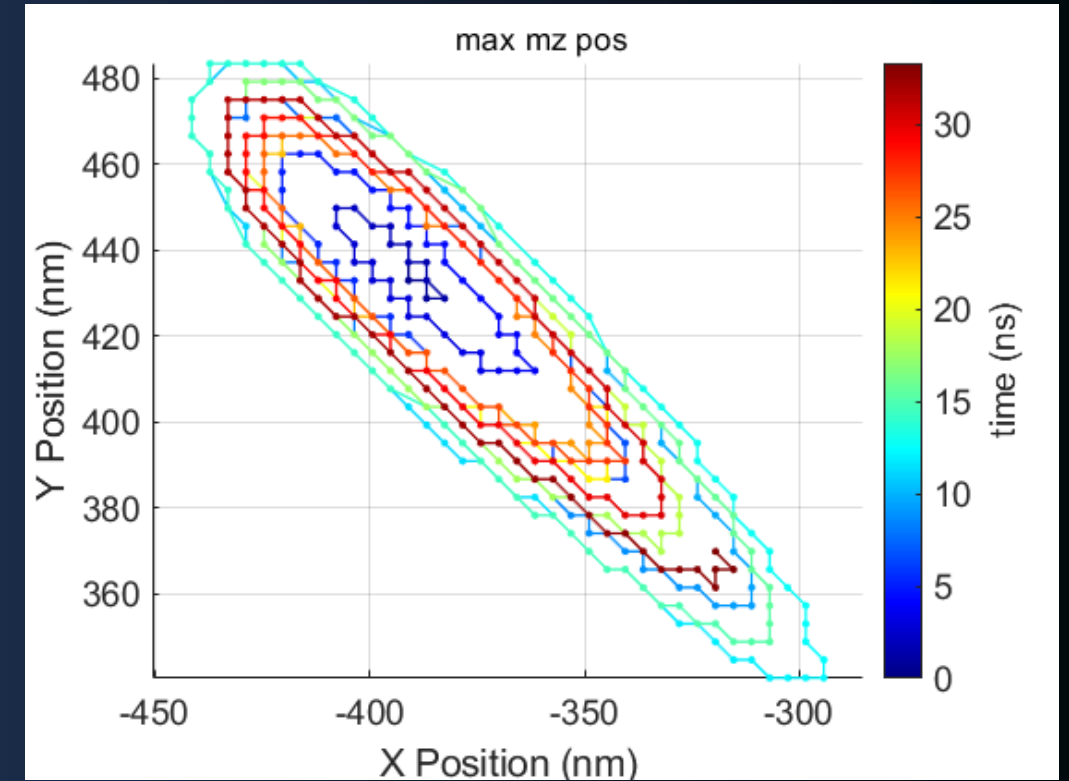
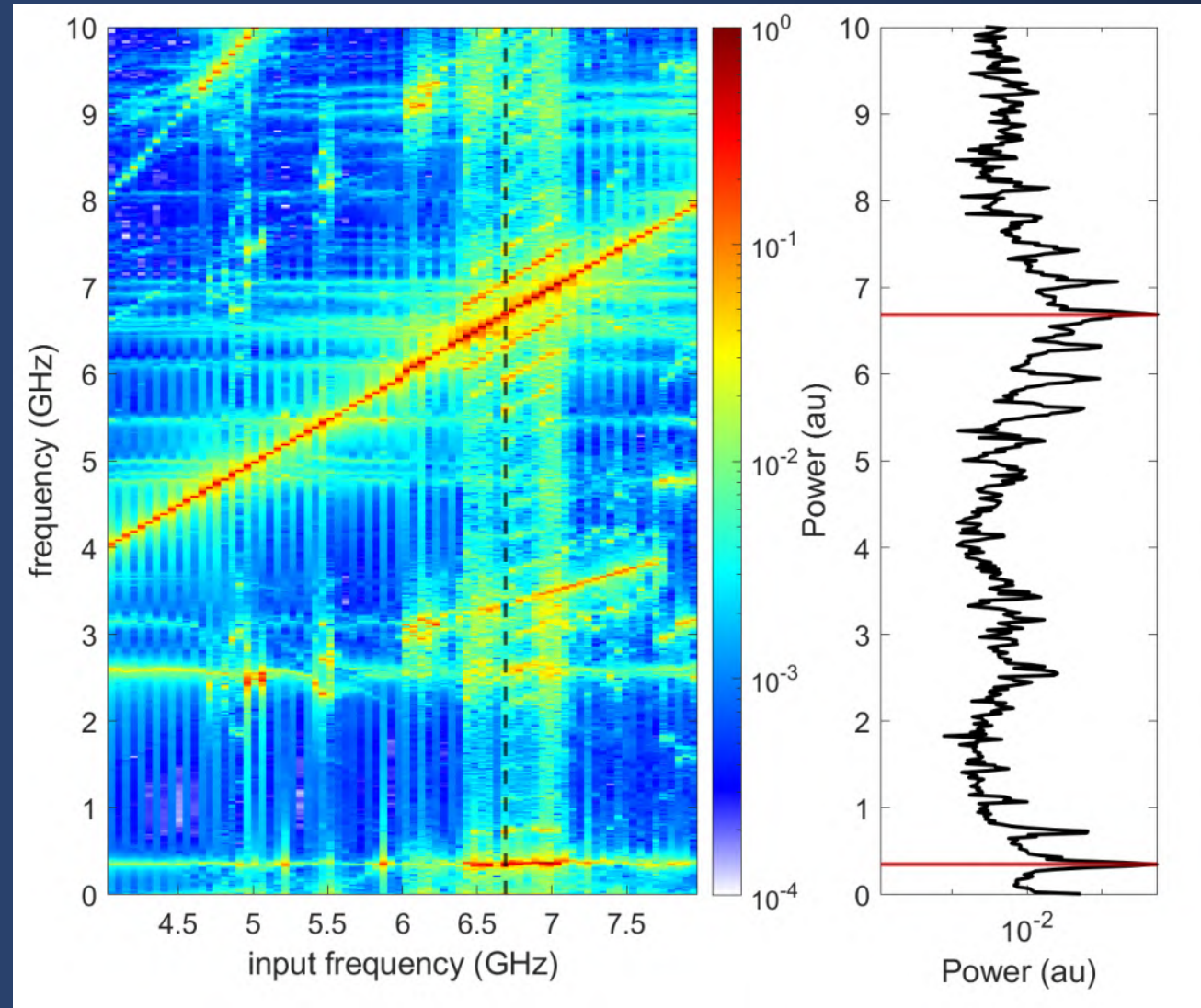


Teeth spacing vs. Vortex core freq.



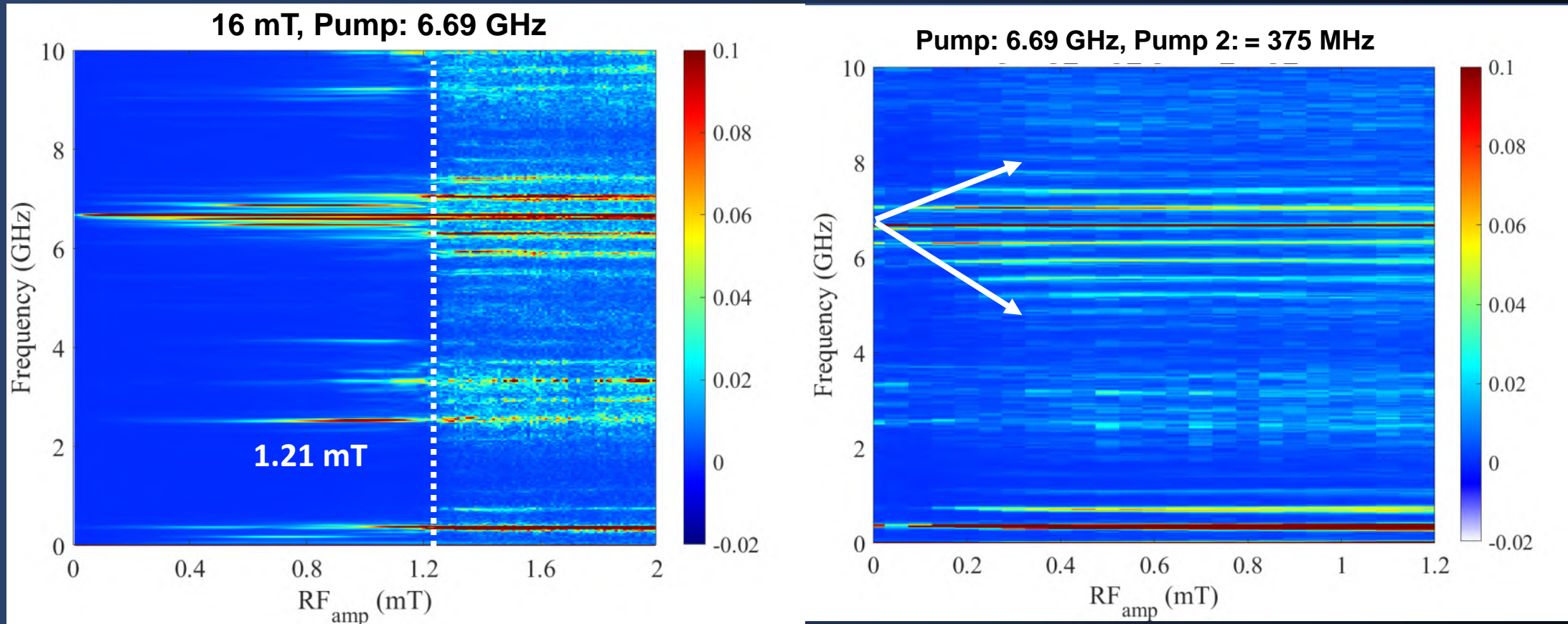
Magnon Frequency Comb Vortex Core Dynamics

16 mT



Magnon Frequency Comb

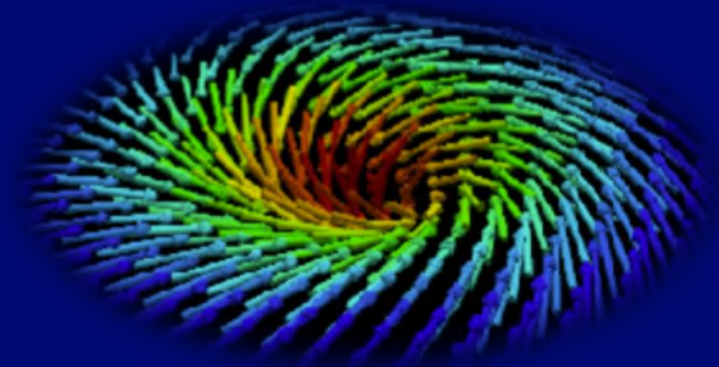
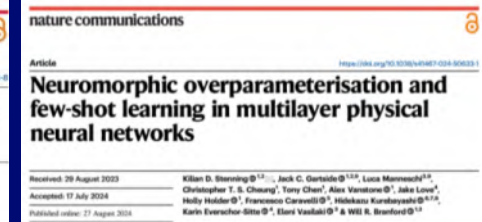
- Low threshold RF powers
- Dipolar free-space inter-texture coupling: potentially powerful & efficient



Conclusions – Topological Textures for Processing

- Topological magnetic textures are rapidly developing with technological benefits
- They provide a lot of what is needed for next-gen hardware
- The gap between fine, small-scale control schemes which cannot compute, and larger, coarser mean-field schemes must be closed
- We should carefully evaluate the correct computing schemes for the physics
- MLPs were invented for CPU/GPUs! Not because they're the best
- New algorithms/architectures which better suit the physics are key
- Take inspiration from other physics! E.g. photonics

Some papers from our group – Feel free to ask me about anything we didn't discuss!





New Routes to Nanomagnetic Writing: Magneto-Plasmonic Inverse Faraday Effect via linearly polarized light

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5 μm

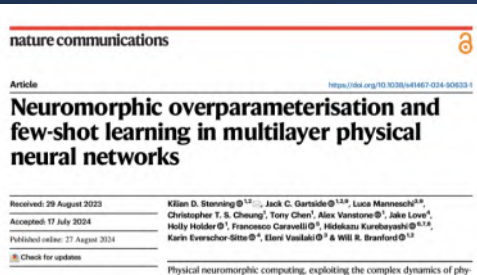
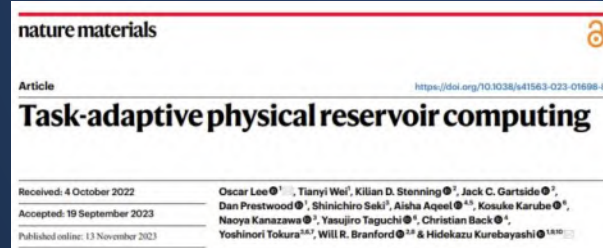
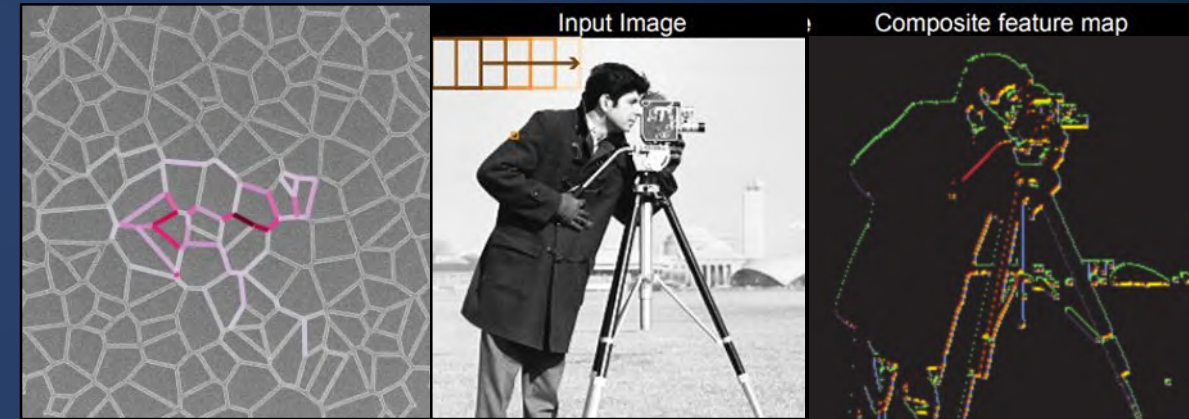
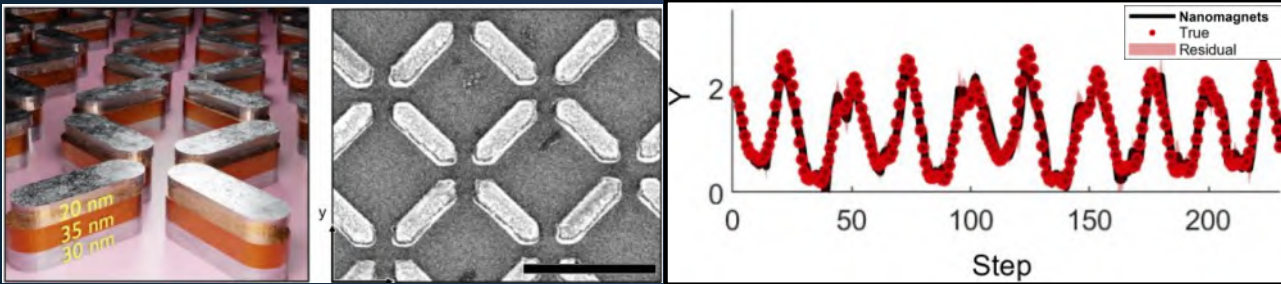
Our team: Neuromorphic Metamaterials Group

Spintronic metamaterials

- Magnetic RF/GHz metamaterials (magnons)
- **Future prediction & classification tasks with Will Branford & Kilian Stenning**
- Key papers:

Photonic metamaterials

- Semiconductor network lasers
- **Machine Vision & Image processing tasks with Riccardo Sapienza**
- Key papers:



Retinomorphic Machine Vision in a Network Laser

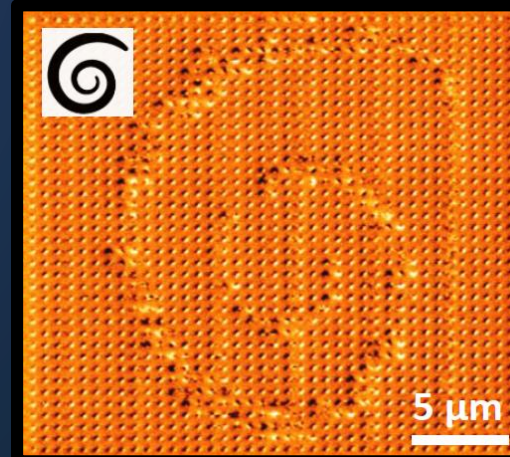
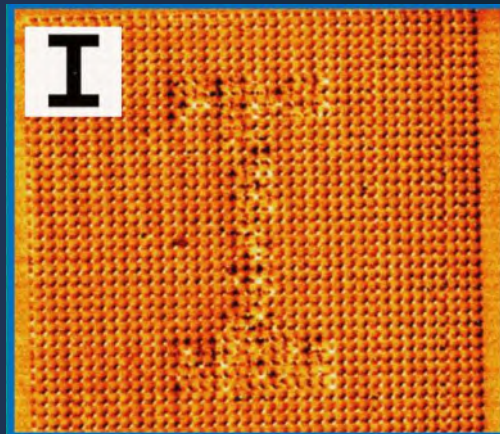
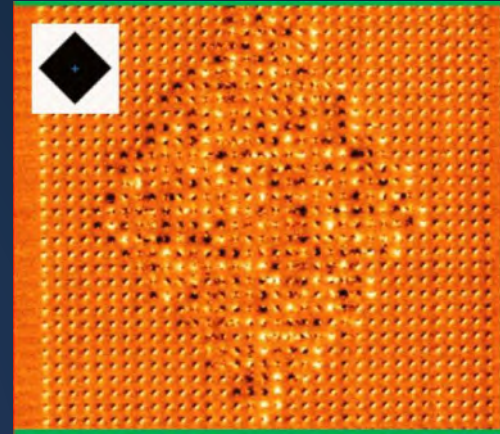
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Optical magnetic writing via plasmon-enhanced linear Inverse Faraday Effect

Motivation

- **Explore** the need for new nanomagnetic writing techniques
- **Unexpected result:** all-optical switching of NiFe nanomagnets
- **Examine** potential explanation: Magneto-plasmonic Inverse Faraday Effect from linearly polarised light
- **Probe theory** via simulation, prediction, & optical writing experiments



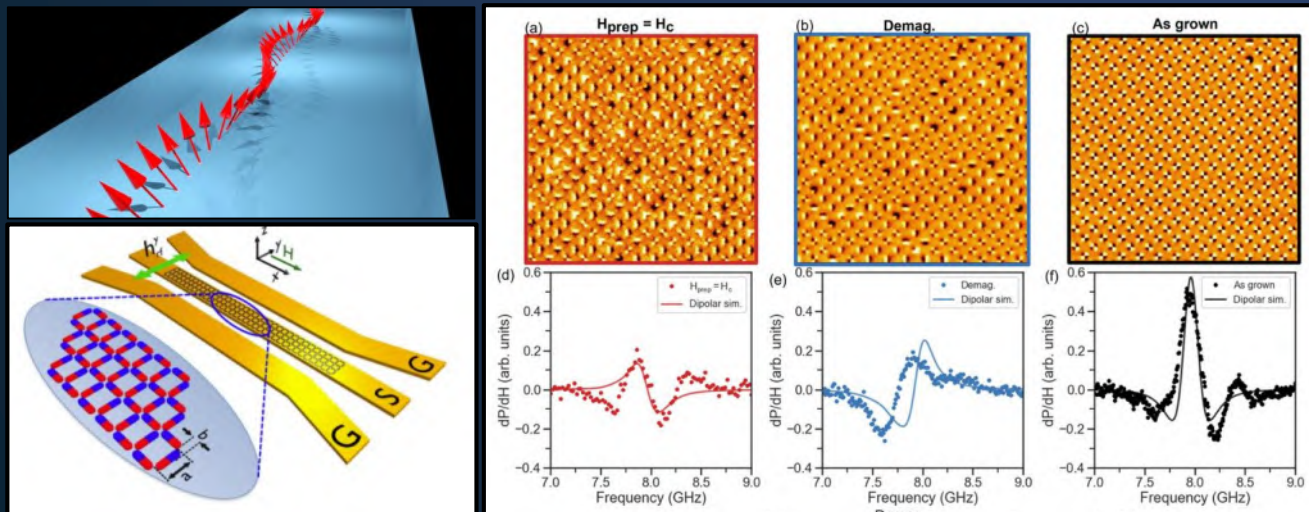
Magnetic nanoarray state control: Magnonics & neuromorphic computation

- Magnetic states of artificial spin ice & related arrays give programmable **magnon dynamics**
- These dynamics can be harnessed for **neuromorphic computing**
- Currently, our ‘**input**’ is restricted – just **global field**.
 - Unsuitable for more complex states/processing
- **Motivation:** Develop rapid & local **input/magnetic switching**.
- Magnonics & Neuromorphic work: Kilian Stenning & Alex Vanstone

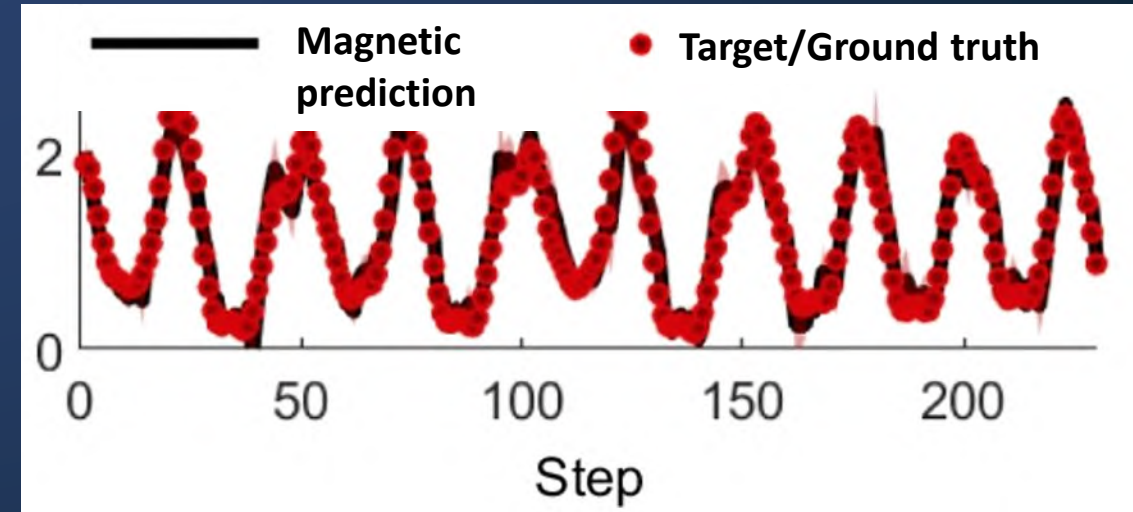
Relevant papers: Nat Nano/Mat/Comms:



Different ASI states = Different magnon spectra:

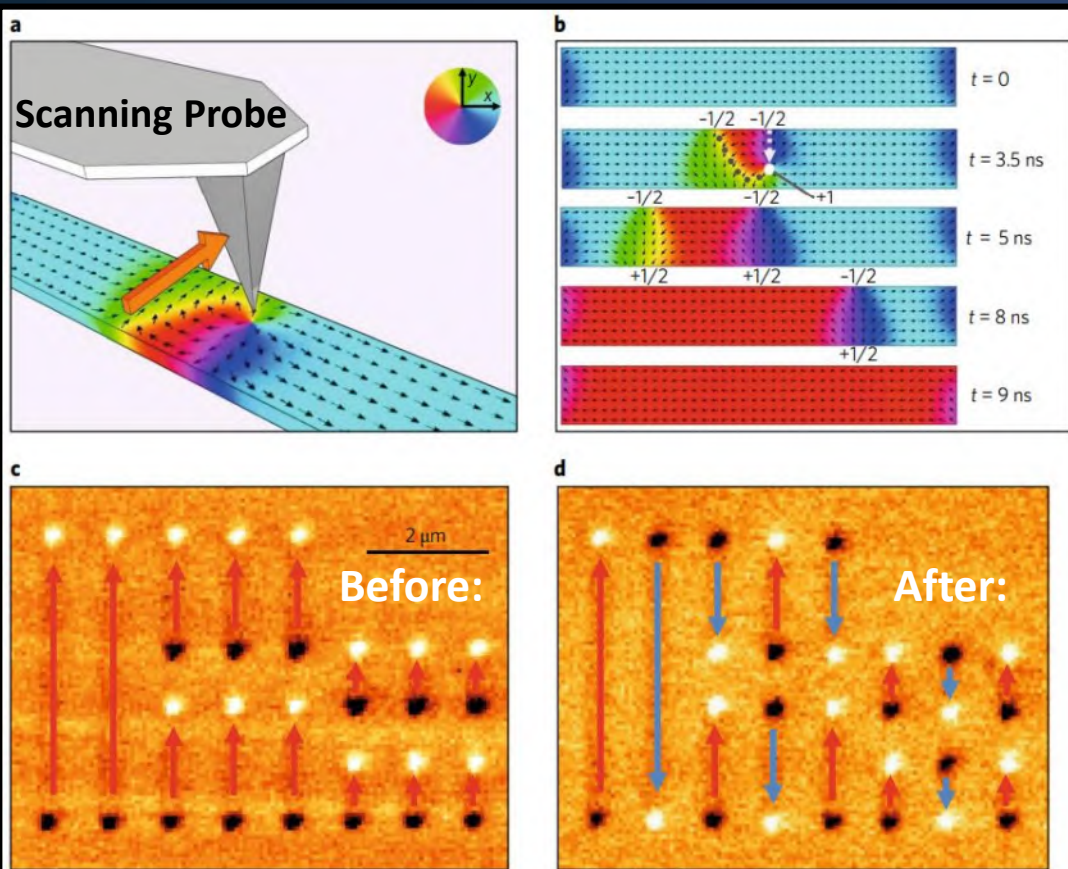


Magnon spectra can predict future chaotic time-series:

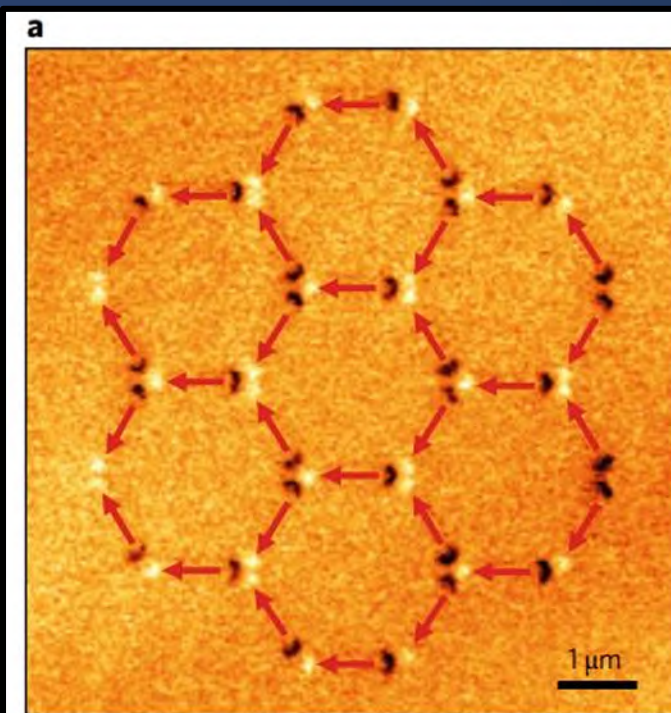


Nanomagnetic writing

- We have worked on developing single-magnet input
 - Surface probe technique: Cool, but **slow**
 - Consider optical approaches?

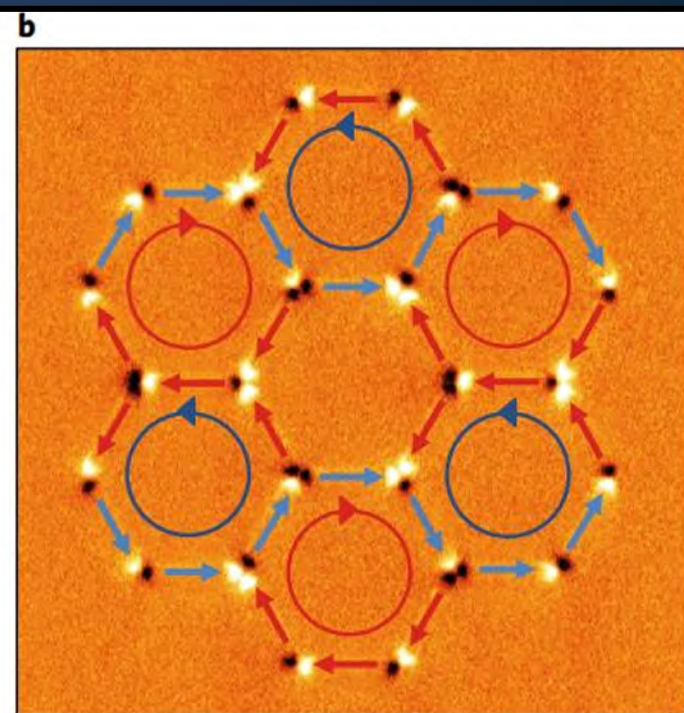


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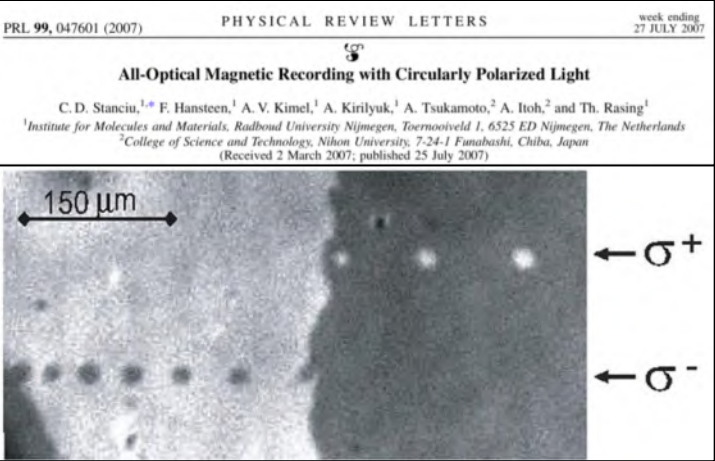
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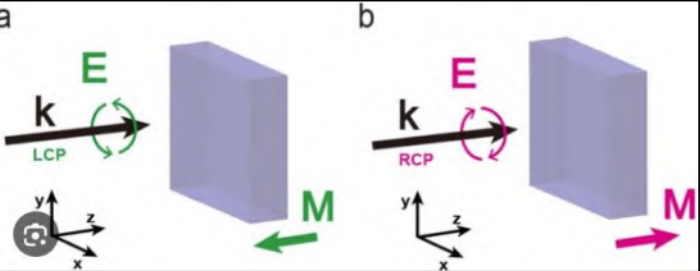


All-Optical Magnetic Switching: Methods/Approaches

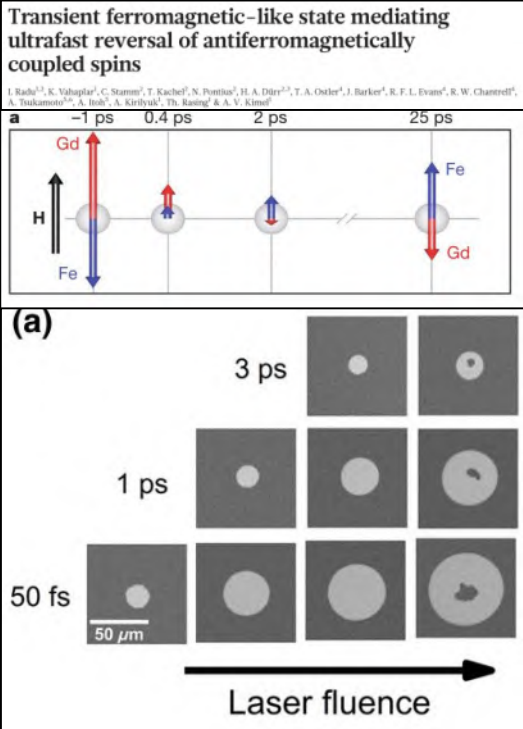
Helicity-dependent switching:
Inverse Faraday effect in GdFeCo
+ heating. fs-ps laser pulse



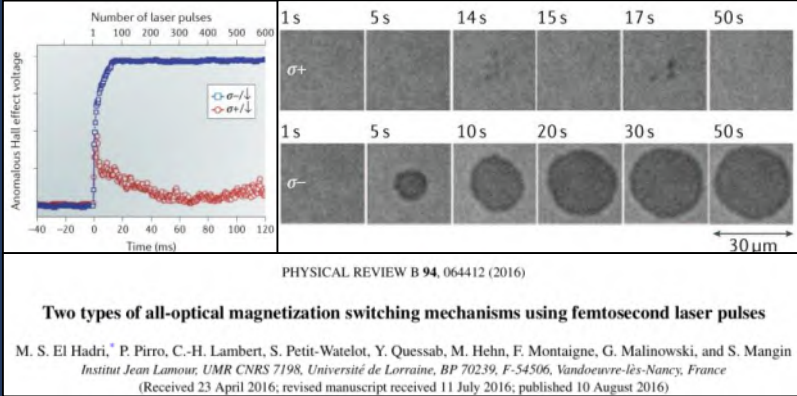
Inverse Faraday Effect:
B field along circularly polarised light direction



Helicity-independent switching:
Exploit different ordering timescales between Gd and Fe sublattices in GdFeCo, Gd/Fe magnetisation inverts. fs-ps laser pulse



Multi-pulse switching in Co/Pt:
Ultrafast demagnetisation combined with symmetry breaking (inverse faraday, magnetic dichroism) gives gradual switching over many pulses (100s-1000s). fs pulses.



Single-pulse switching in Co/Pt:
Multi-layered stack with Cu spacer used to inject spin-polarised currents between layers. 50 fs pulse



Optical writing?

- We were inspired by excellent work of **Naemi Leo & Paolo Vavassori**
- Make plasmonic 'sandwich' islands of Au/NiFe/Au
- Laser locally heats islands, reducing H_c . Apply global B field to switch

Selective and fast plasmon-assisted photo-heating of nanomagnets†

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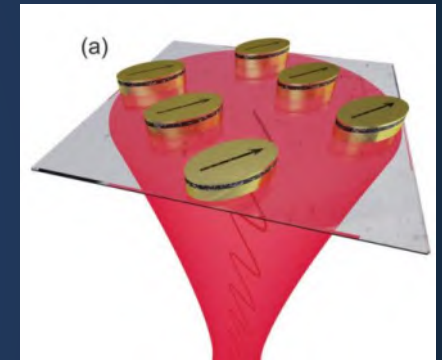
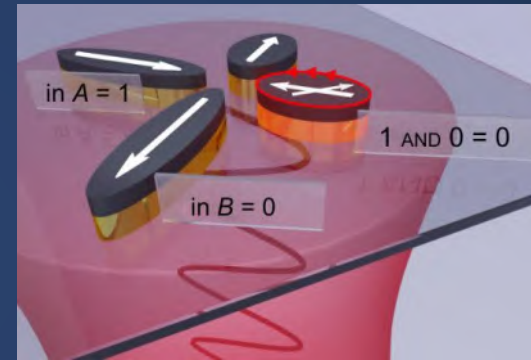
Thermoplasmonic Nanomagnetic Logic Gates

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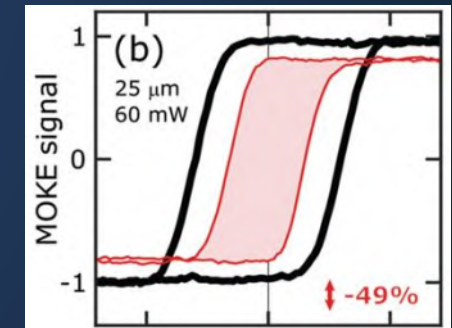
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Coercivity reduction
of heated islands in red:



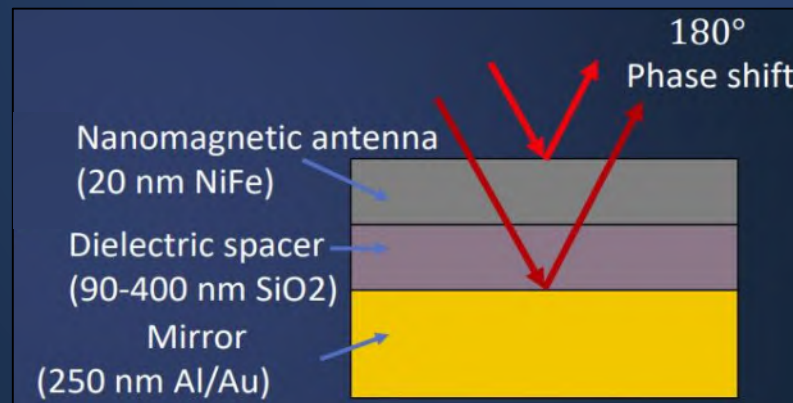
- Could we use a similar approach to tackle our data input/magnonic reconfigurability?

Optical writing – Our initial attempt

- Set up a system with Fabry-Perot like cavity in substrate to increase optical absorption
 - Similar to anti-reflection coating
- Original concept: **Will Branford**
- Experimental execution: **Kilian Stenning & Holly Holder**
- Plasmonics optimisation: **Rupert Oulton & Xiaofei Xiao**
- Initially try laser illumination in zero B field – CW laser, 2-5 mW, 633 nm
- Linearly-polarised laser



Substrate layers:



Relevant paper:

Cell Reports
Physical Science

CellPro
OPEN ACCESS

Report

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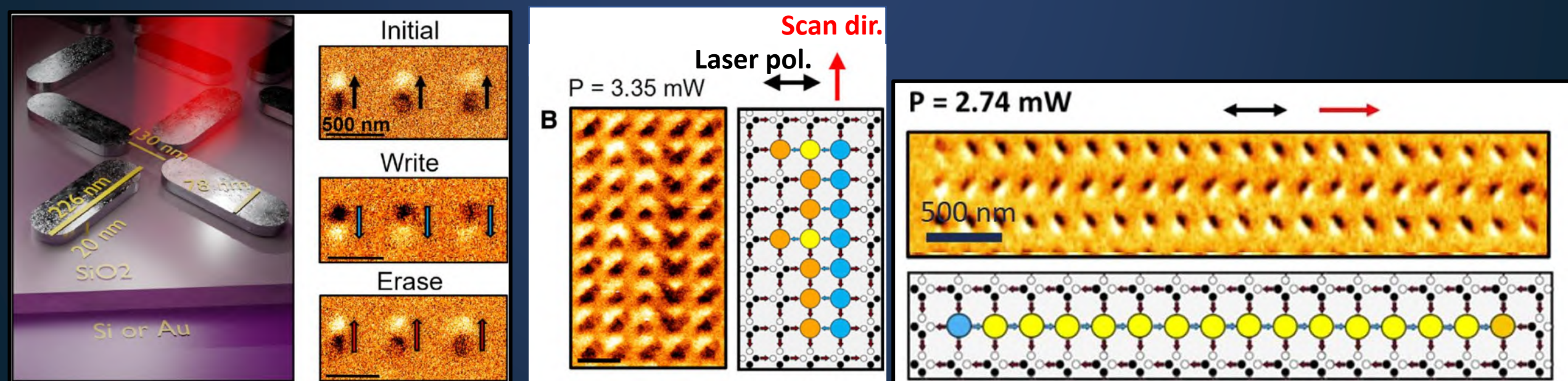
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- An interesting result
 - **Unexpected:** all-optical magnetic switching typically needs complex materials, intense pulse lasers, often circular polarisation.
 - GdFeCo, fs pulse lasers, kW - MW laser power
 - Typically not shown in nanostructures
 - We experimentally observed **mW** switching in **NiFe nanostructures**



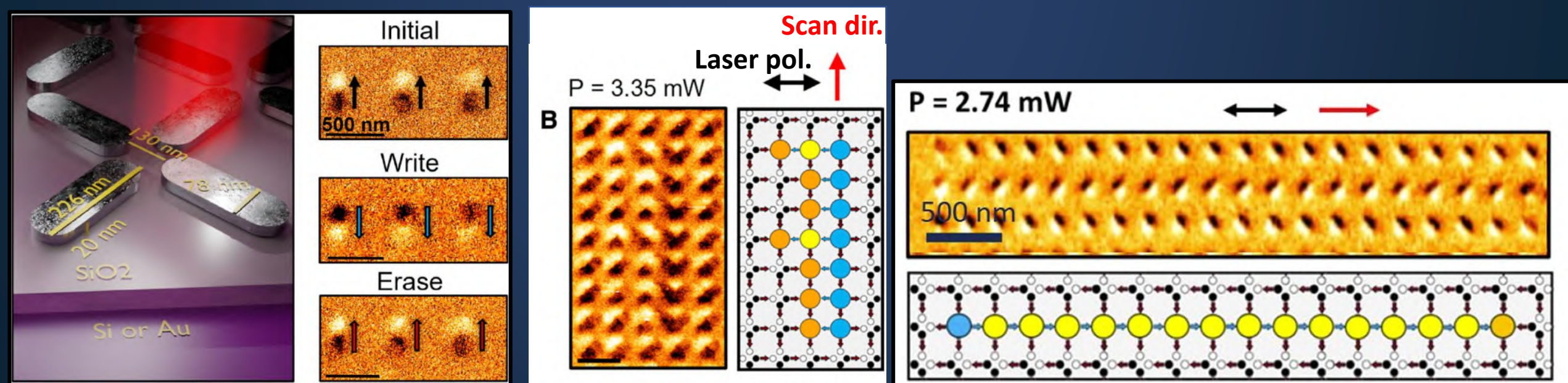
Data Input: Nanomagnetic writing

- **Problems:**
 - Slow – uses CW lasers
 - Focused laser spot – only write 1 bar at a time
 - **We didn't understand the underlying physical mechanism...**
 - This point crucial. Unable to optimise & refine without proper understanding

Report

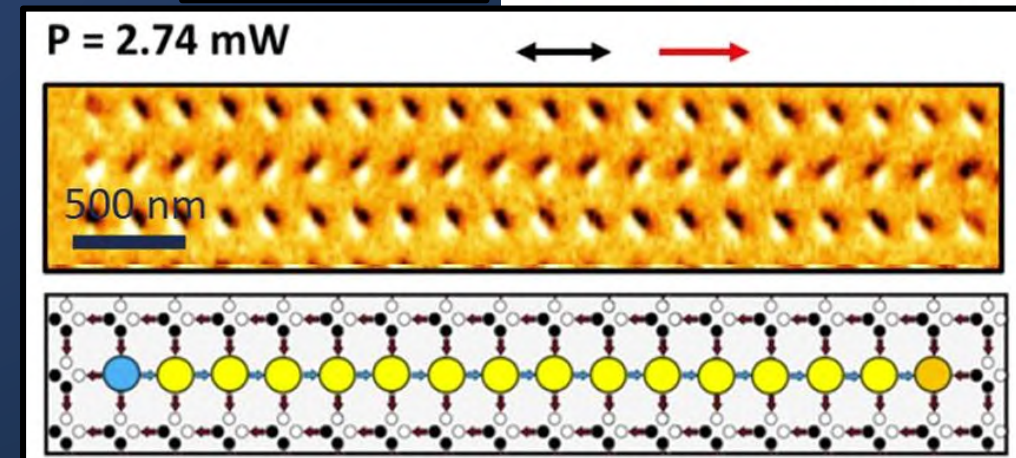
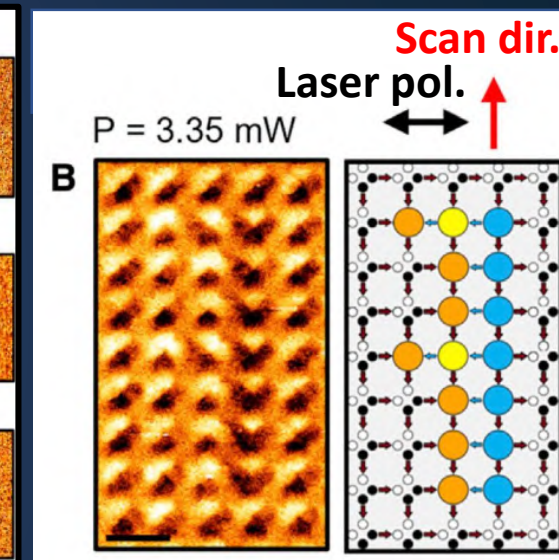
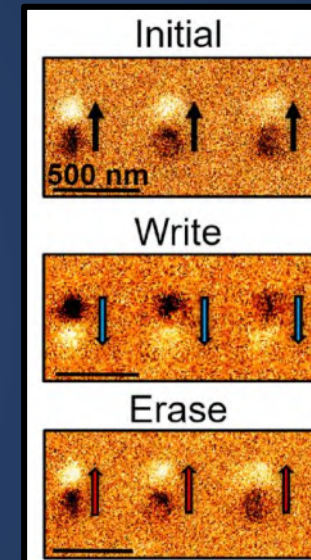
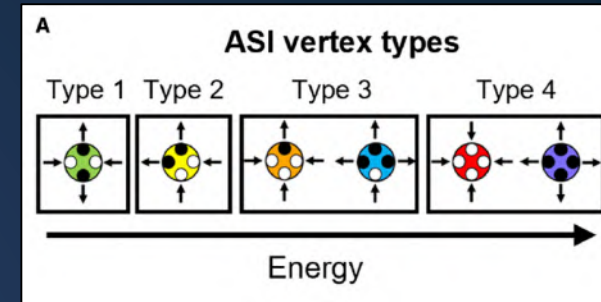
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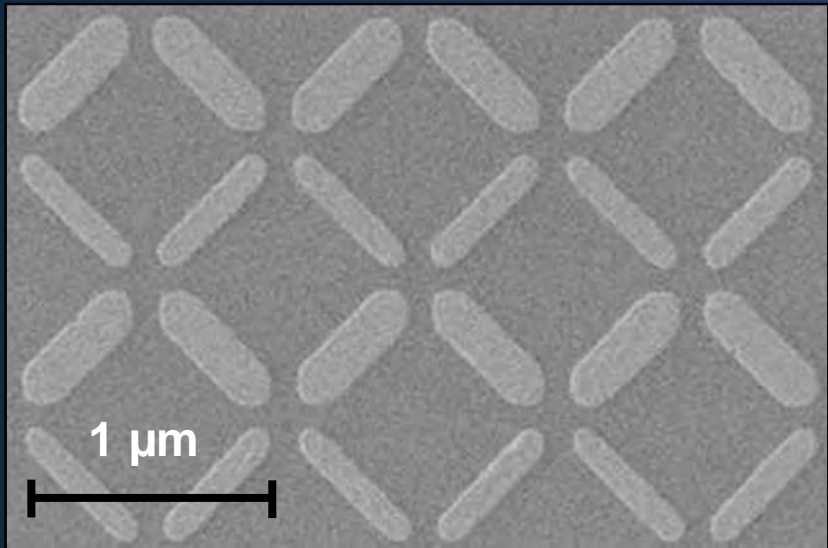
Data Input: Nanomagnetic writing

- What do we know?
 - Not purely thermal
 - Written states **not random**
 - Write chains of **high-energy states**
 - **ASI 'monopole'** states
 - Ultrafast demagnetisation unlikely
 - Laser very weak for this
 - Linearly-polarised light
 - Not helicity-dependent/spin-orbit
 - Not **Inverse Faraday Effect**
 - (conventional one)
 - What options are left?

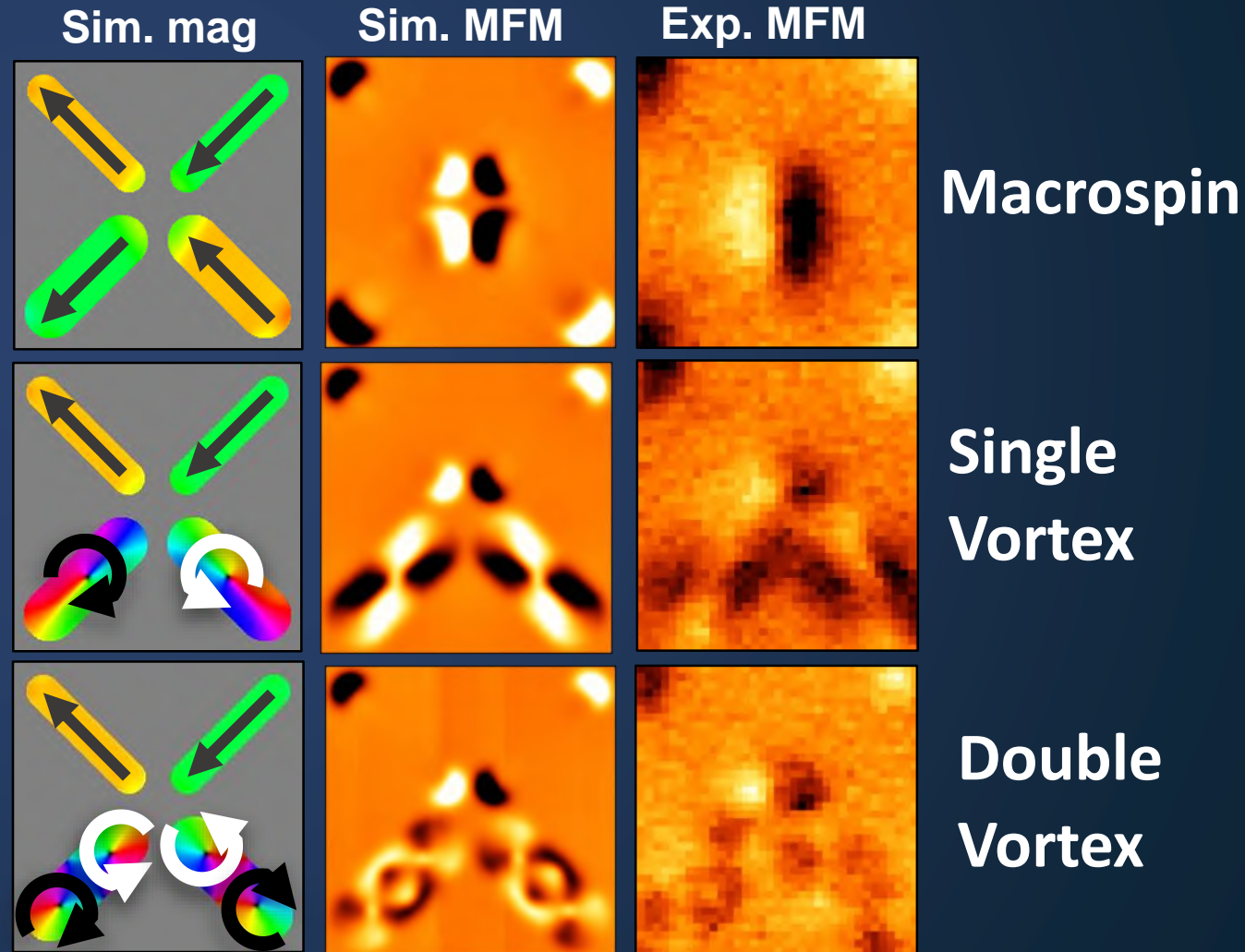


Next observation: Optical Vortex Writing

- Looking for clues... Try writing wider nanoislands
- This work lead by Holly Holder – paper upcoming

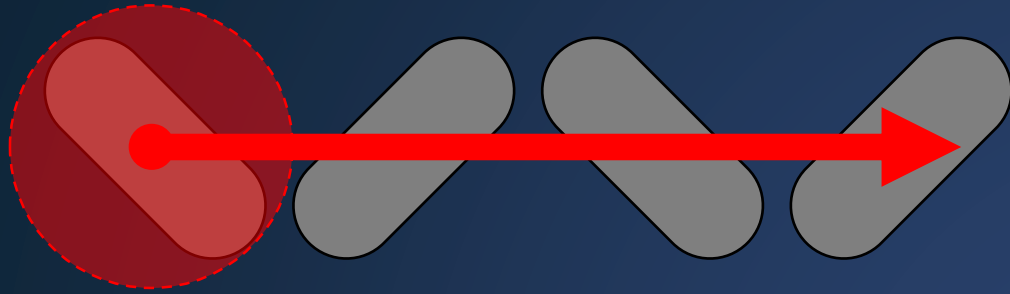


- Bar lengths ≈ 545 to 600 nm
- Wide bar widths ≈ 180 to 205 nm
- Thin bar widths ≈ 120 to 135 nm
- Bar thicknesses ≈ 20 nm

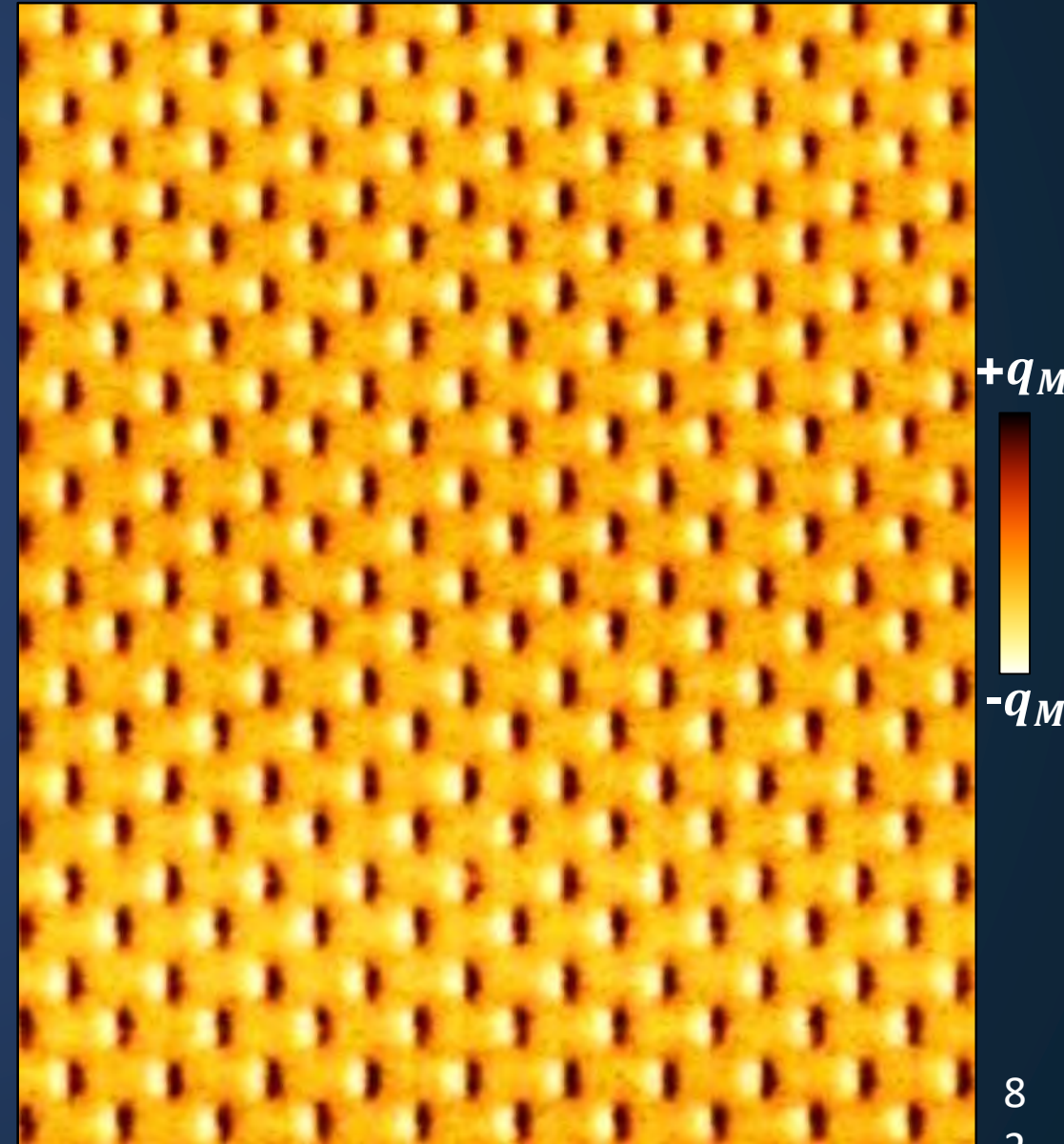


All-optical control of vortex textures

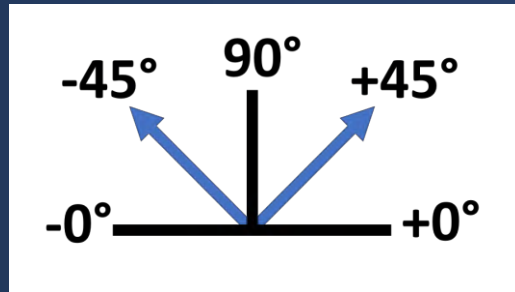
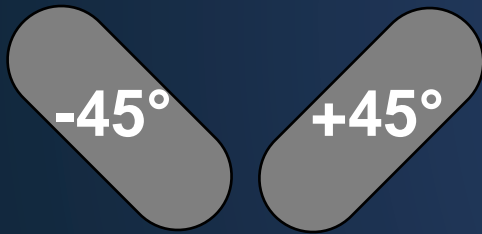
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Initial field-saturated state

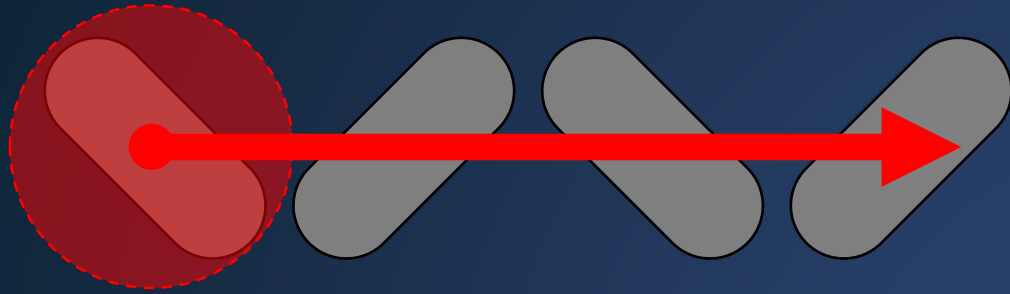


+ Low power (2-5 mW), CW, visible wavelength

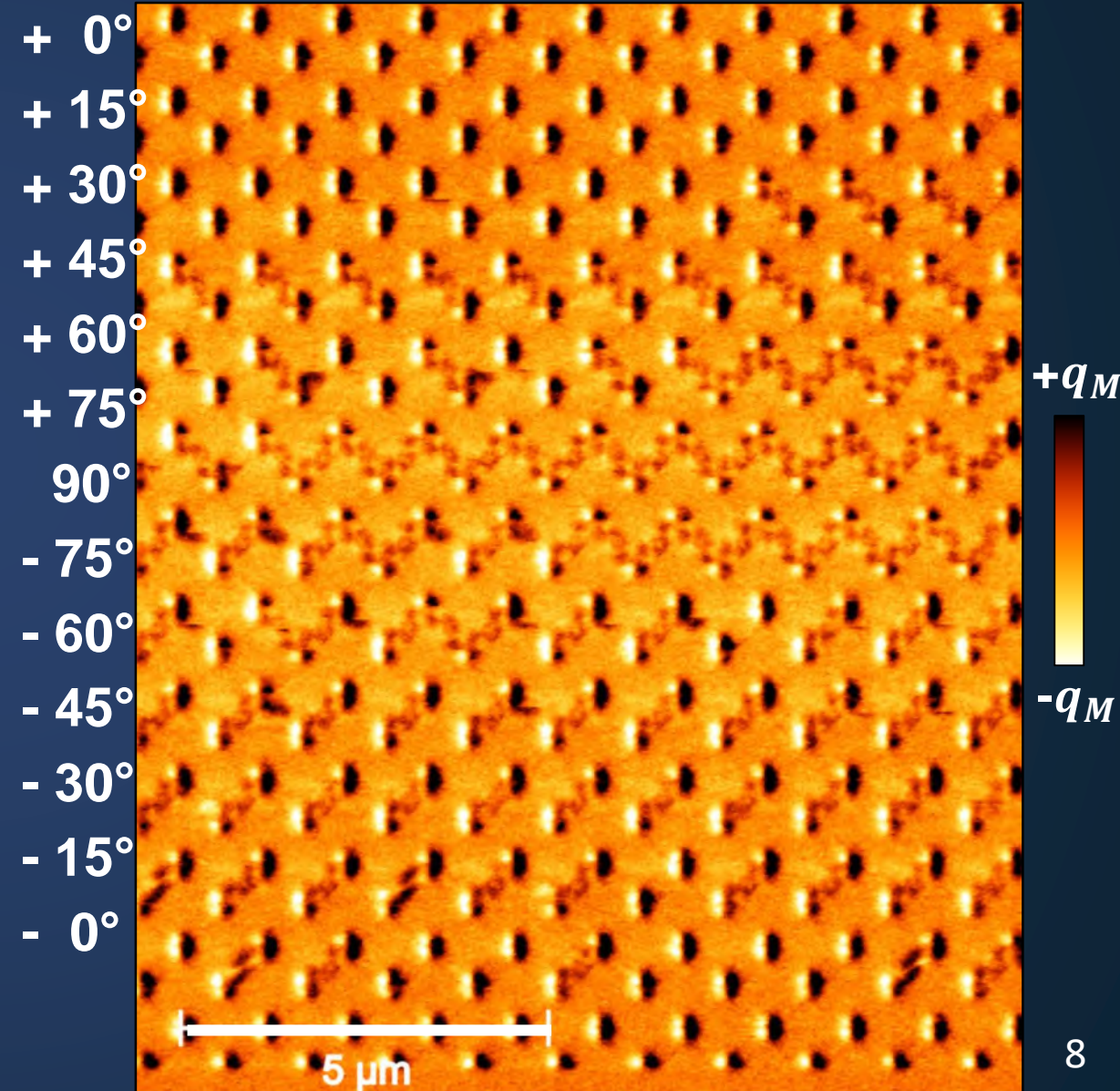


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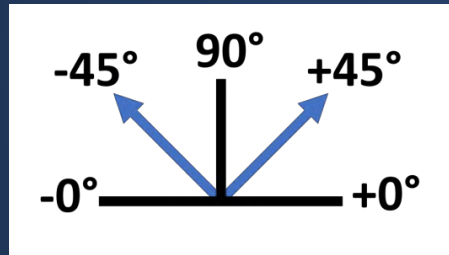
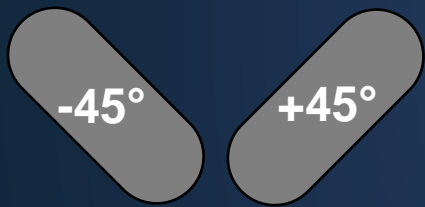
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Laser-written double vortices



+ Low power (2-5 mW), CW, visible wavelength



- Optical writing of double vortex states
- Writing occurs with polarisation on short-axis
- Break symmetry between 0 and 90 degrees.
- Chirality control: Only write a single chirality
- What's going on?

Explore using ps-scale pulsed lasers & DMD

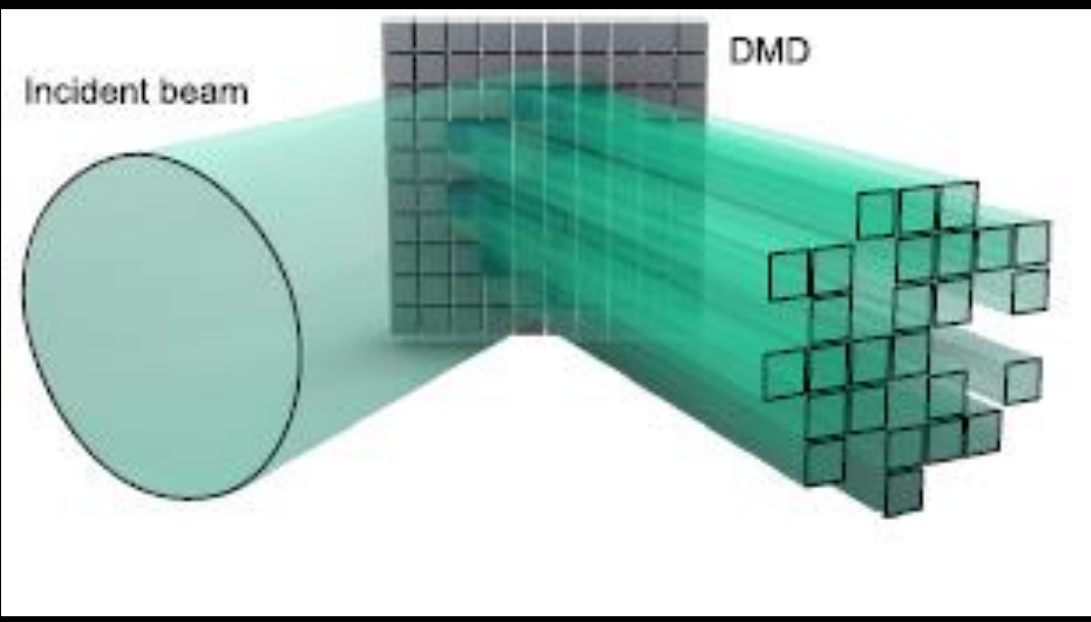
- Continue to explore parameter space – what about **faster laser pulses**?
- Try 100-400 ps laser to examine switching timescale
- Combine with Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)
 - See if our writing works over large areas, spatially-structured light
- Support of collaborator **Riccardo Sapienza** crucial here
- **Does writing still work?**

Laser parameters:

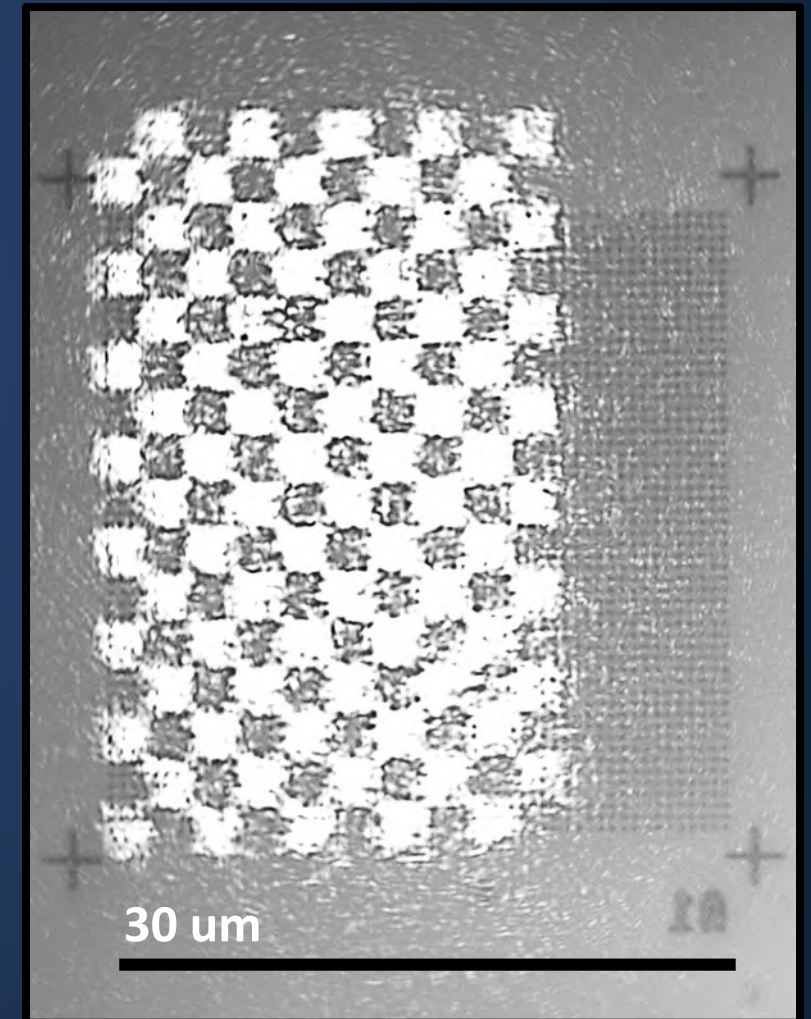
$\lambda = 532 \text{ nm}$

$t_{pulse} = 100\text{-}400 \text{ ps}$

$E \text{ per nanoisland} = 3.6 \text{ pJ}$

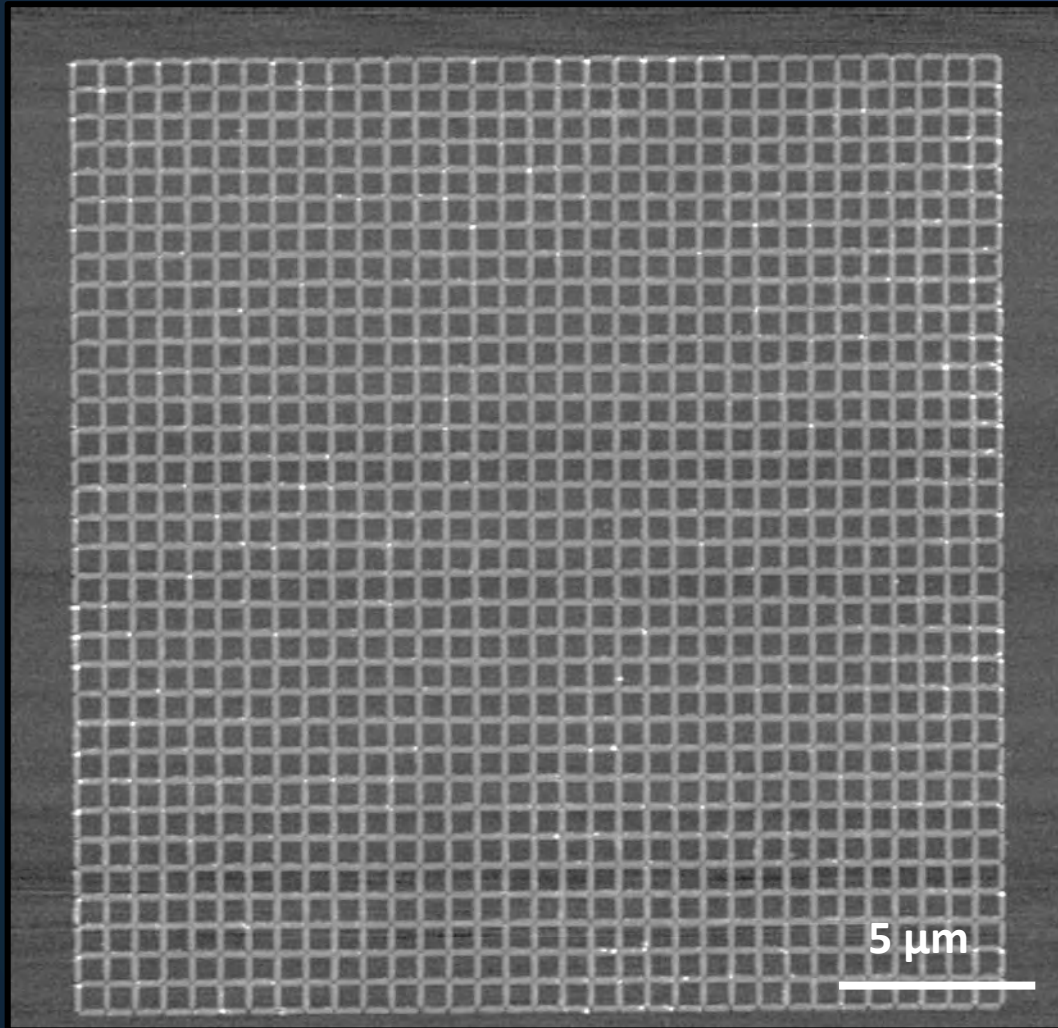


Each DMD 'pixel' $\sim 100 \times 100 \text{ nm}$

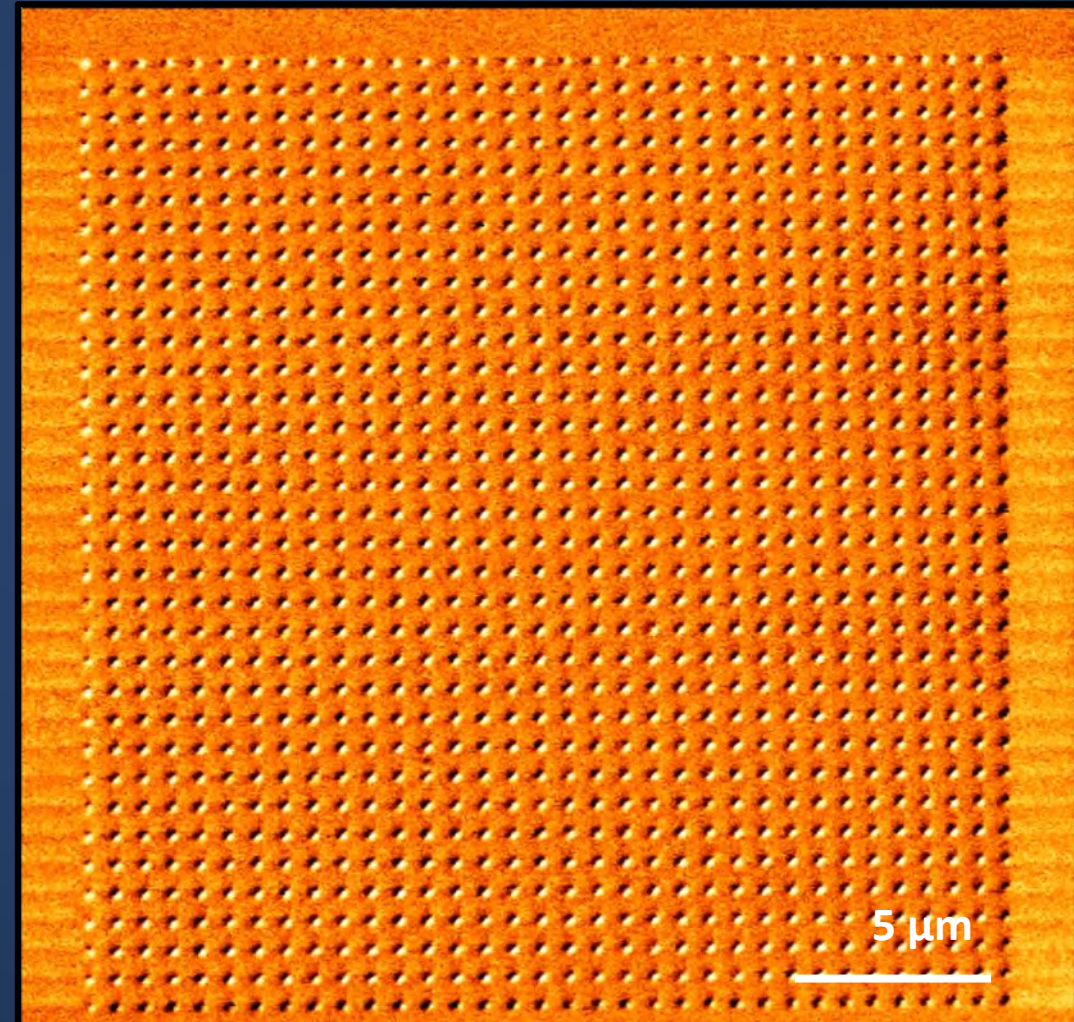


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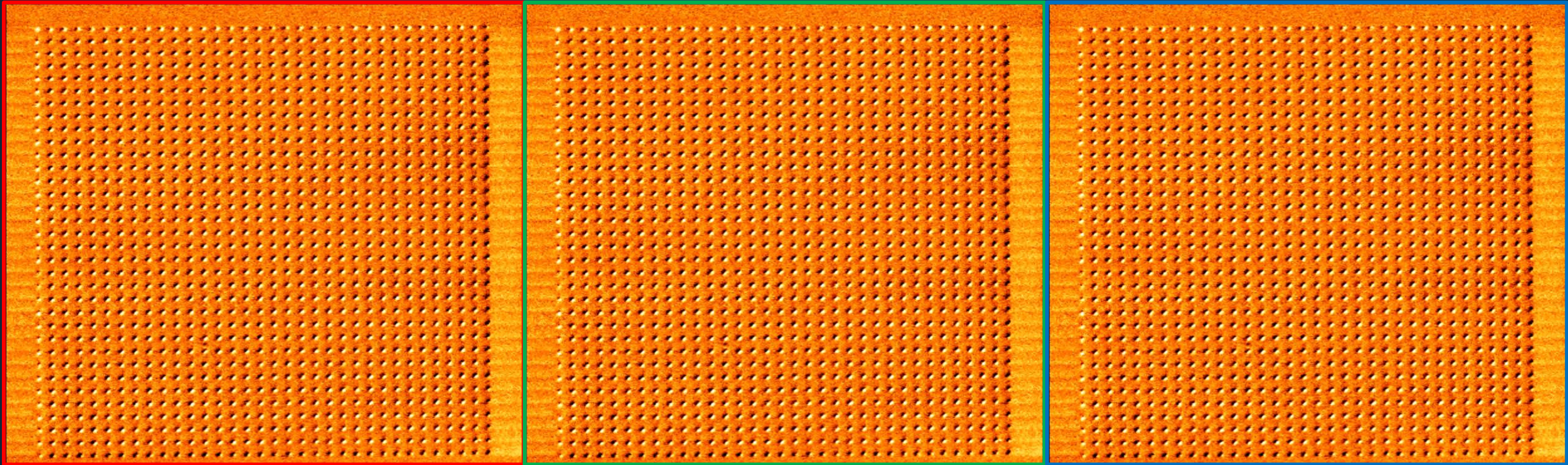


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Explore using ps-scale pulsed lasers & DMD

- Before single-shot 400 ps writing pulse:



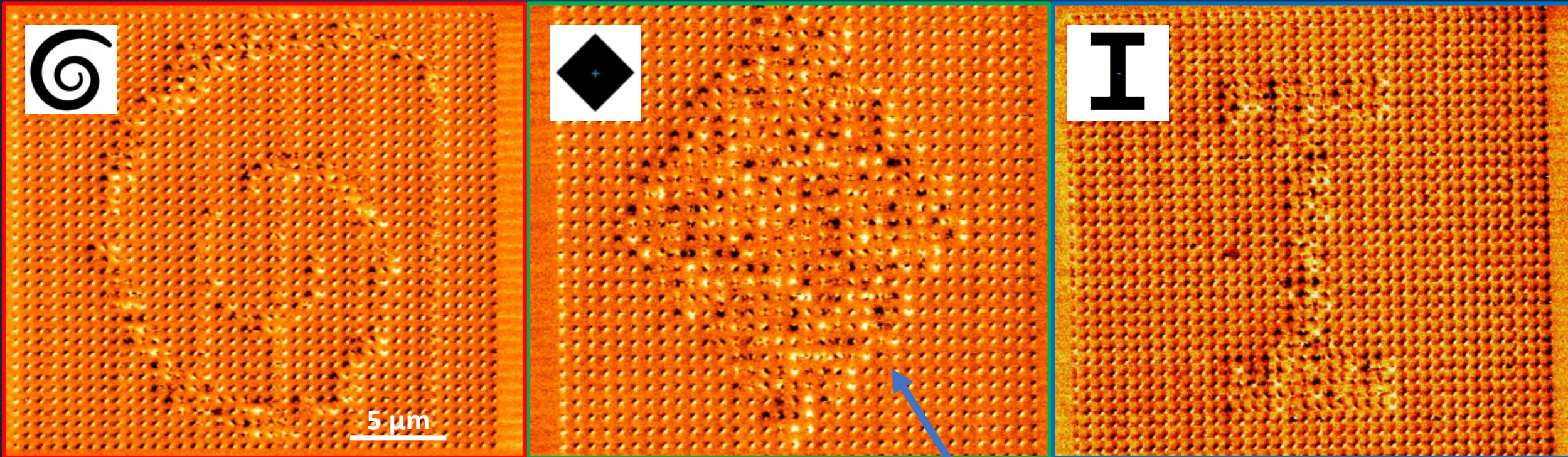
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805 bits addressed with single pulse

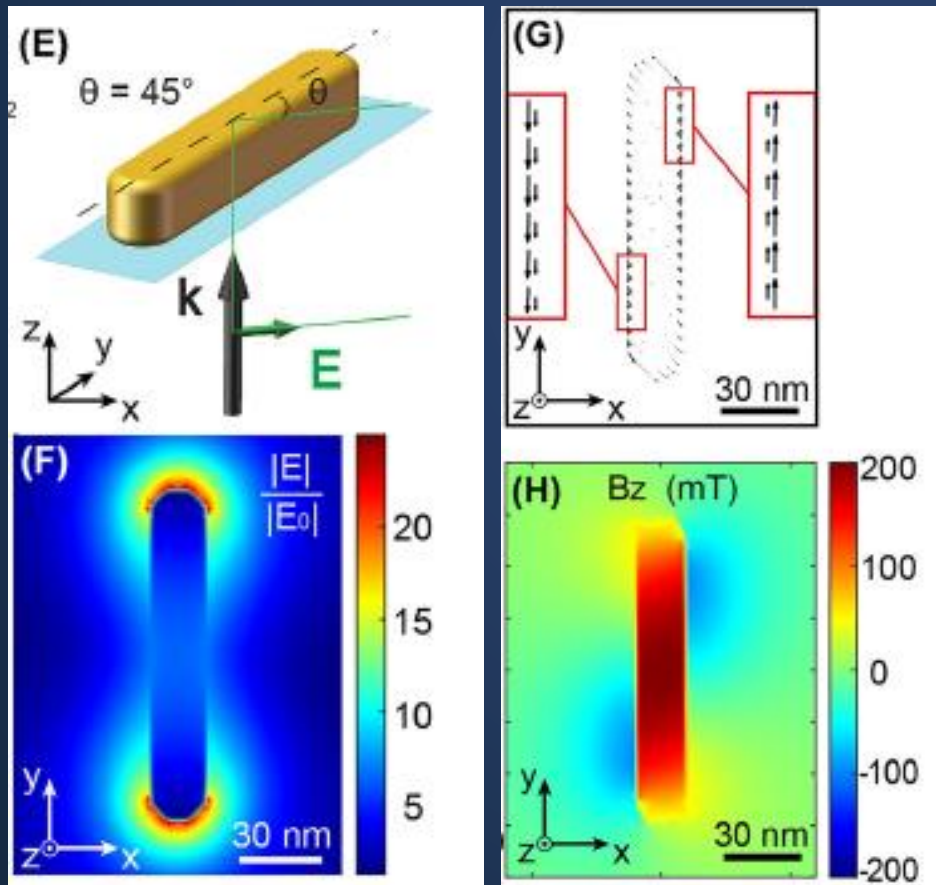
Writing works - Fidelity far from 100%, around 65% bars switched

Interesting results...
But still don't understand the
mechanism

Find an interesting theory paper: Mivelle group, Sorbonne Paris:

Xingyu Yang, Ye Mou, Romeo Zapata, Benoît Reynier, Bruno Gallas and Mathieu Mivelle*

An inverse Faraday effect generated by linearly polarized light through a plasmonic nano-antenna



Key findings:

- Plasmonic resonances give rise to **Strong B_z magnetic field** from linearly-polarised light – 200 mT
- Requires long, thin metallic nanoislands
- **Interesting, but confusing for us:**
B field in z direction,
our switching in x,y plane

Yang, Xingyu, et al. "An inverse Faraday effect generated by linearly polarized light through a plasmonic nano-antenna." *Nanophotonics* 12.4 (2023): 687-694.

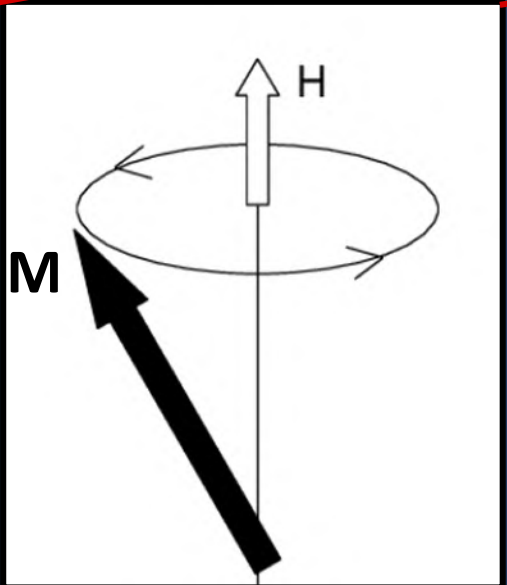
Learn about 'Precessional' Magnetic Switching:

Main equation governing magnetic dynamics:

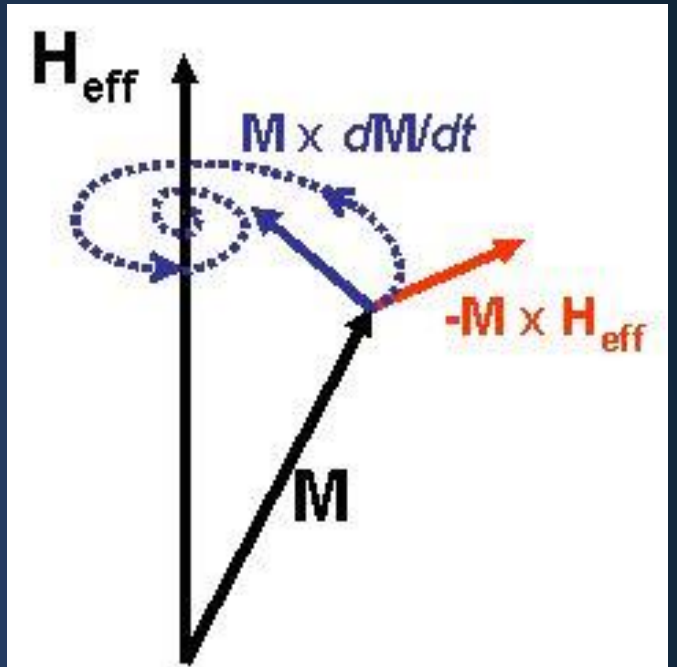
Landau-Lifshitz Gilbert equation

Term in **red** means **M** will precess around B field

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = -\gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} - \lambda \mathbf{M} \times (\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$



- Prior works showed 100-400 ps timescale:
- They used electrically-generated B field
- 200-250 mT
- Not optical, Oersted fields



Ultrafast precessional magnetization reversal by picosecond magnetic field pulse shaping

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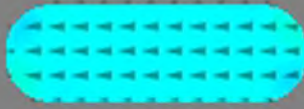
Minimum Field Strength in Precessional Magnetization Reversal

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Simulate a 'Mivelle group' Bz field on our Nanomagnets – MuMax3:

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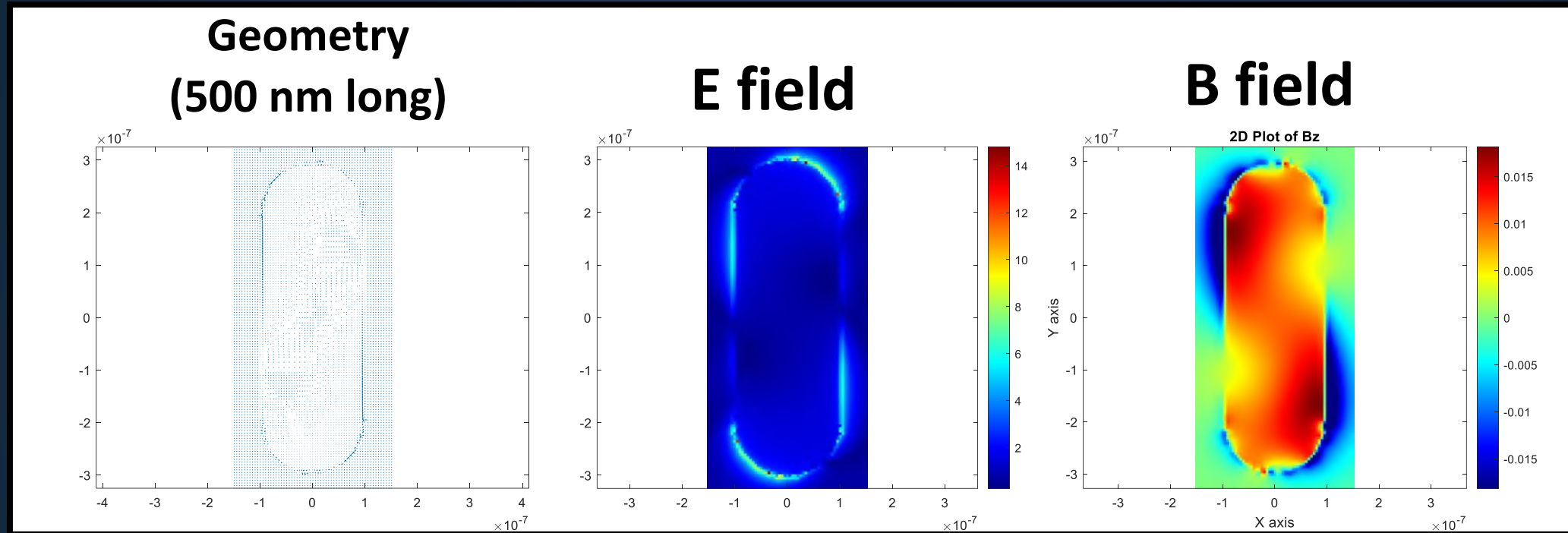


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Simulate magneto-plasmonic effects in our nanoislands

Lumerical simulations of plasmonic IFE field – Xiaofei Xiao:



- Mivelle-group plasmonic IFE model shows optically induced Bz field for our nanoislands
- MuMax3 sims predict both double vortex and macrospin writing

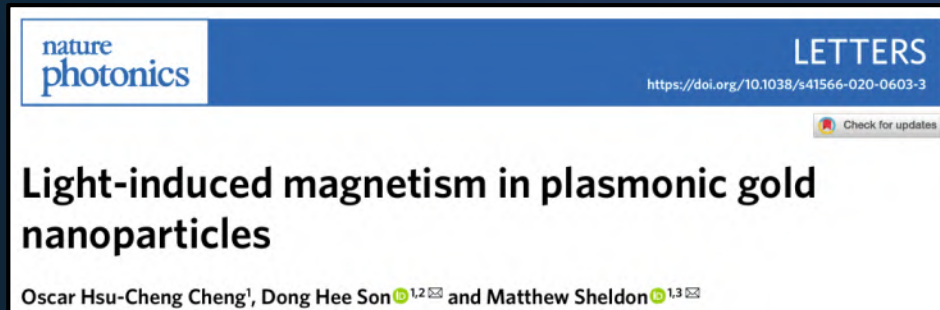
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N.B: Magnetic field amplitudes

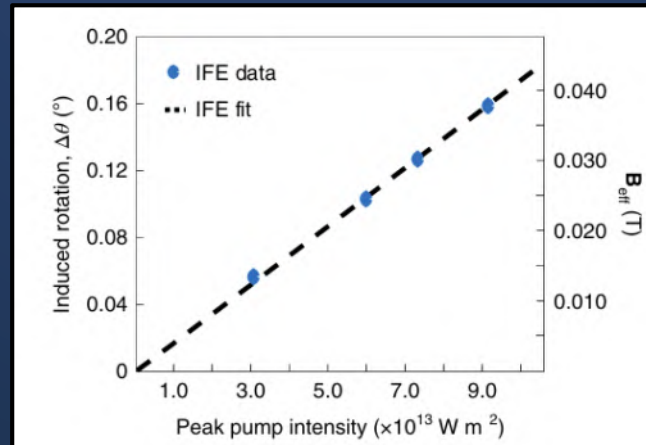
- In MuMax, we need ~ 50 mT to switch. Our IFE sims predict up to **1.1 mT**
- Prior experimental studies (Sheldon group) in Au nanoparticles measured Plasmon-enhanced IFE fields to be 500-1000x higher in experiment vs. simulation.
- Investigation is ongoing by Sheldon/Mivelle groups & others to understand experiment/sim mismatch.

40 mT experimentally measured,
while model predicts 0.08 mT

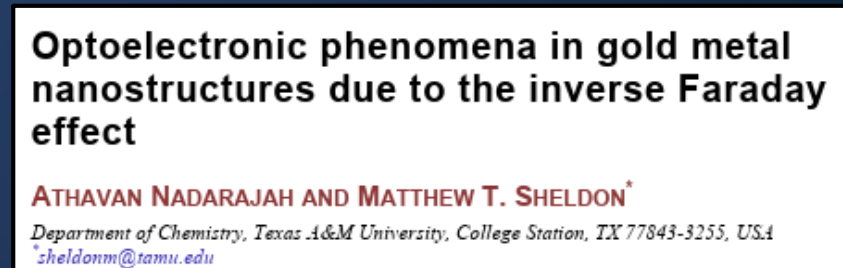
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Simulation paper



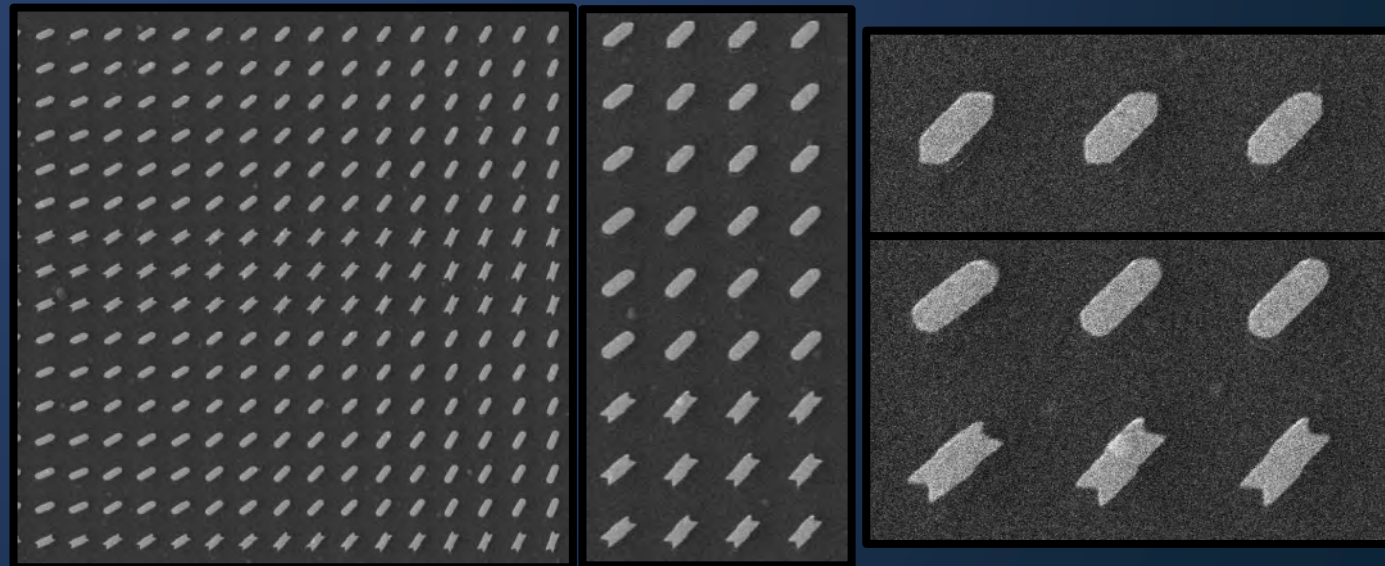
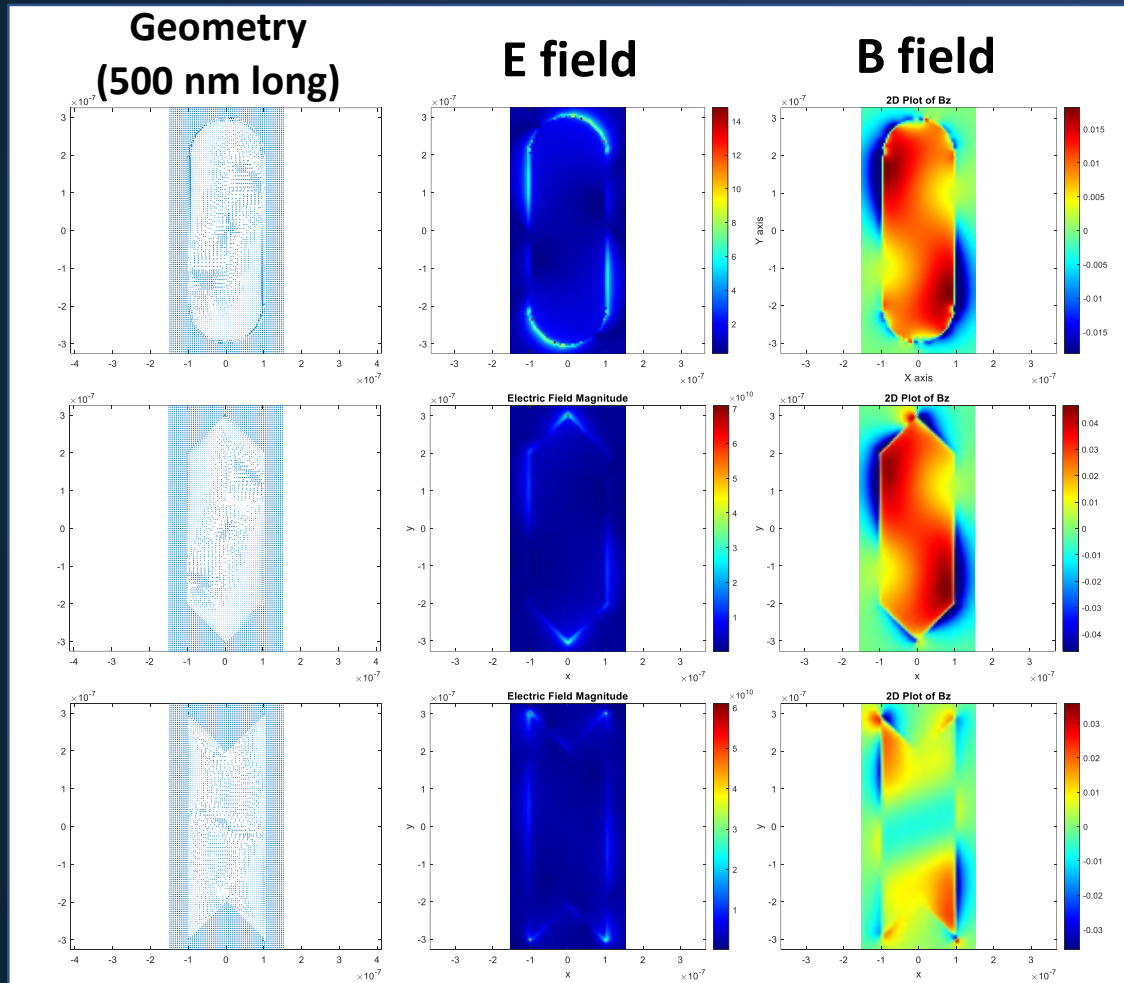
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Experiment with plasmon resonances via nanoisland end-shape

Lumerical simulations – Xiaofei Xiao:

- Want to make experimentally verifiable predictions
- **Vary** nanoisland end geometry & hence **plasmon resonance** to deactivate/minimise B field
- ‘M’ shaped ends substantially reduce Bz
- Fabricate & test experimentally...

EBL & SEM of different end-shapes: Tingjun Zheng:

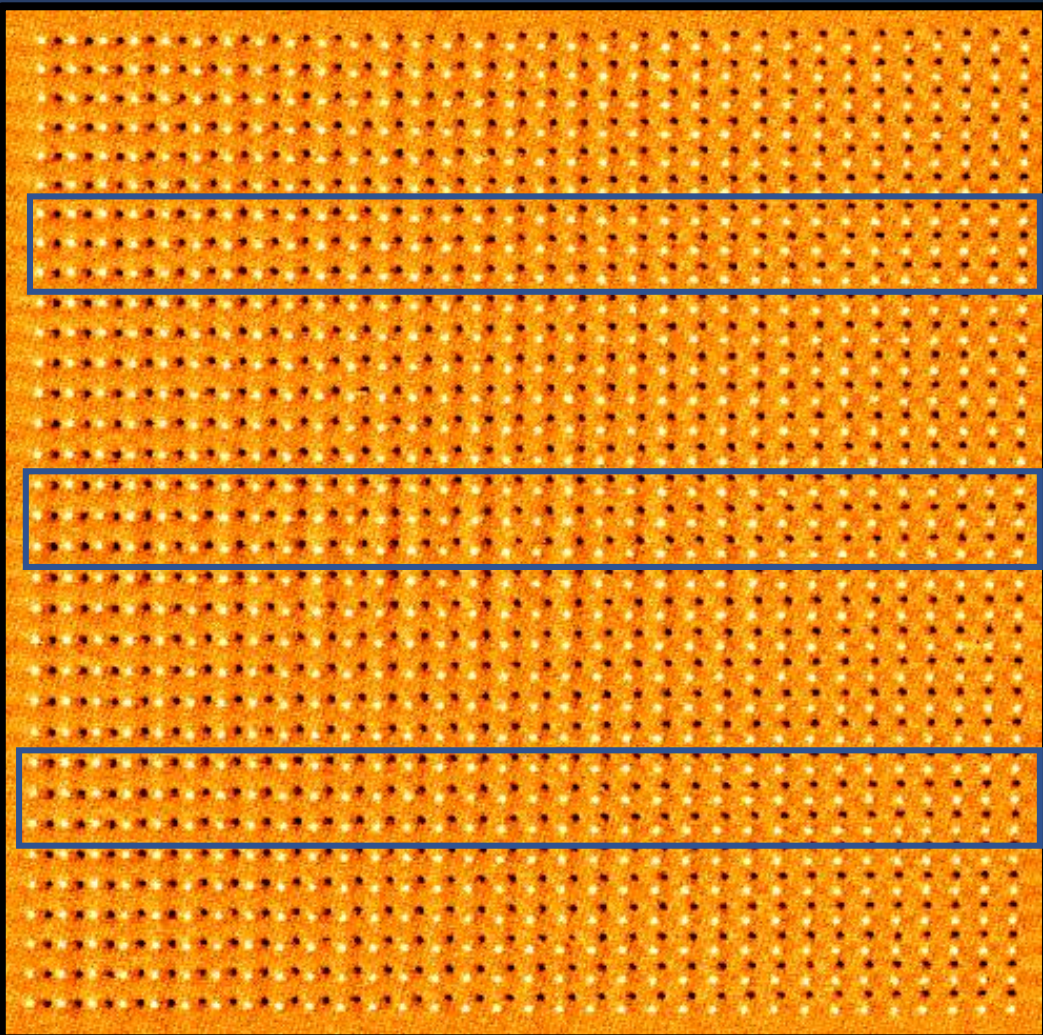
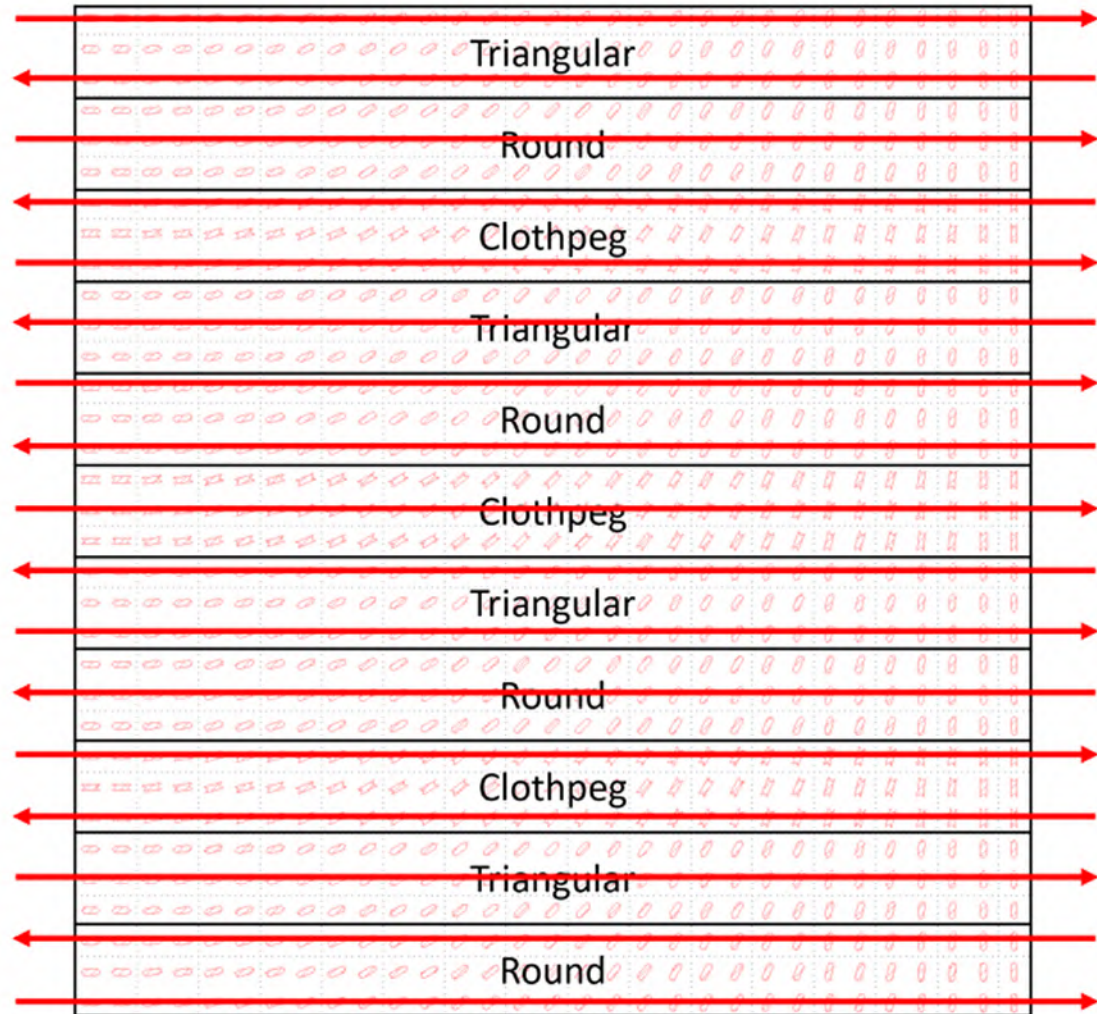


Simulate magneto-optical effects of our nanoislands

- Prepare array with alternating end geometries: 'Clothes peg' is M-shaped

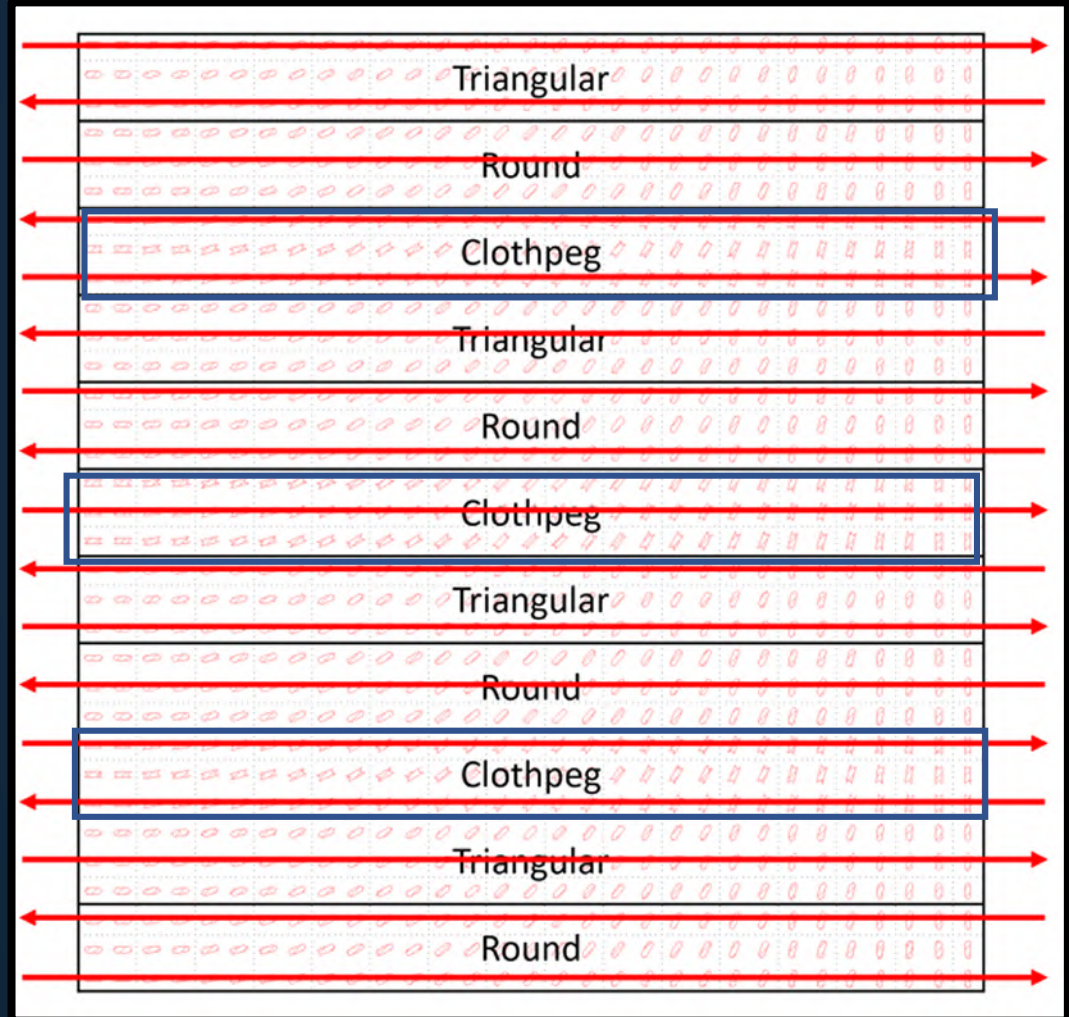


Before writing – saturated state:

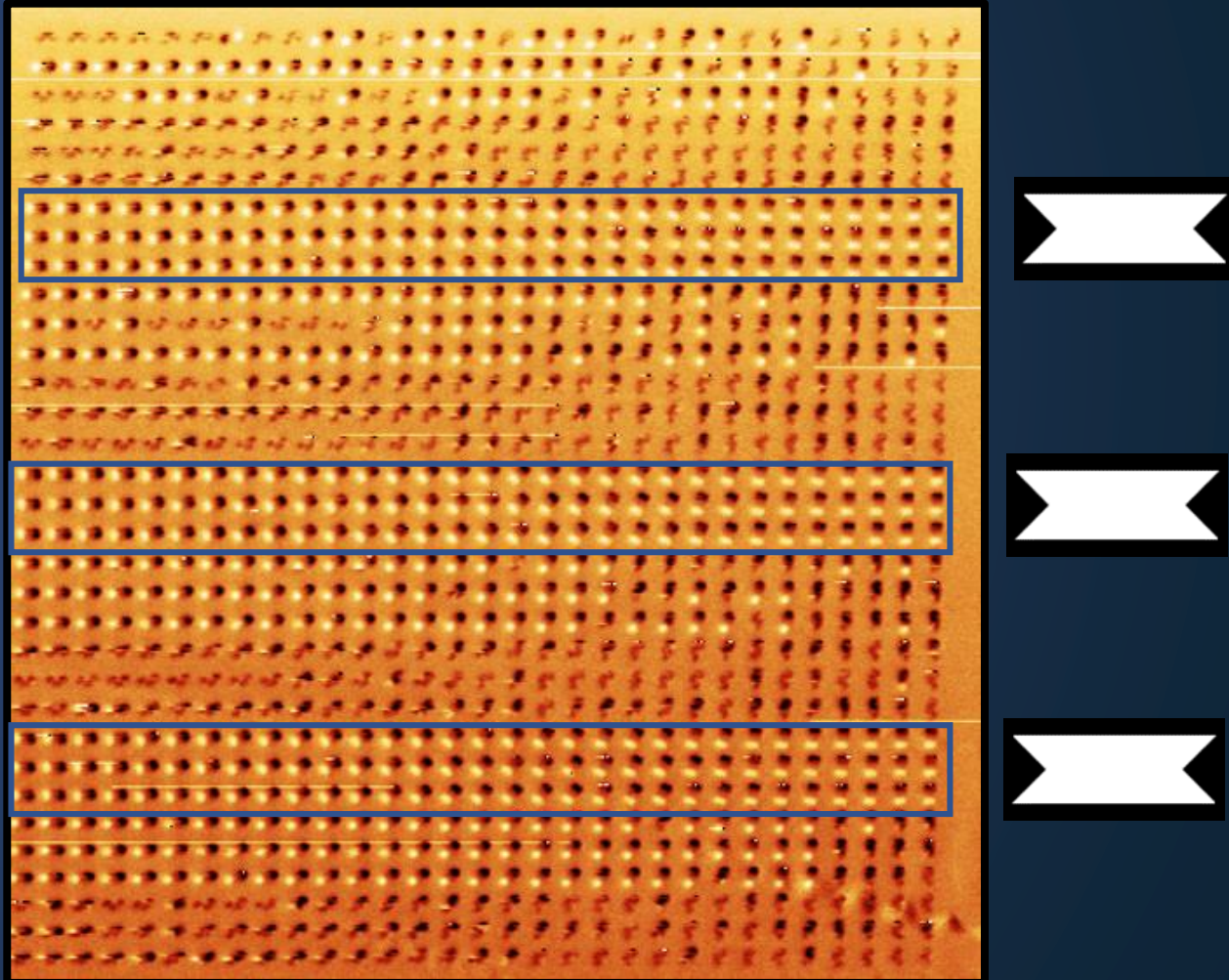


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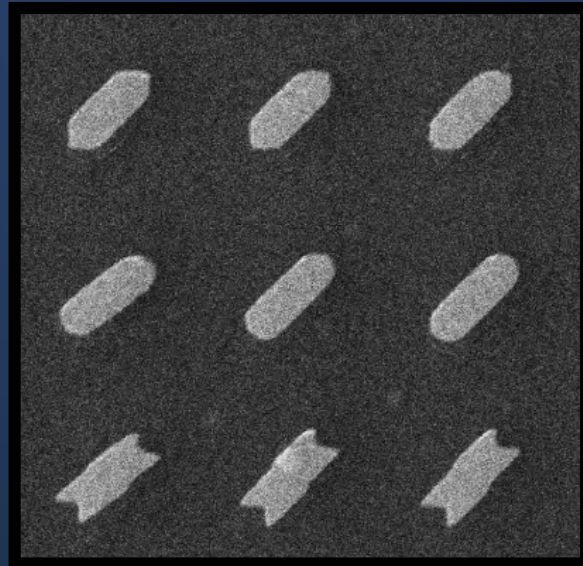
- No optical magnetic switching observed in M-shaped nanoislands (540 islands)



After writing – optical switching:



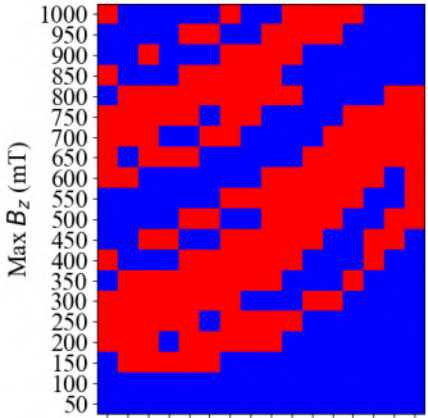
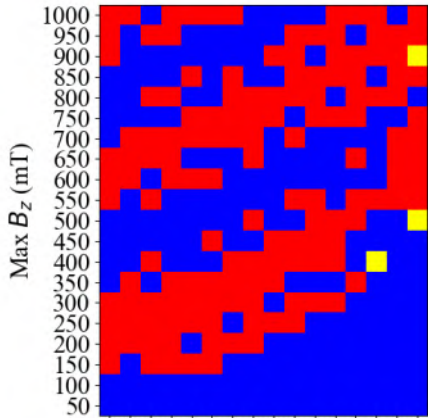
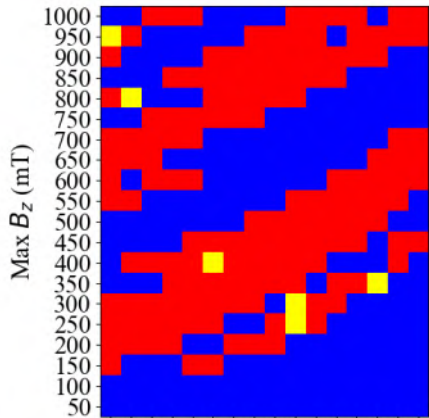
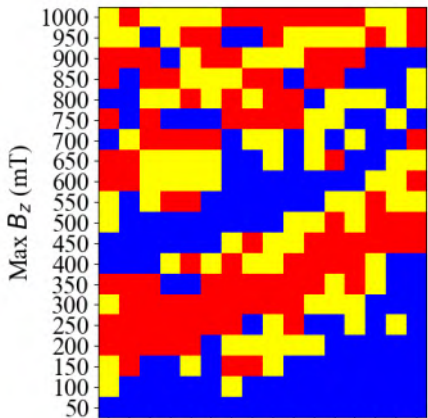
- **Very promising!** M-shaped ends where weak optical Bz field is predicted **don't switch**
- Experimental evidence of behaviour predicted by optical plasmonic Bz field
- Could there be non-optical reasons?
E.g. different magnetic properties for M-shaped ends?



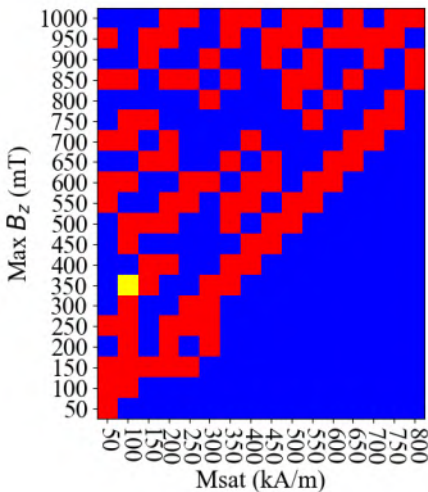
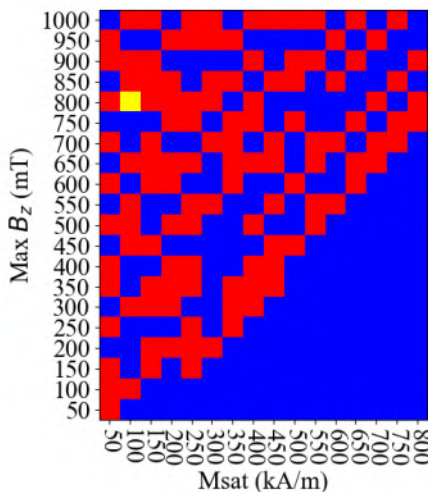
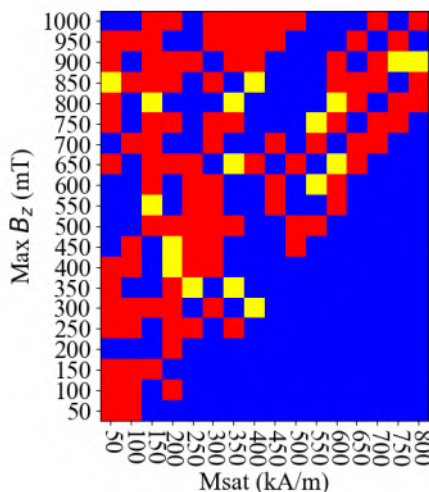
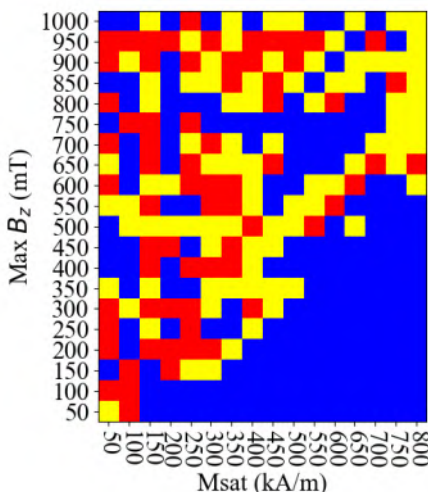
Rounded End – Magnetic sims



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ps



400
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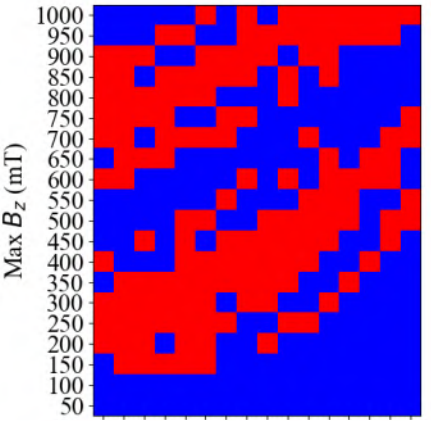
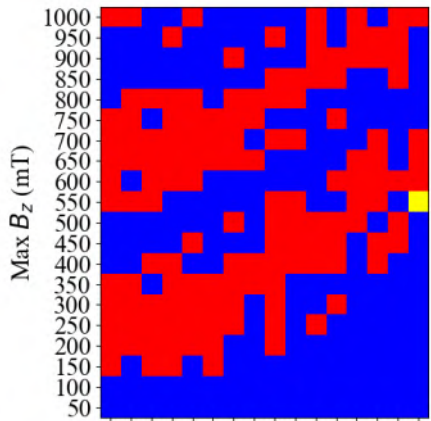
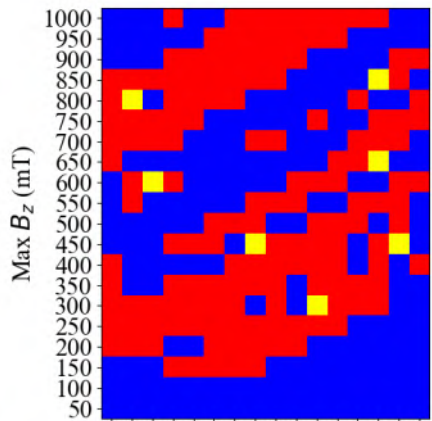
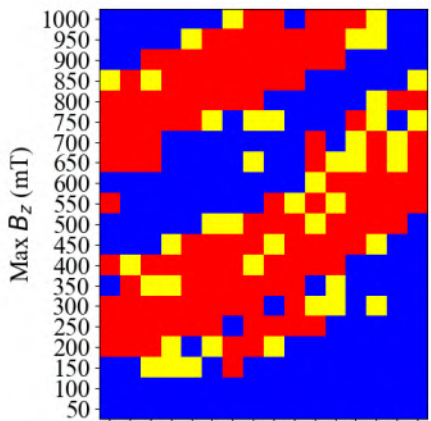
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Unflipped	Flipped	Single Vortex	Double Vortex

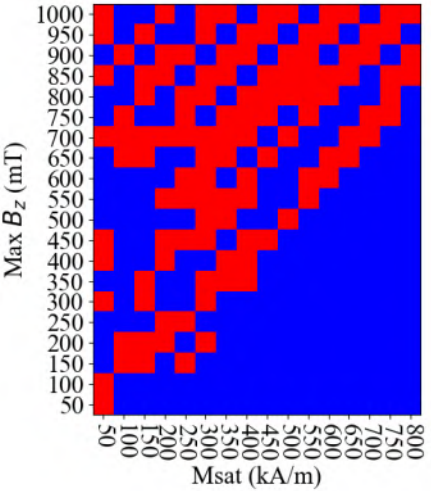
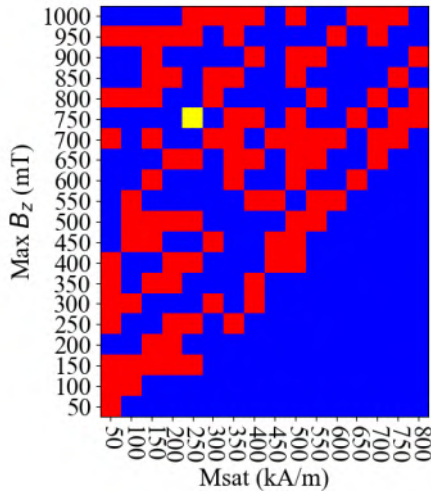
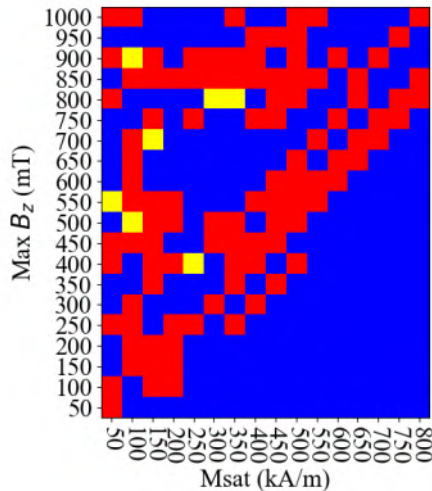
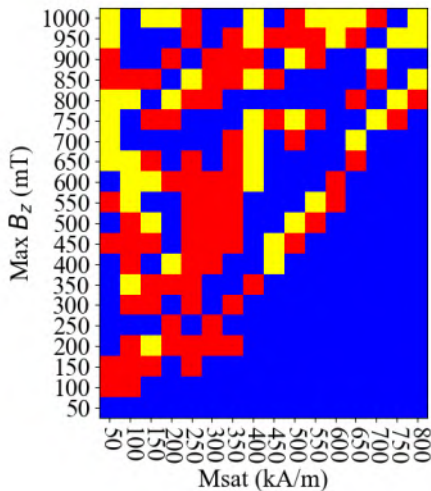
M-shaped End – Magnetic sims



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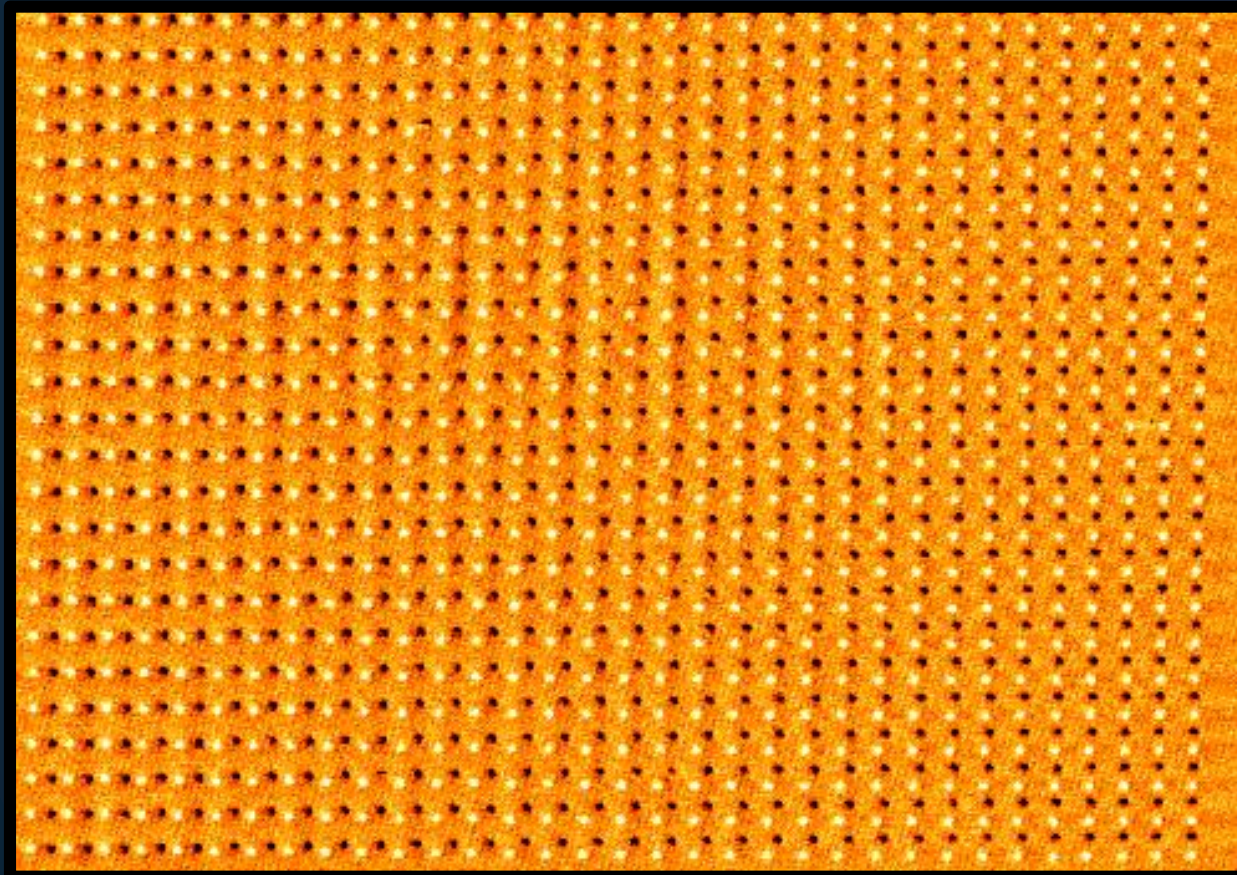
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M-shaped Ends

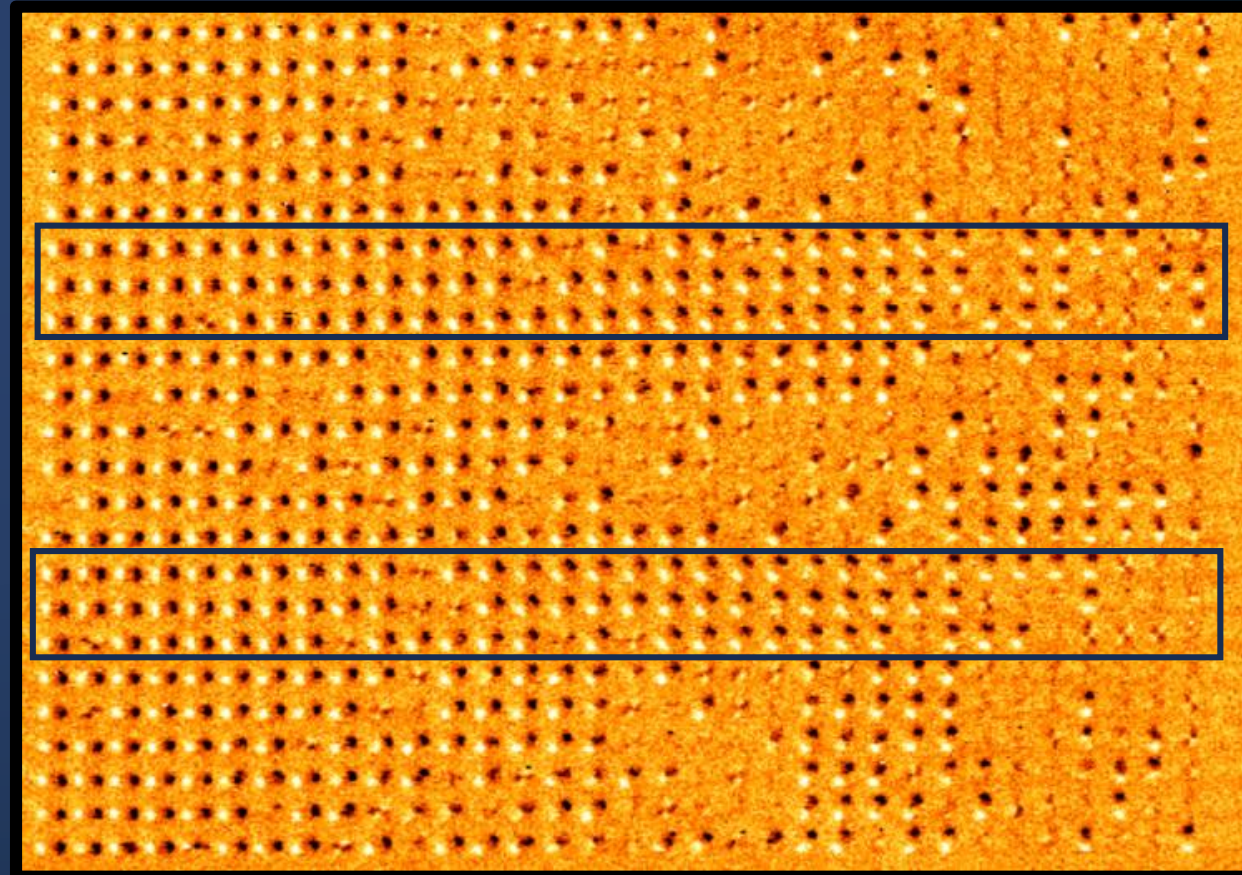


- Experiments at different wavelength. Previously 633 nm, here 532 nm
- Plasmonic effects often sensitive to wavelength
- Some evidence of switching in M-shaped ends:

Before



After

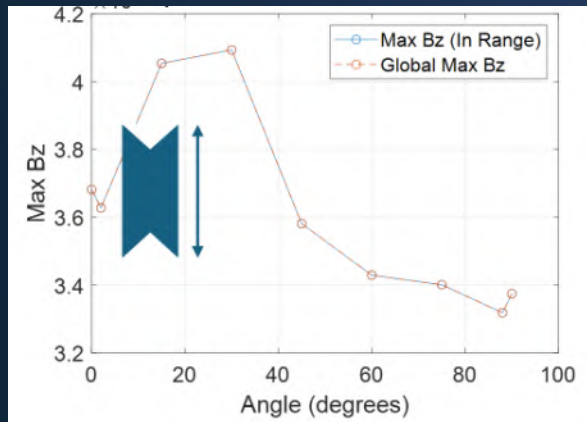


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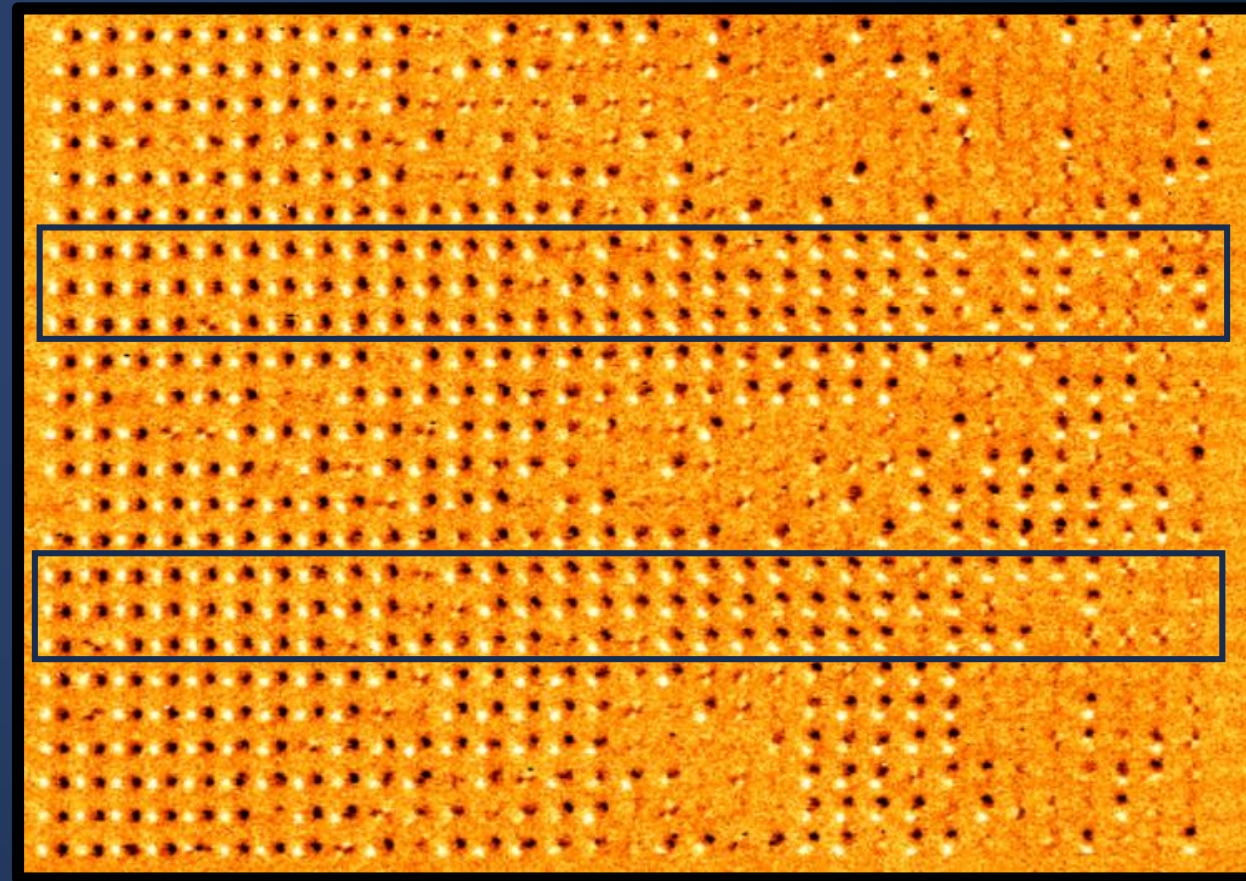
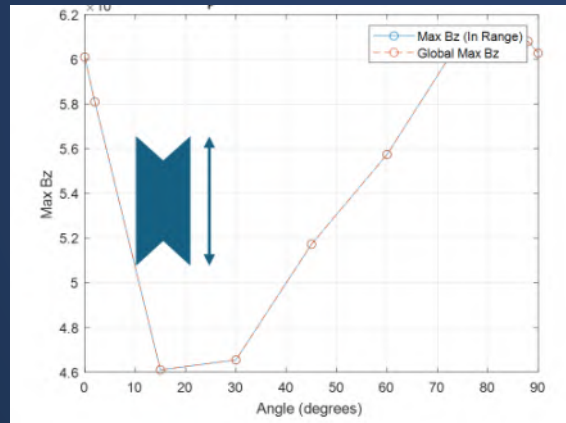


- Simulate plasmonic Bz field at 532 nm vs. 633 nm
- Bz-field suppression for M-shaped islands only occurs at 633 nm
- We need to design geometry for 532 nm Bz field suppression

532 nm:



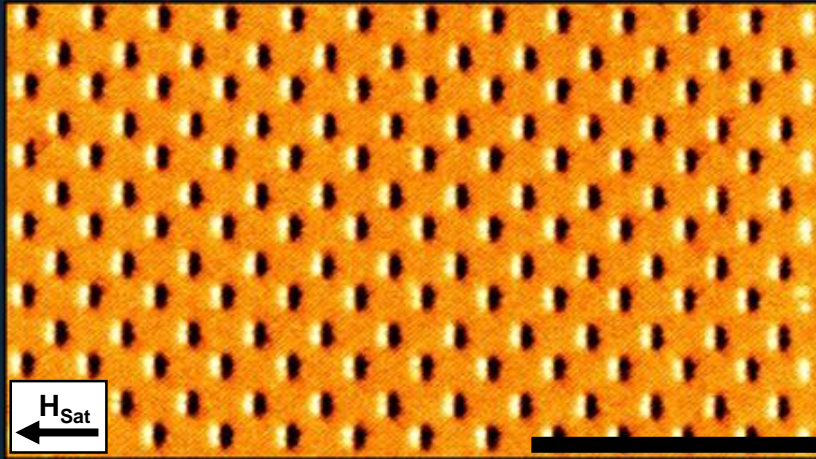
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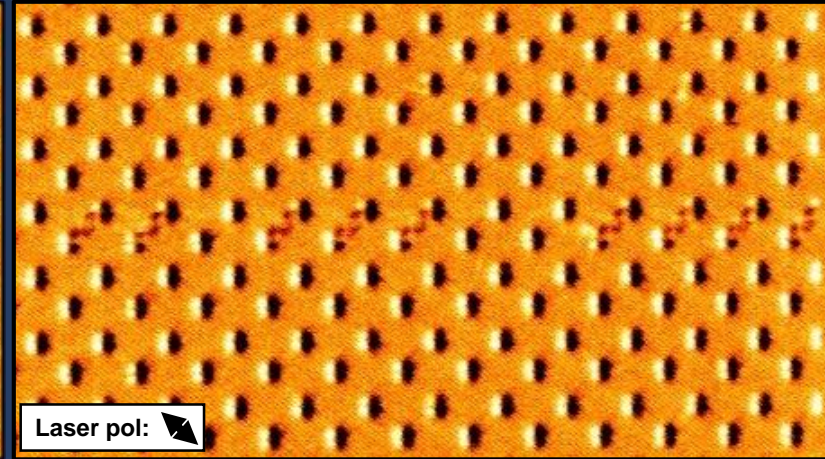
First tests: Optically-written states for array control

Results lead here by Holly Holder

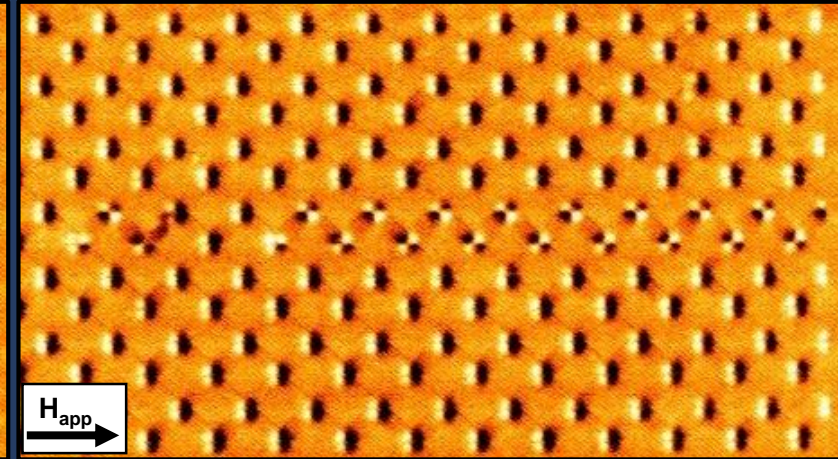
a) Array 1: Initial saturated state



b) Laser-write double vortices along row

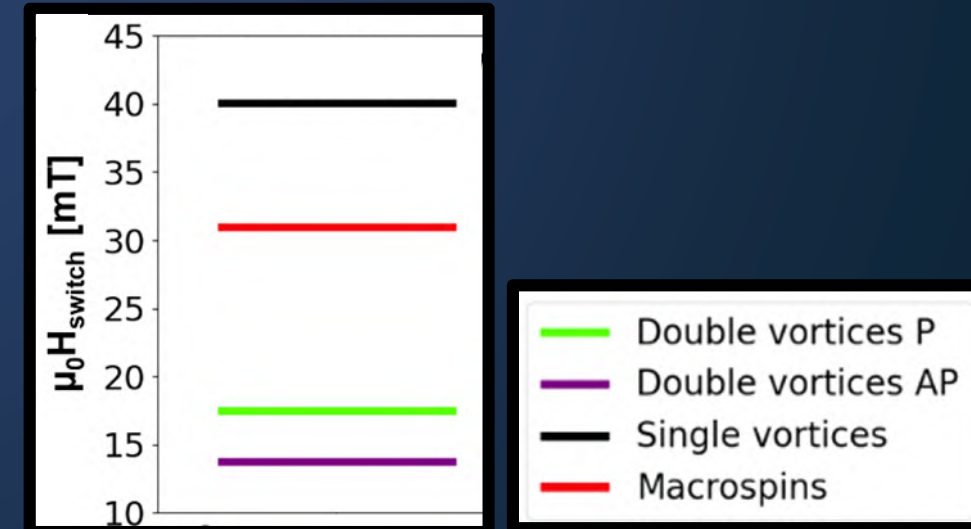


c) Apply global field $H_{\text{app}}: 0.91H_{\text{c-start}} = 18.2 \text{ mT}$
Locally induce avalanche-like reversal



Applied field $H_{\text{app}}: 0.91H_{\text{c-start}} = 18.2 \text{ mT}$

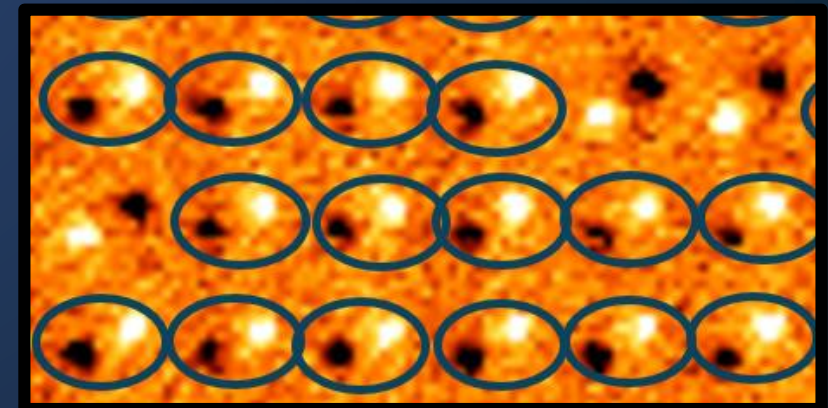
- Optically-write **double vortex** states
- Double-vortex **coercive field** low vs. macrospin
 - (14-16 mT vs 32 mT in MuMax)
- Apply field of **18.2 mT** = above double-vortex coercivity, below macrospin coercivity
- Trigger avalanche-like reversal chains seeded by optically-written vortices



Fidelity – Why isn't it higher?

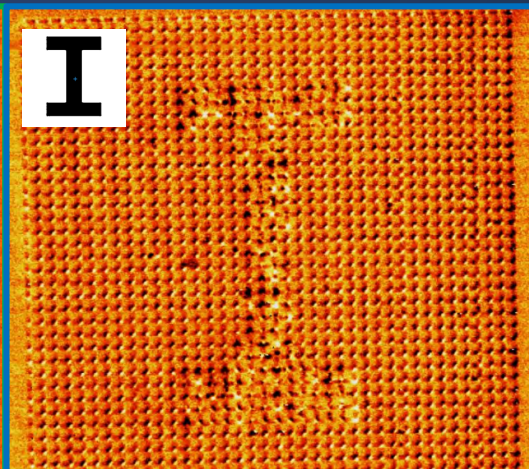
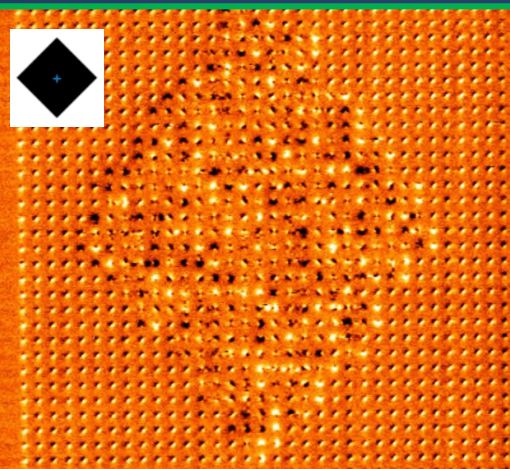
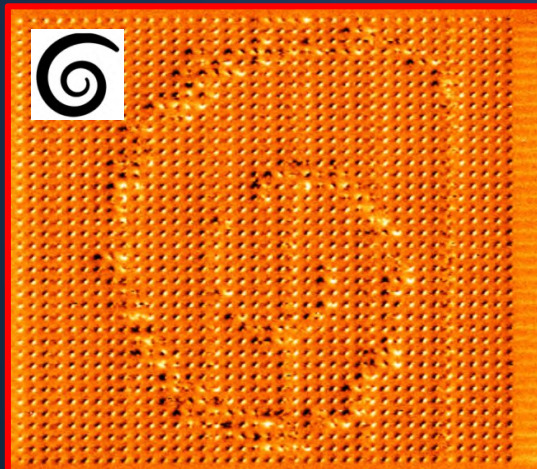
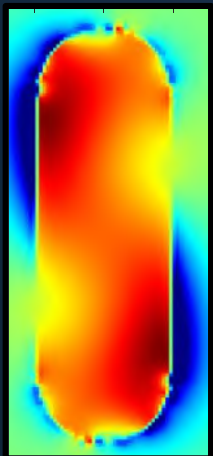
- Sims show final state of switching is highly sensitive to nanoisland dimensions & field strength
 - DMD struggles to provide **perfectly uniform illumination**
 - Replace with simple objective lens to test
 - Challenging to fabricate perfectly identical islands via EBL
 - 400 ps is a bit long for precessional switching (M may rotate twice)
 - Try shorter 50-150 ps pulses
 - Potential for combination of IFE/magneto-optic effect and thermal effects
 - Try optimising ratio of heating to magneto-optic effects via plasmonic/fabrication optimisation
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- We observe regions of laser power/polarisation parameter sweeps with higher fidelity (still not perfect):
 - Much optimisation is required before we can state what maximum fidelities are experimentally viable.

Circles show optically-switched bars:



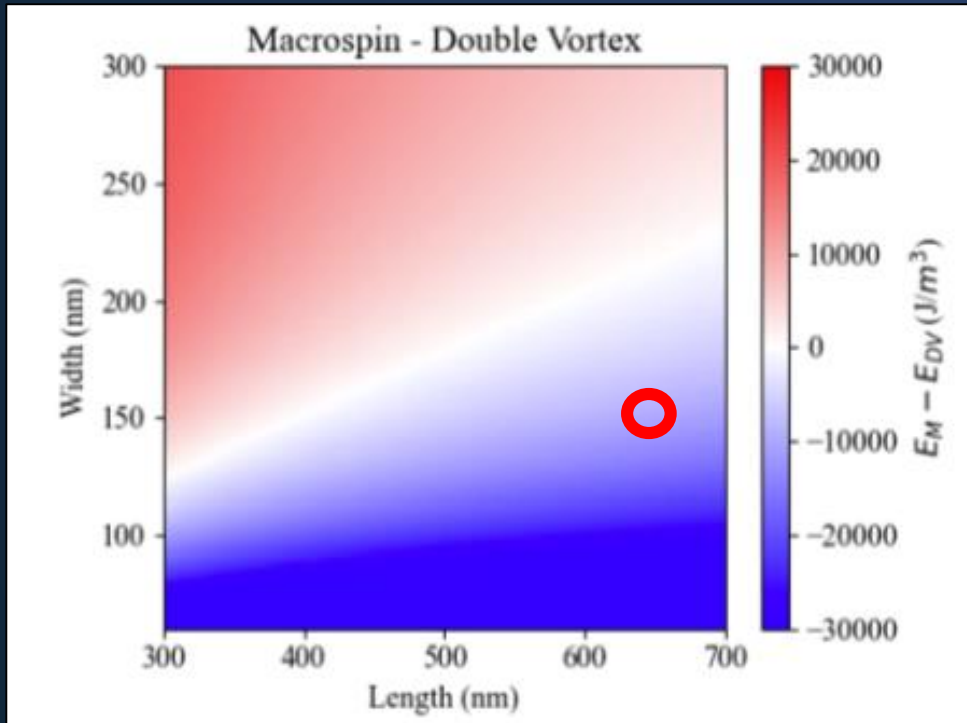
Conclusions

- Explore plasmonically-enhanced Inverse Faraday Effect & precessional reversal as mechanism for observed magnetic switching
- Continue to optimise nanoisland geometry & illumination to improve fidelity
- Deepen understanding of mechanism & sophistication of modelling
- Experiment with using optically-written states for programming ASI dynamics
- Thanks & any questions!

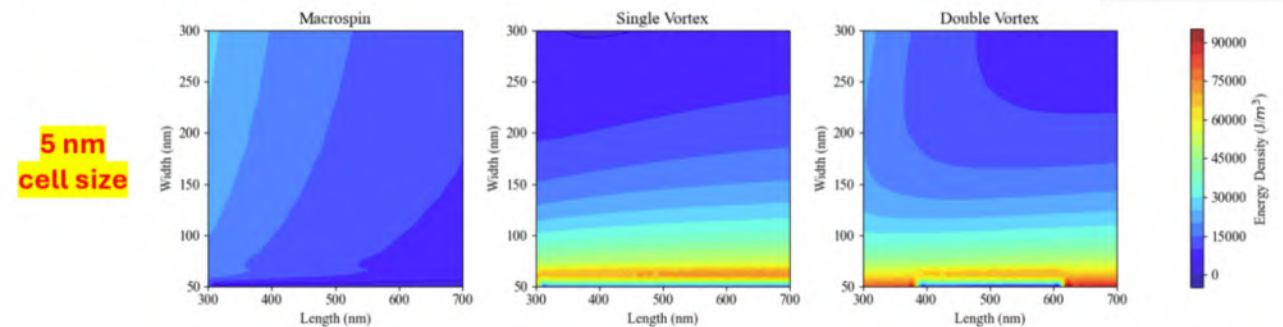


Writing of high-energy double-vortex states:

- At 650 x 150 nm islands, double vortex is 2x energy of macrospin state
- We observe frequent macrospin-double vortex writing in 650 x 150 nm islands
- Unlikely via purely thermal/demagnetisation effects

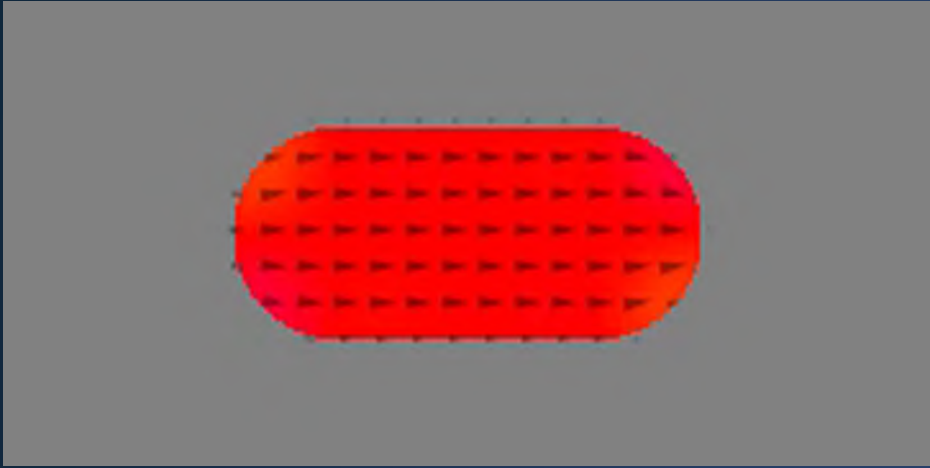


Energy Phase Diagram – Round end

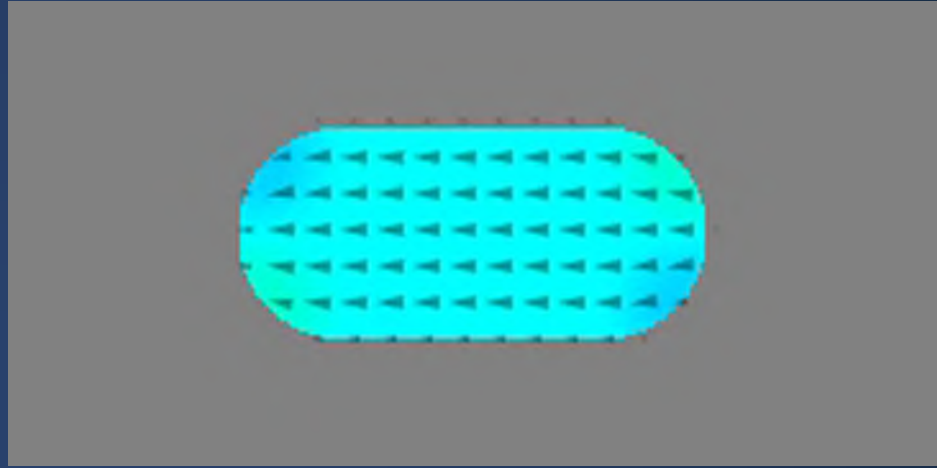


Investigate asymmetry between 0 & 90 deg vortex writing

Pos Bz, Pos Mx



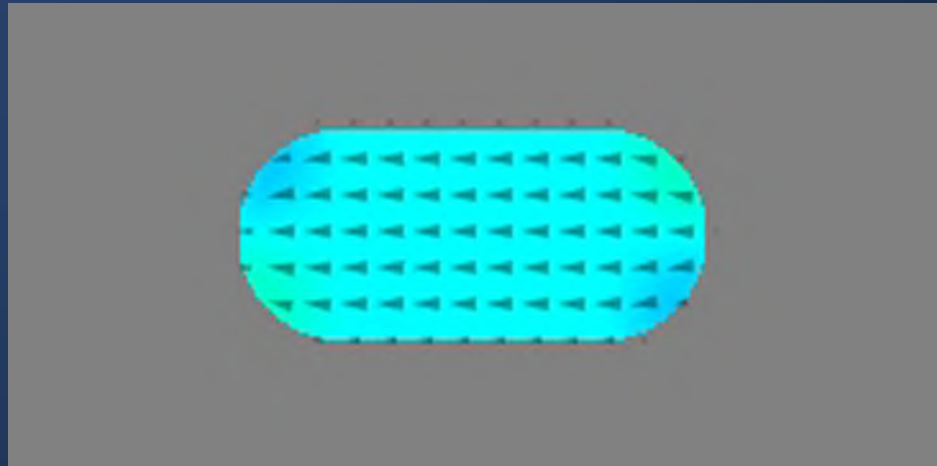
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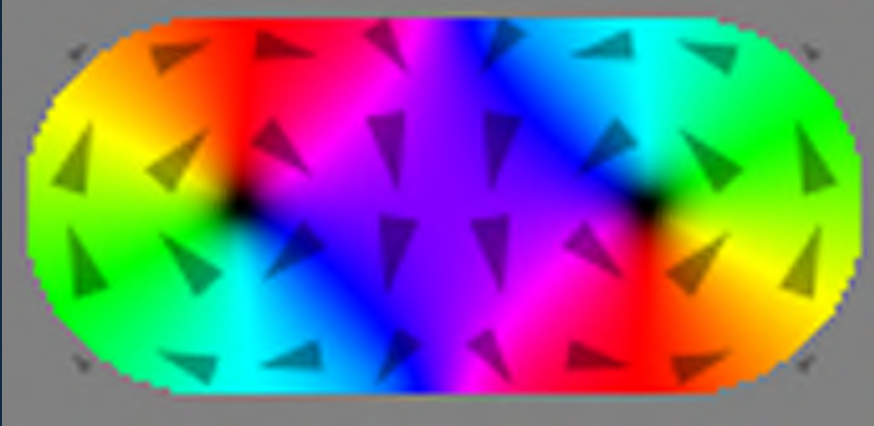


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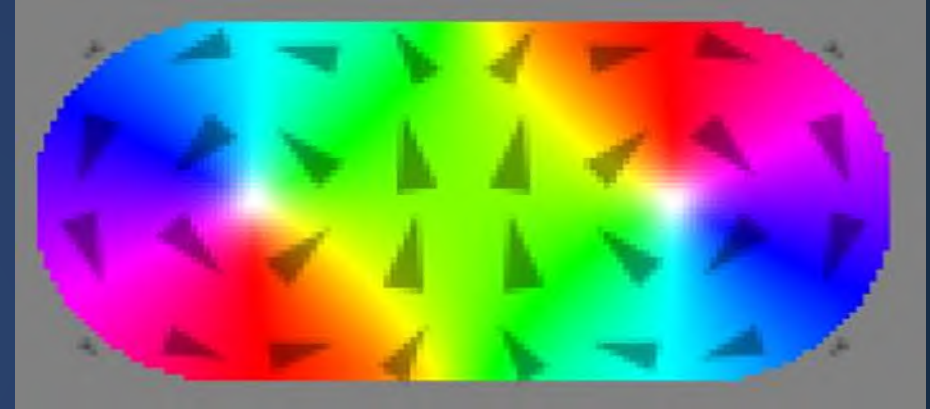


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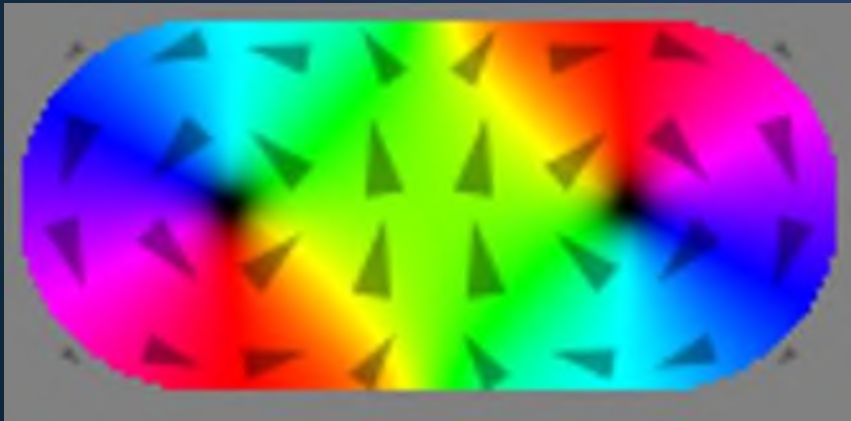
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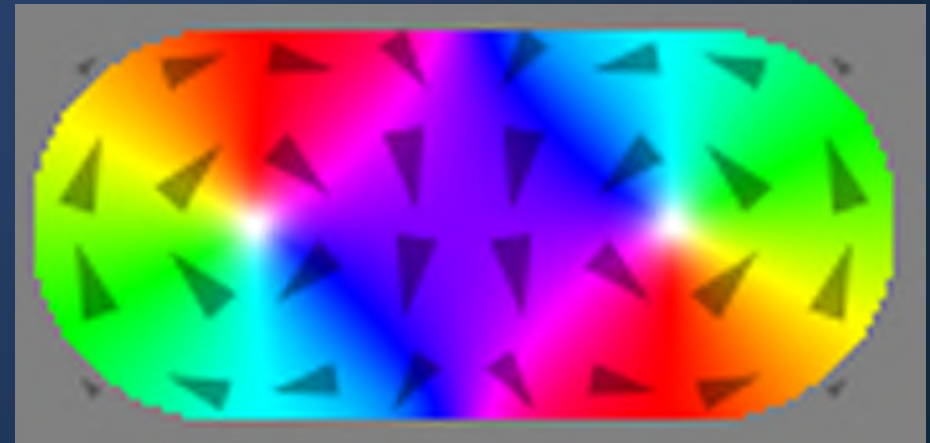
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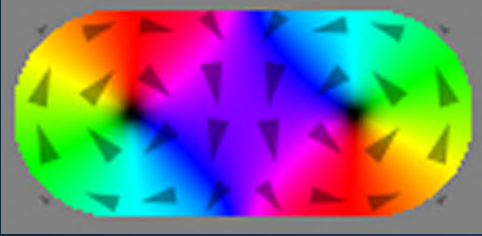
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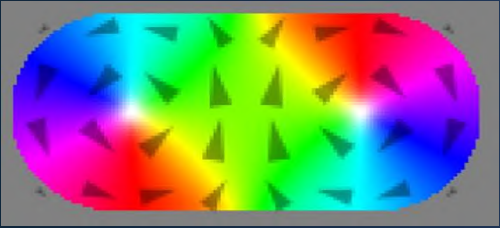
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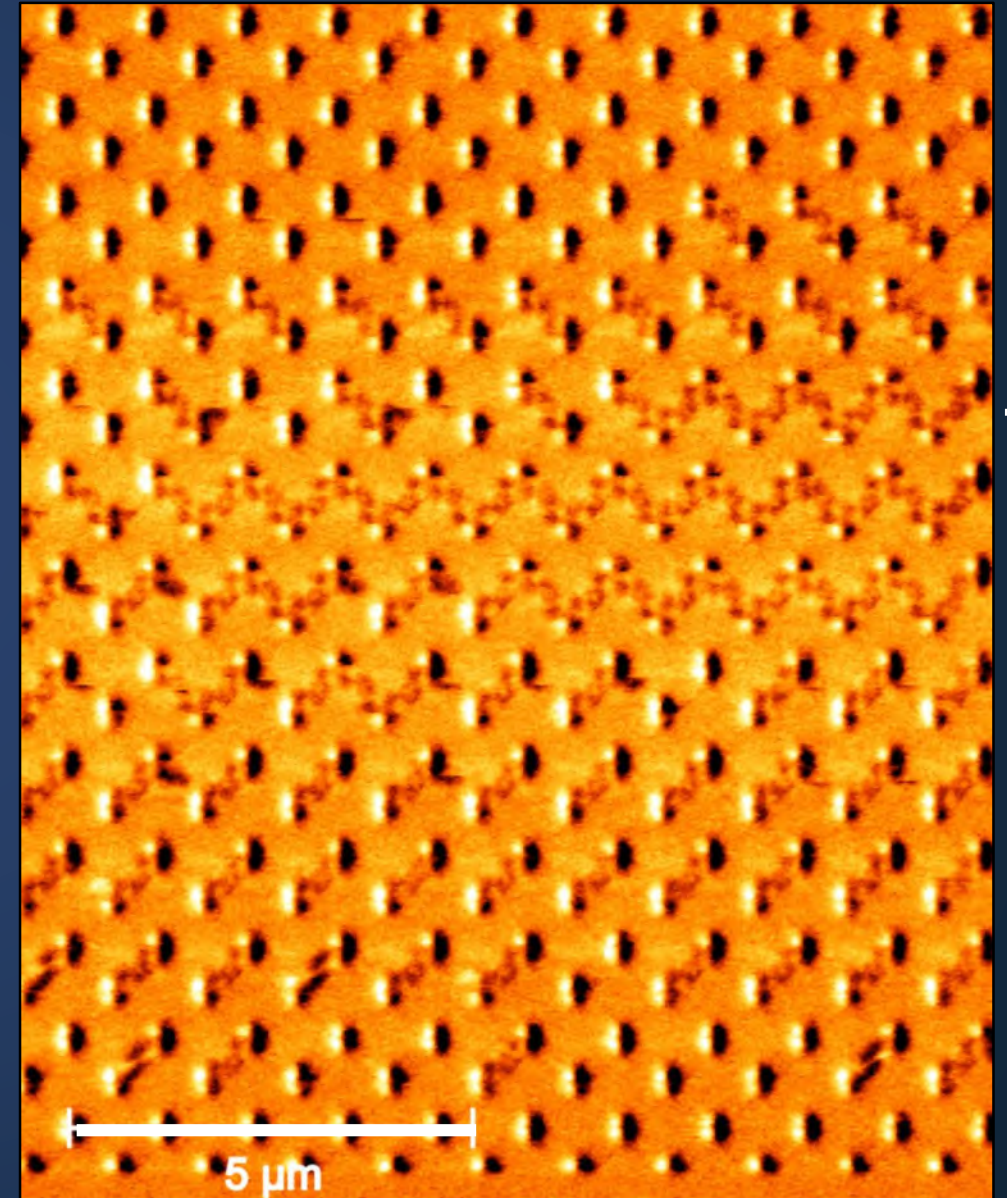
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+ 30°
+ 45°
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+ q_M
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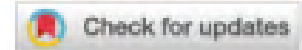
Conclusions

- Appears increasingly that we observe **first evidence** of new **all-optical magnetic switching** mechanism
- “**Magneto-Plasmonic Inverse Faraday Effect**” driving Precessional

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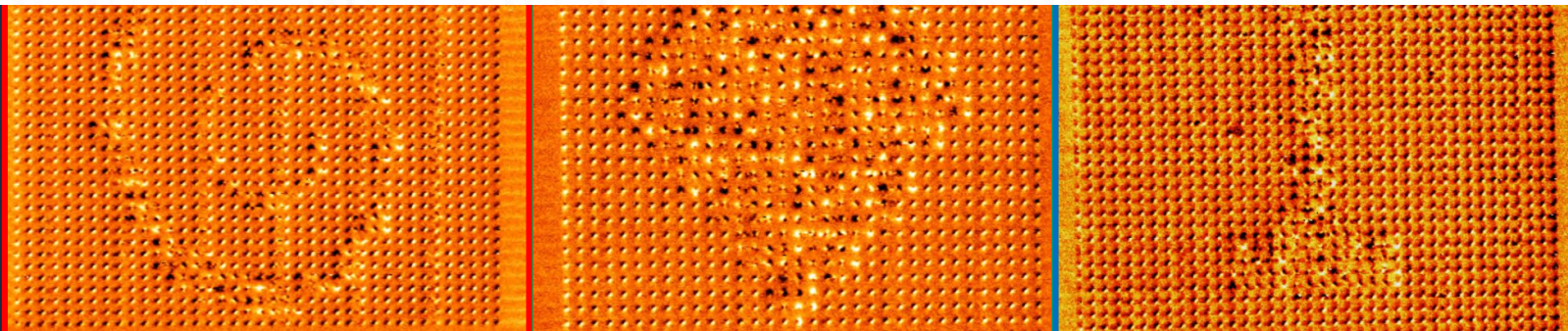
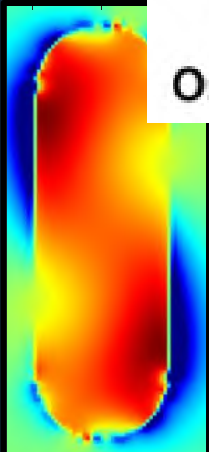
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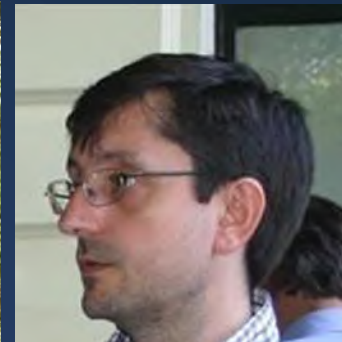
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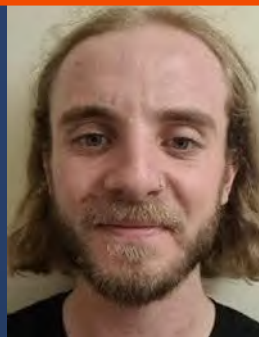


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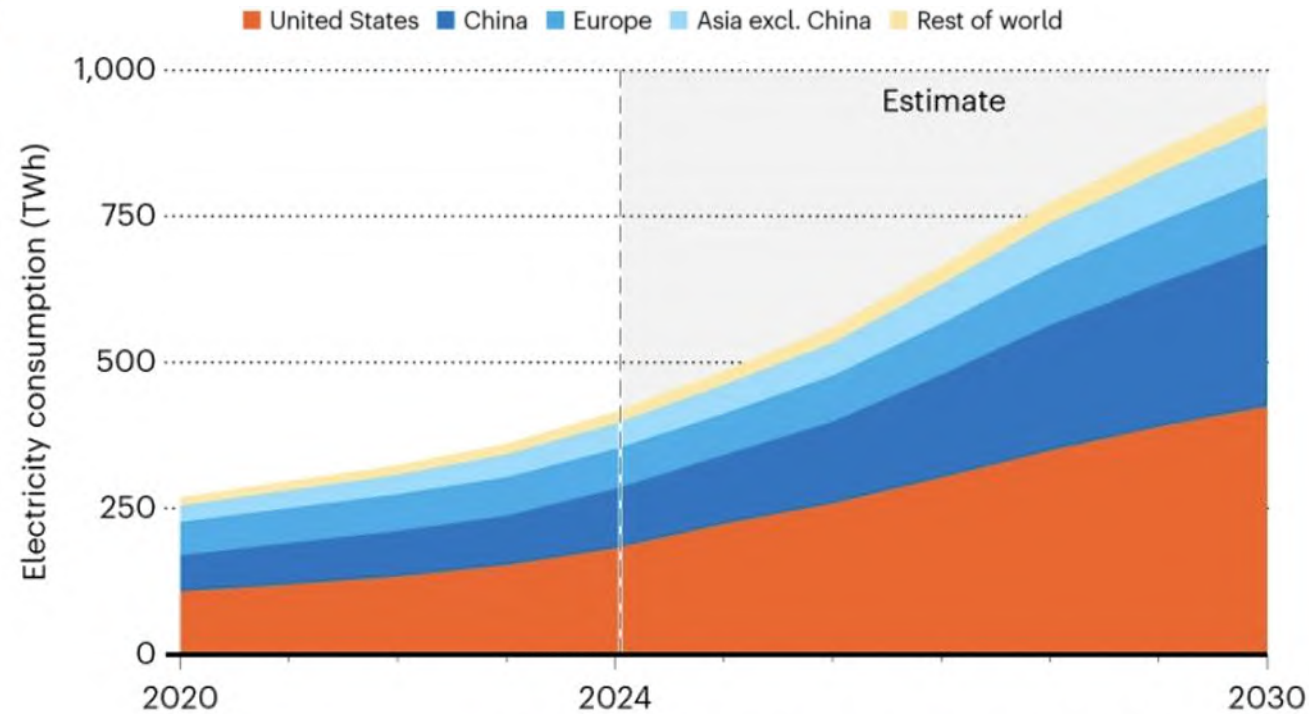
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- Global AI energy use **doubles every 3.4 months**
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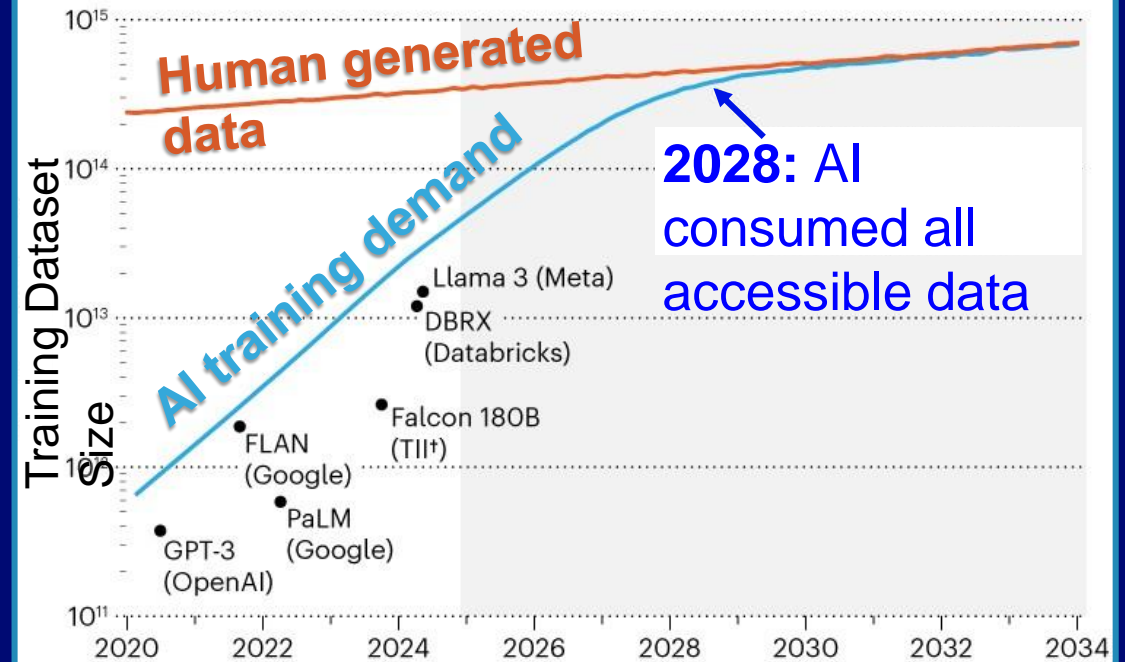
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The Challenge:

AI has a **huge Energy and Data** problem

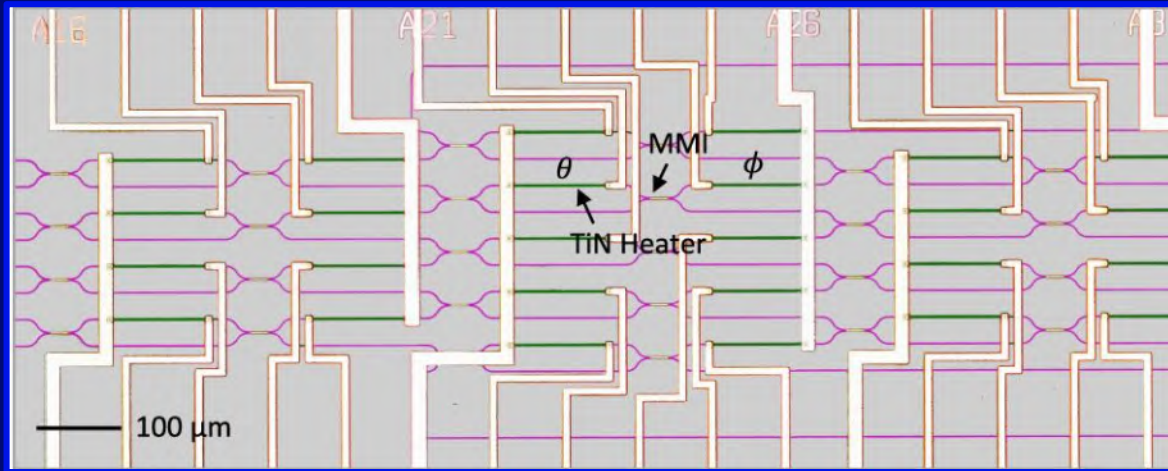
- **Root cause: Hardware**
- **Biological Brains** consume just **~20 W** & learn from **extremely few examples**

Can we develop a **Brain-Like Processor?**

Neuromorphic Computing: Physics-based AI

- **Neuromorphic Computing:** Implement AI via **Physical Dynamics**
- Many physical systems have been explored
 - all with **benefits & challenges**
- Photonics: Highly promising, but **unsolved challenges**

Photonic Computing: Excellent Speed & Bandwidth



But!

Large

Footprint: 4.8 mm² – only 8 neurons

Zhang et al, Nature Comms (2022)

Linear

- Majority of schemes lack nonlinearity
- Usually artificially added in post-processing software

The background of the slide features a complex network diagram. It consists of numerous nodes, represented by small, glowing spheres in shades of blue, purple, and white. These nodes are interconnected by a web of thin, light-colored lines, creating a dense, interconnected mesh that resembles a molecular structure or a data network. The overall color palette is dark blue, providing a high-contrast backdrop for the glowing nodes and the white text.

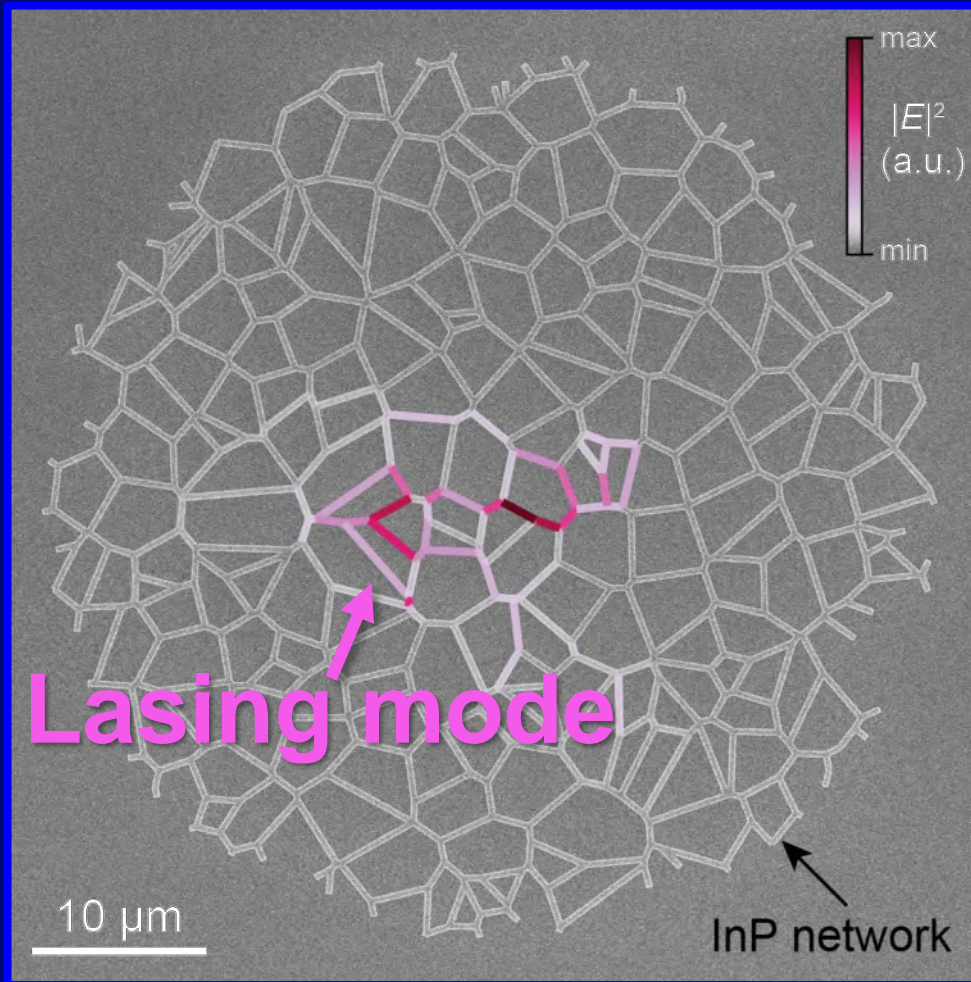
A Potential solution:

Explore **Random Network Lasers**

- **Disordered, nonlinear** photonic dynamics
- Previously **unexplored** for computing

Random Network Laser

Host huge number of nonlinear lasing modes as random walks



Fast & Efficient



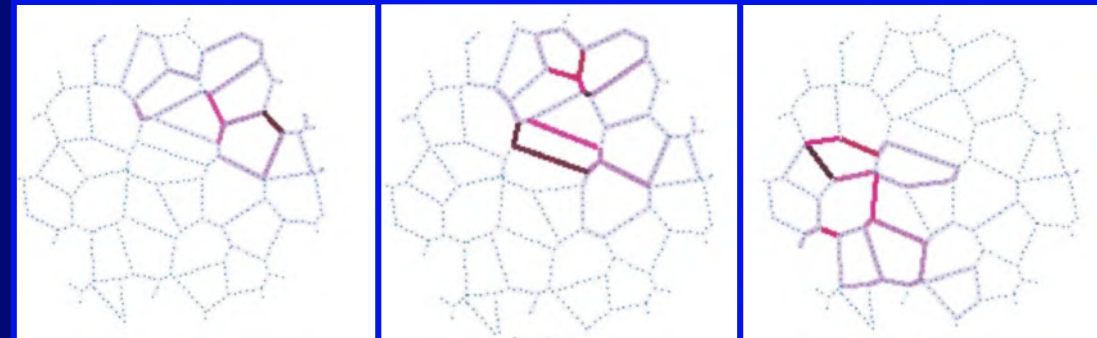
ps timescale
 $10^{-10}\ \text{s}$



nJ operation
 $10^{-8}\ \text{J}$

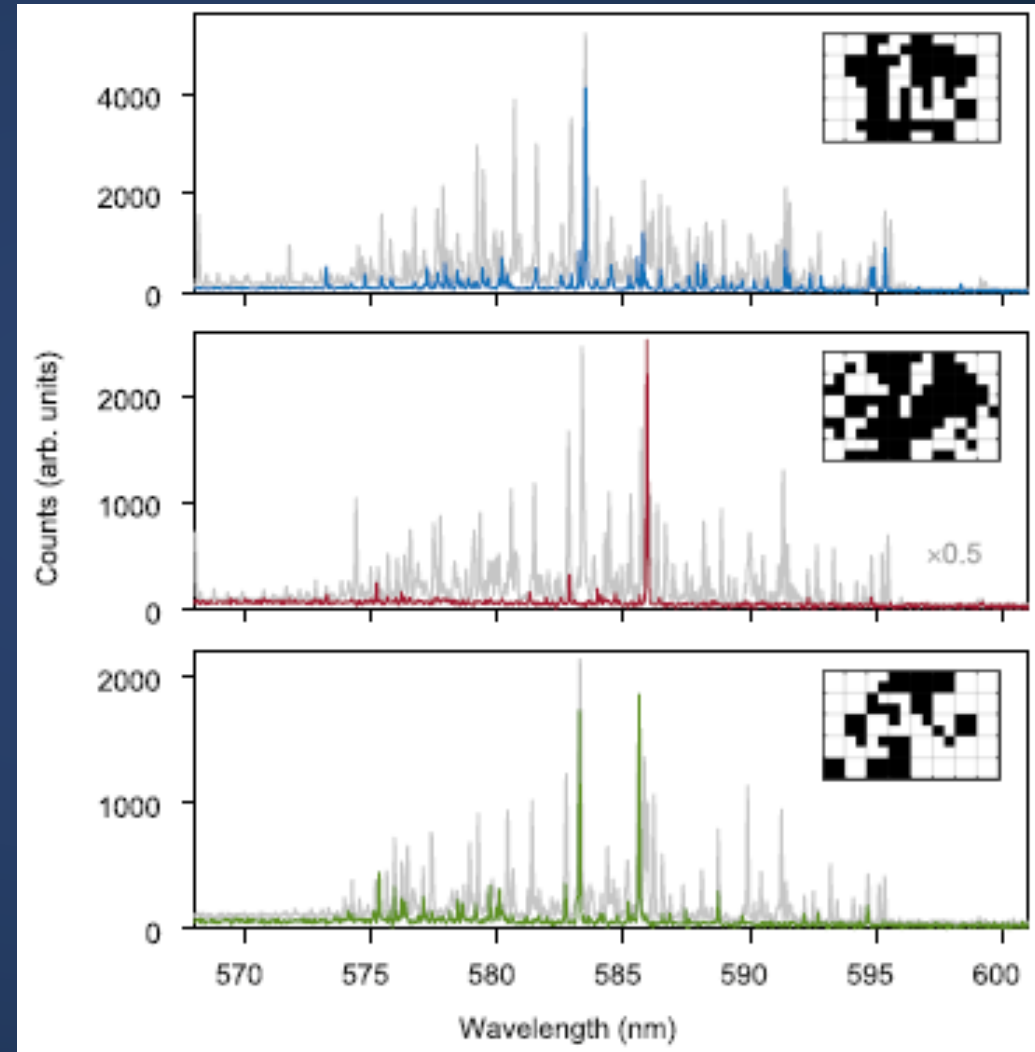
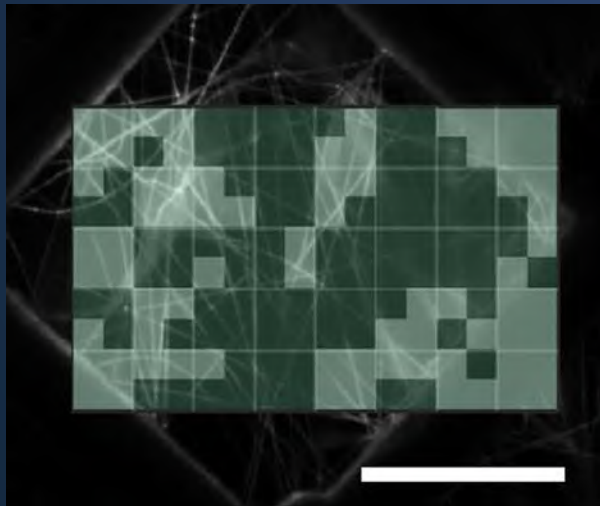
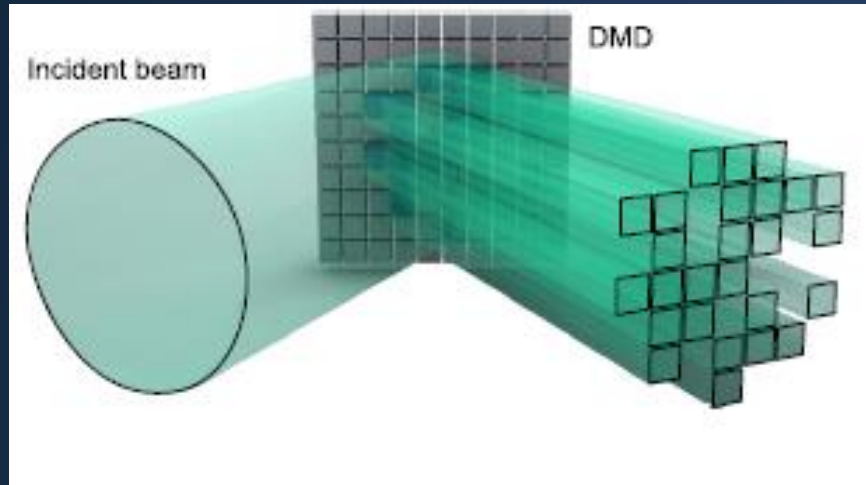
- **Small footprint** $\sim 50\ \mu\text{m}$
- **InP material**
- **10^4 'Photonic neurons'**
 - $\times 10^6$ higher neuron density

Mode shapes:



Random Network Lasers: Spatially-controlled input

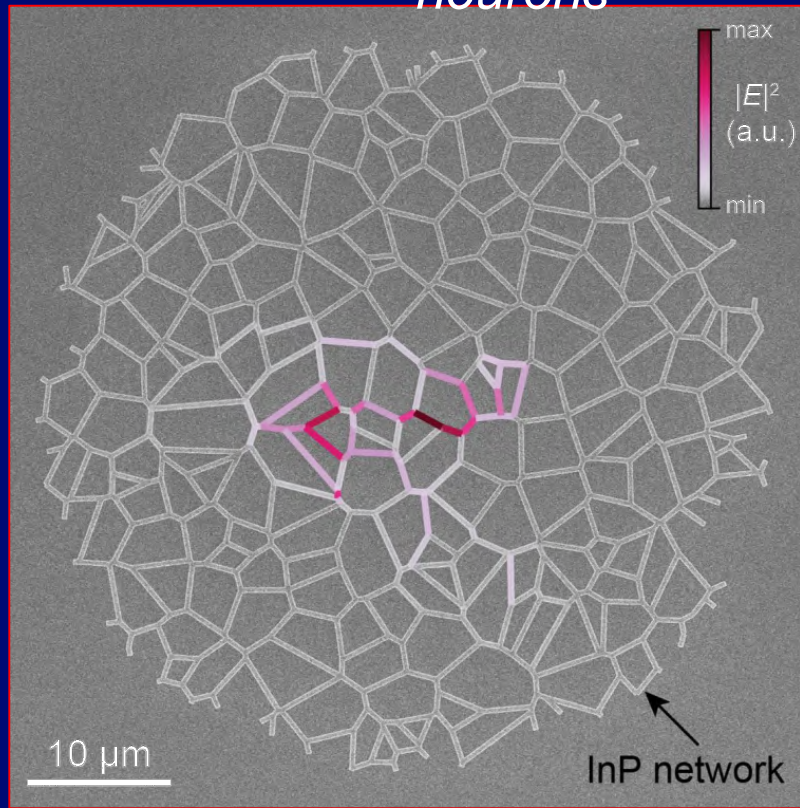
Different lasing spectra in response to different input light patterns



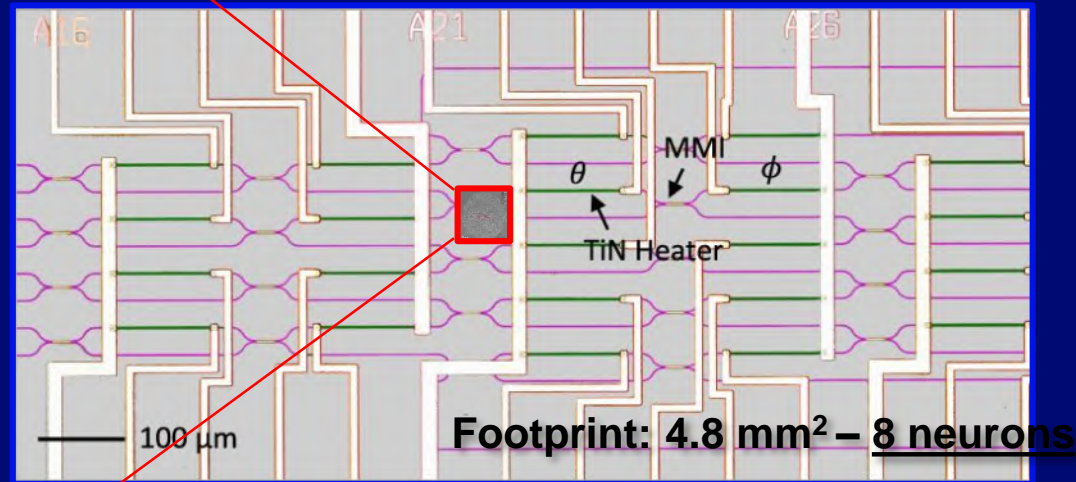
Random Network Laser

Small footprint $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$

10^4 Lasing Modes = *nonlinear photonic neurons*



Far smaller than existing photonic schemes

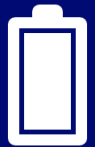


x2.4 million higher neuron density

Fast & Efficient



ps timescale
 10^{-10} s



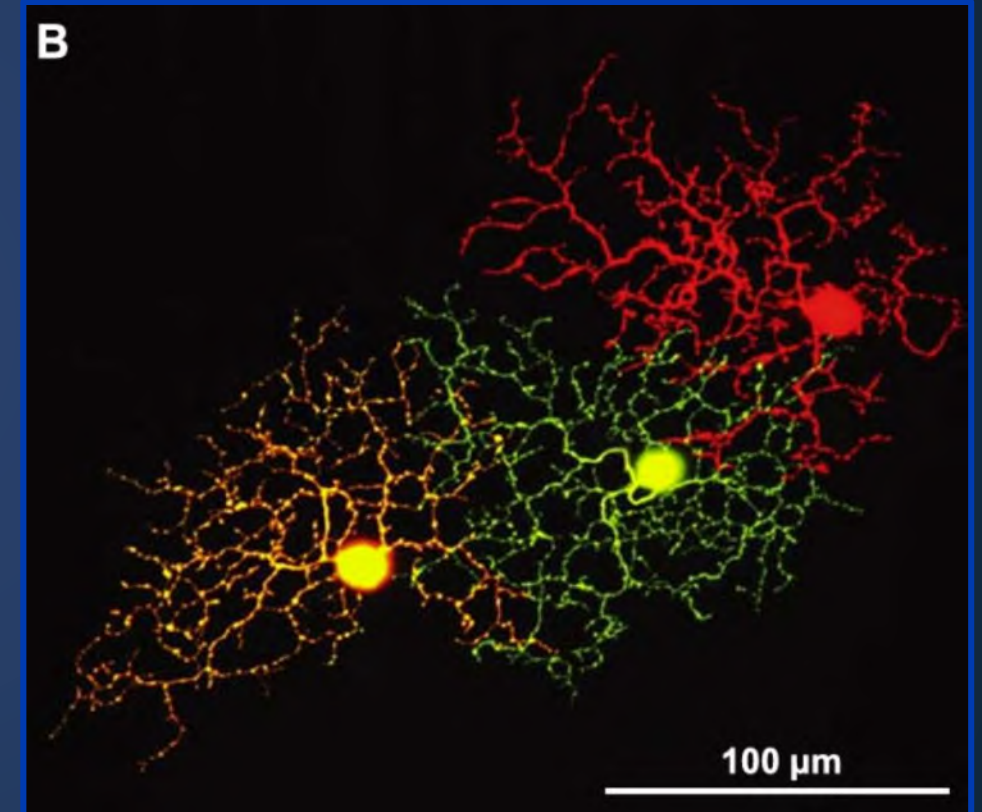
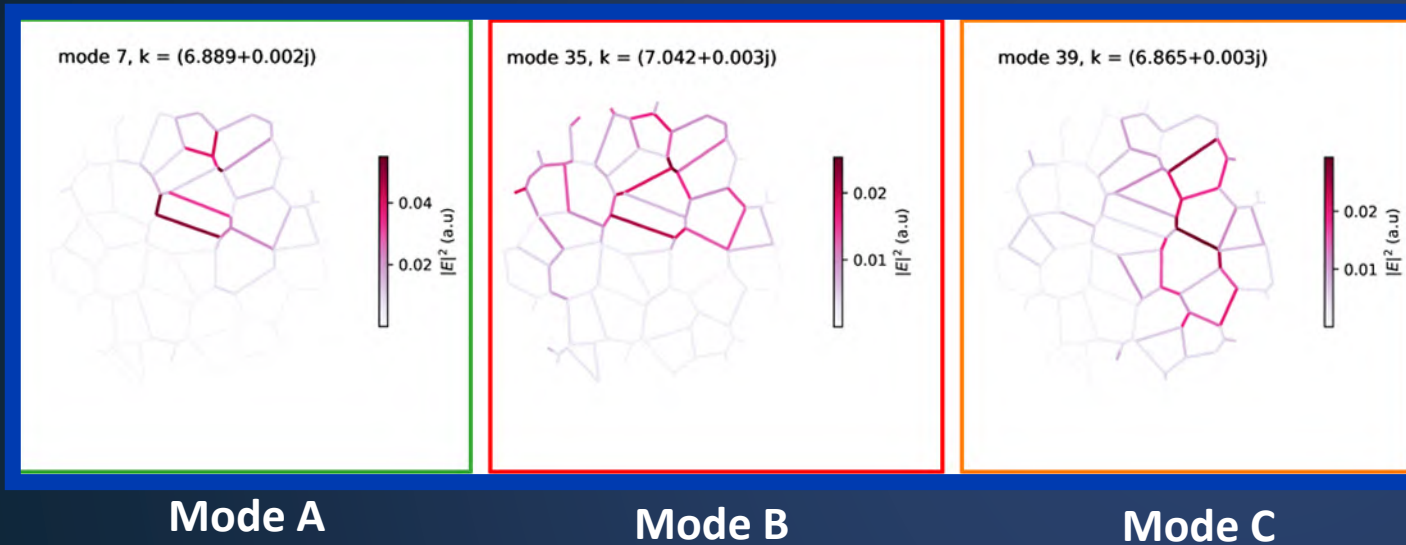
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Random Network Lasers: Machine vision?

Can we use these systems for neuromorphic processing? Try simulations

Spatially-distributed overlapping modes: Mode competition

Retinal Ganglion Cells: Lateral neuron inhibition

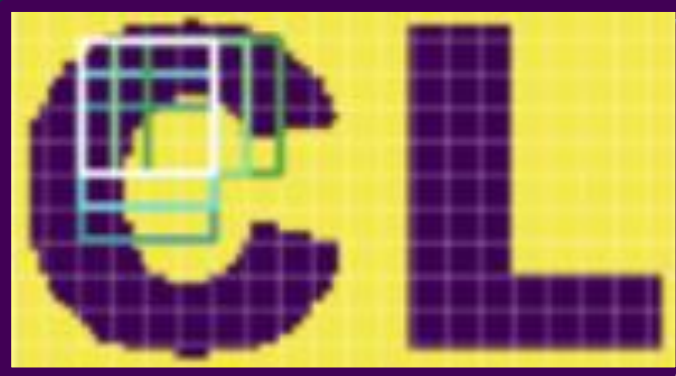


Is lasing mode competition similar enough to retinal lateral inhibition to achieve neuromorphic image feature detection & machine vision?

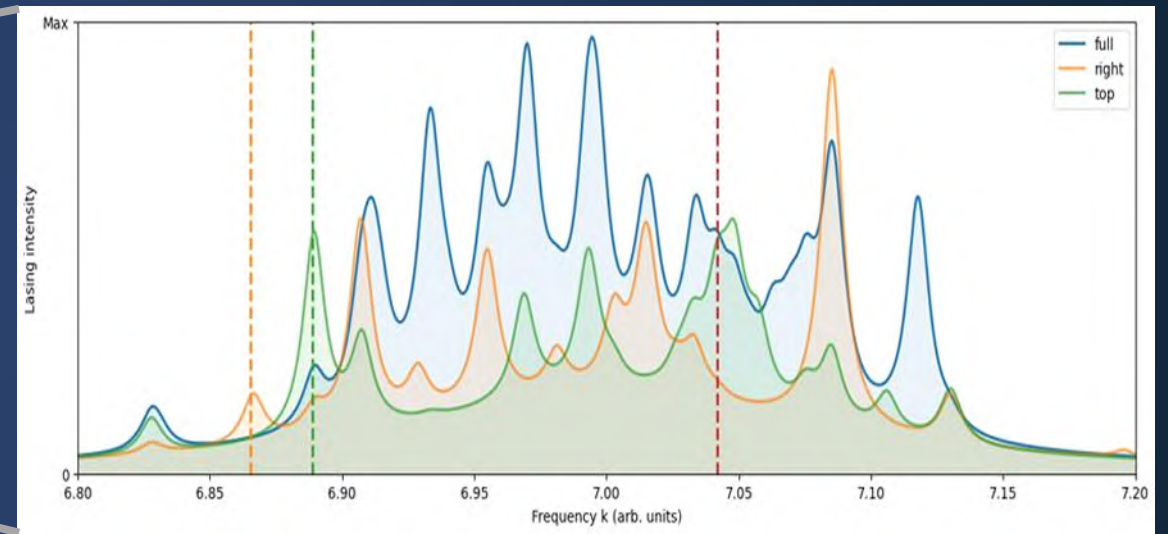
Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Simulation: Image feature detection test

Raster scan image window
across input image



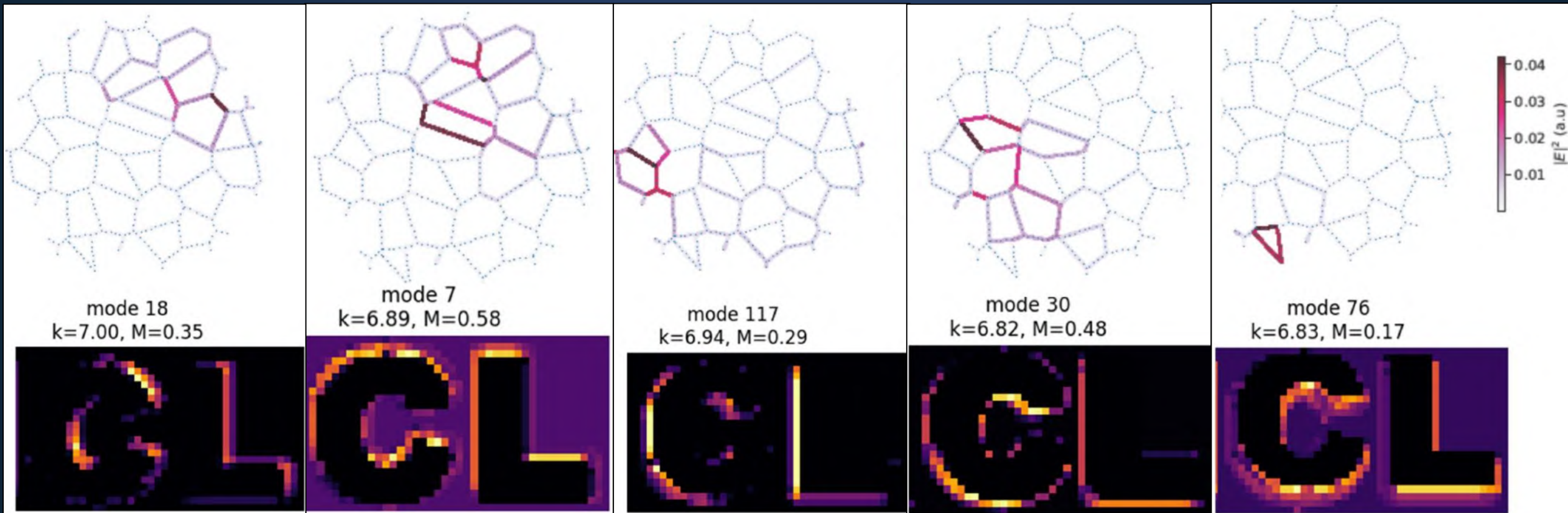
Measure spectra for each position in scan



We can build ‘**feature maps**’ for each mode,
by plotting lasing amplitude at each pixel position in convolutional scan

Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Modes act as convolutional kernels:
Spectrally-multiplexed parallel feature detection



Different mode wavelengths & spatial profiles detect different features

Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

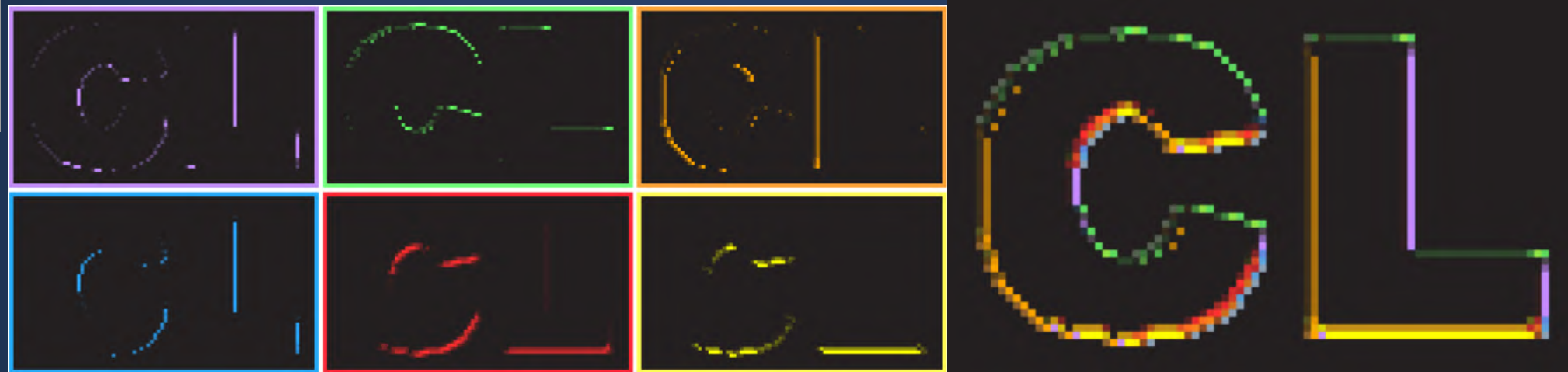
Does it work **Experimentally**?

Yes!

Raster scan image windows onto
network/ via DMD

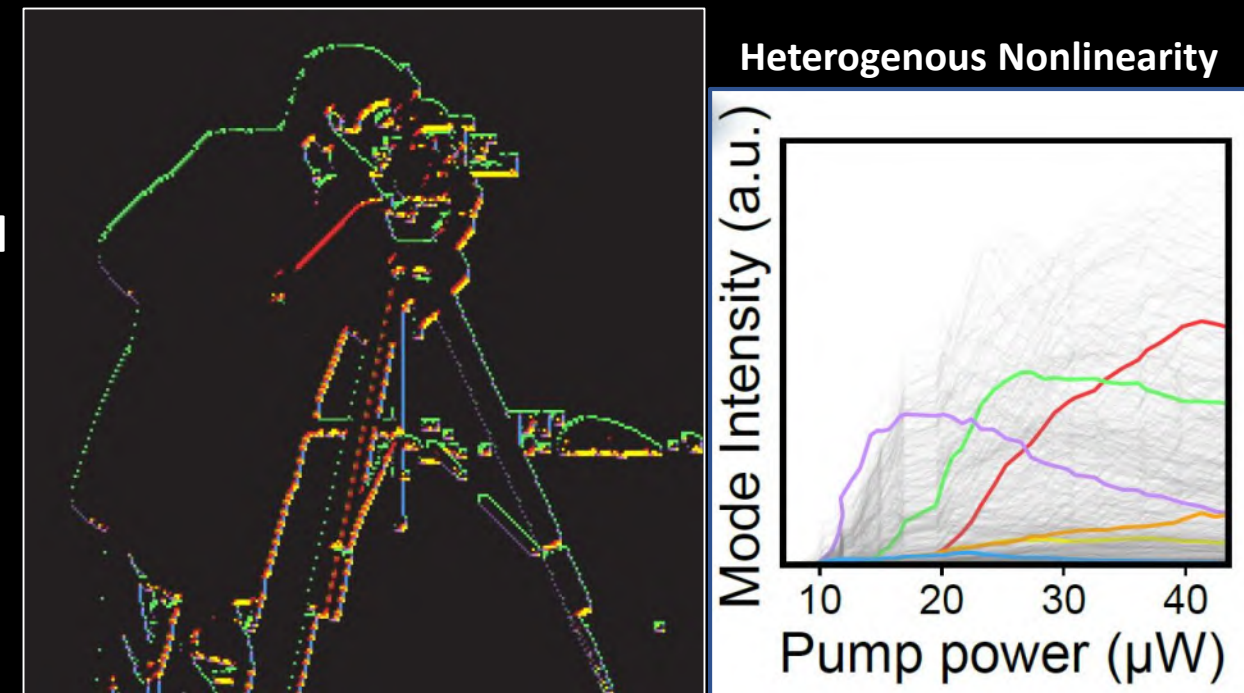
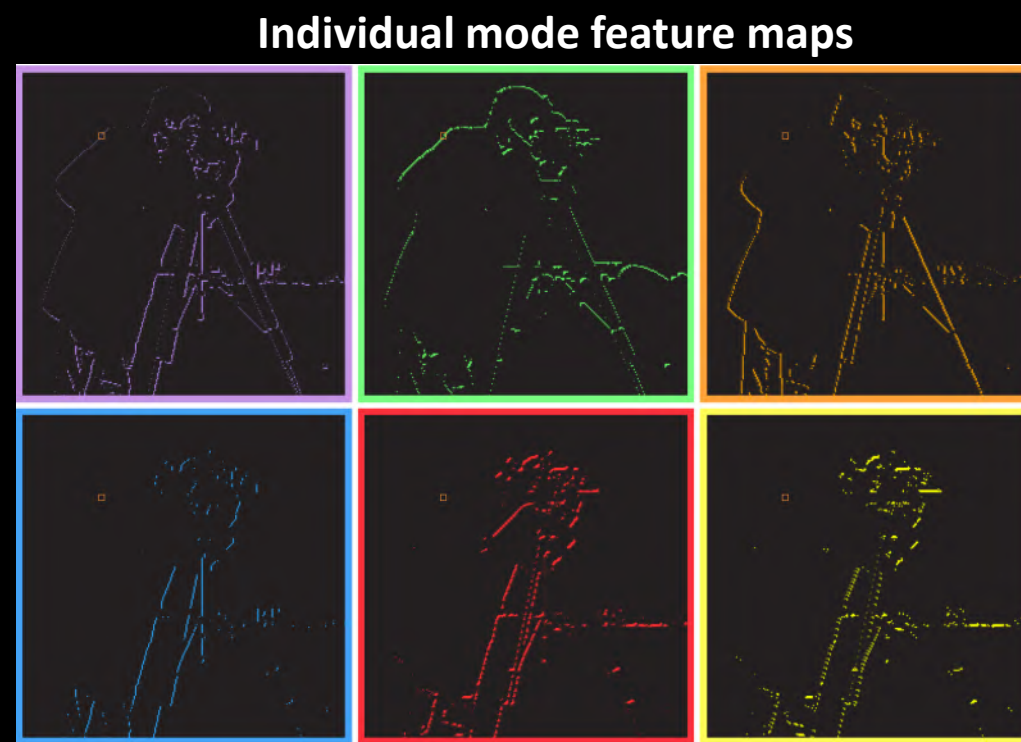
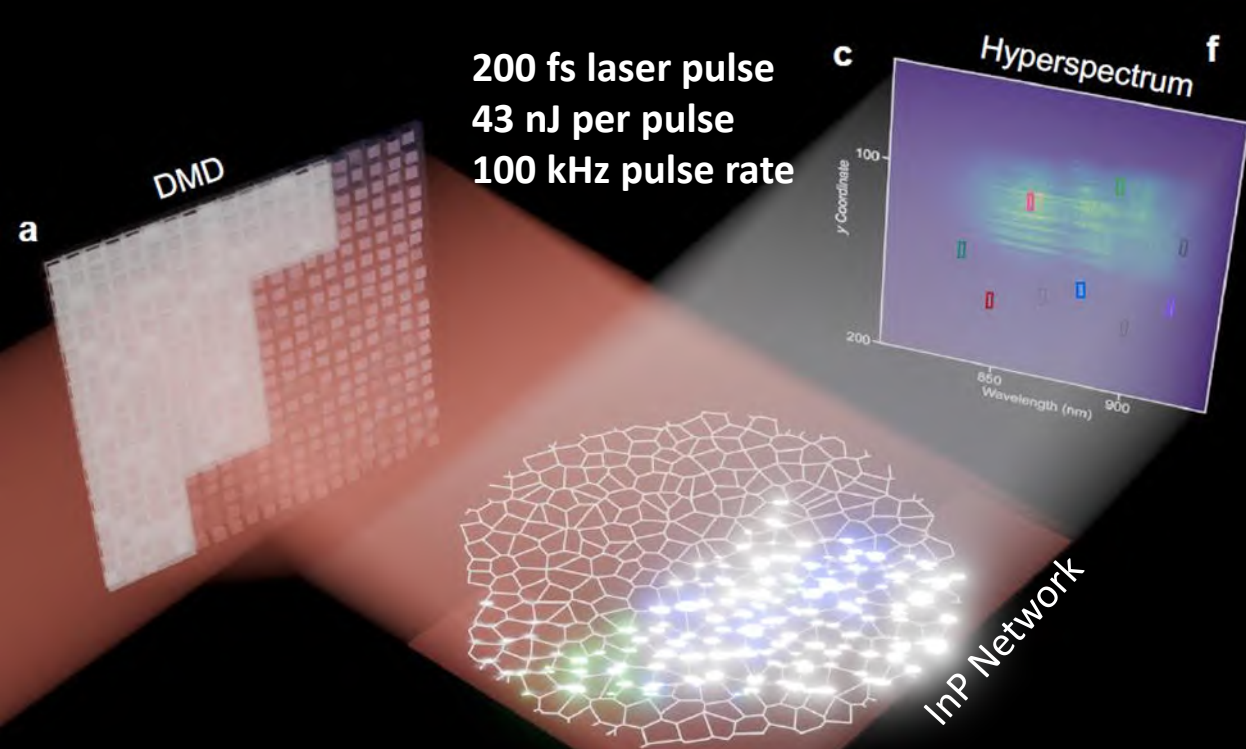
Single mode feature maps

Composite feature map



Experimental **spectrally-multiplexed image convolution** works:
Each feature-map shown is the direct
physical output of a spectral channel

PhD student **Jakub Dranczewski** key to feature detection



Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Input image



Composite mode feature map



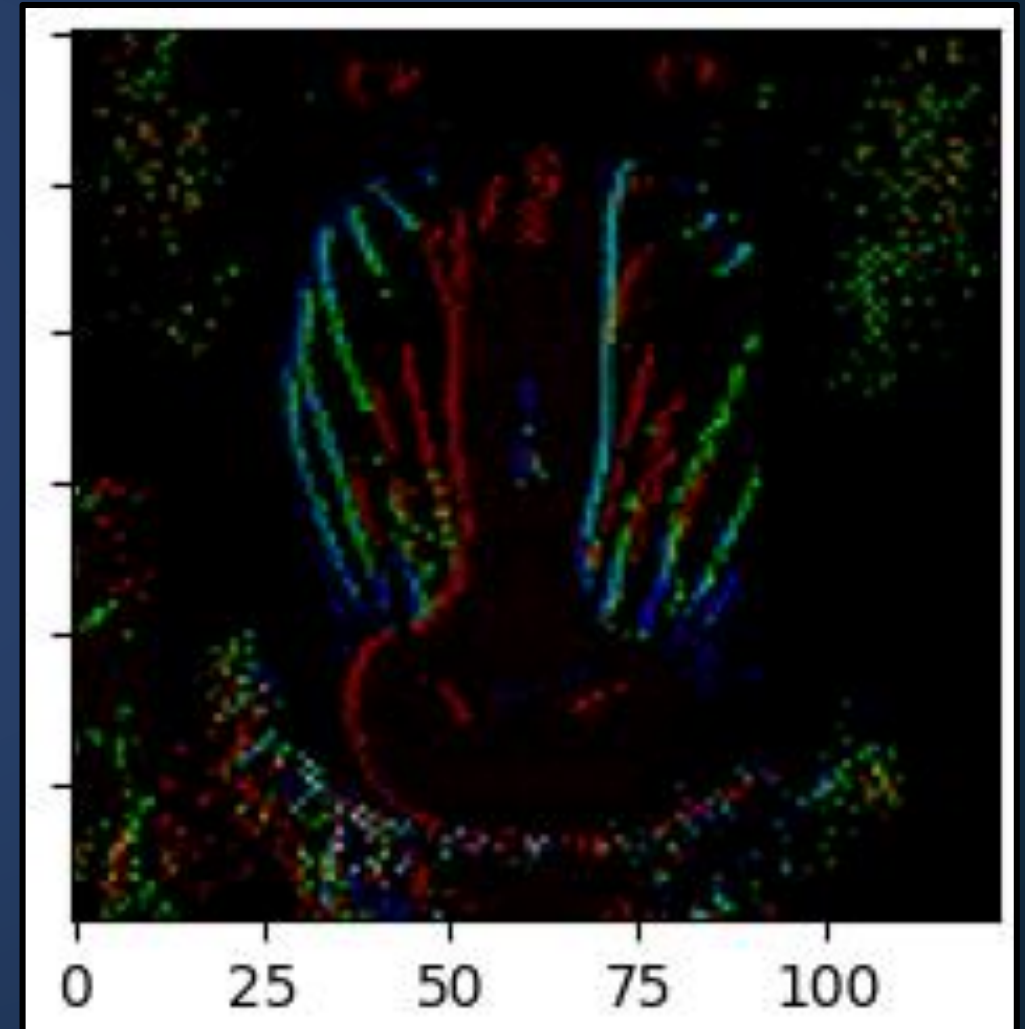
Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Input colour image



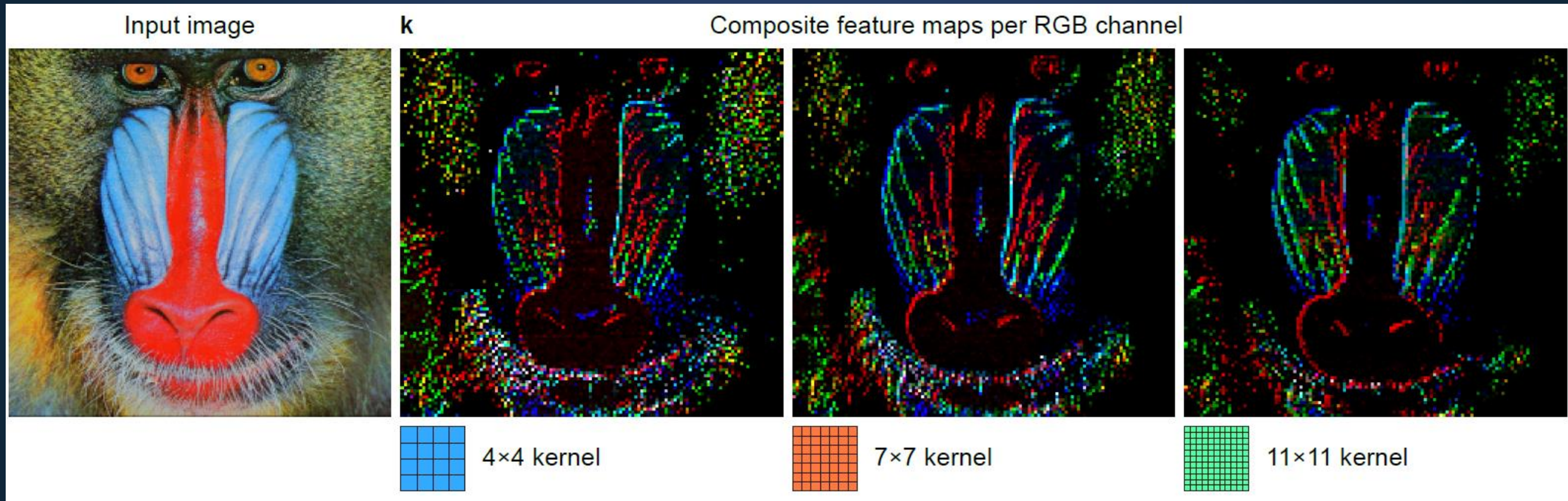
Retinomorphic Machine Vision in a Network Laser, *under review*
Ng, Dranczewski, Fischer, ... & **Gartside** (2024)

Photonic Network
Feature Detection:



Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Freedom of arbitrary kernel sizes:



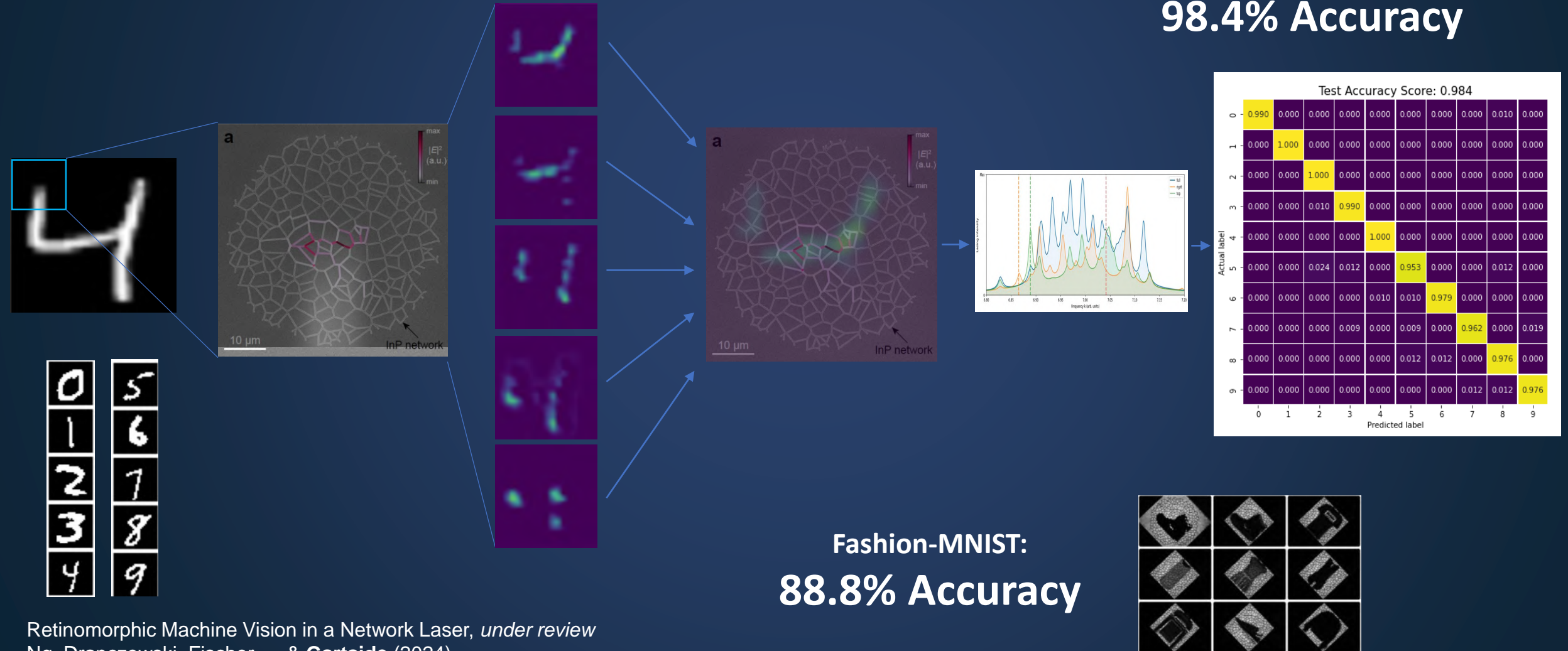
Neuromorphic image classification: 2 layer architecture

1: Raster scan to detect edges

2: Project full edge maps onto network

3: Single logistic regression step on output spectra provides classification

98.4% Accuracy



Random Network Lasers: Image classification

■ Photonic Network
(Single-layer)

+ Photonic Network
(Multi-layer)

▶ EfficientNetV2-B0
(Very large CNN)

▼ 96-filter CNN
(Medium CNN)

◆ LeNet-5
(Small CNN)

▲ MLP

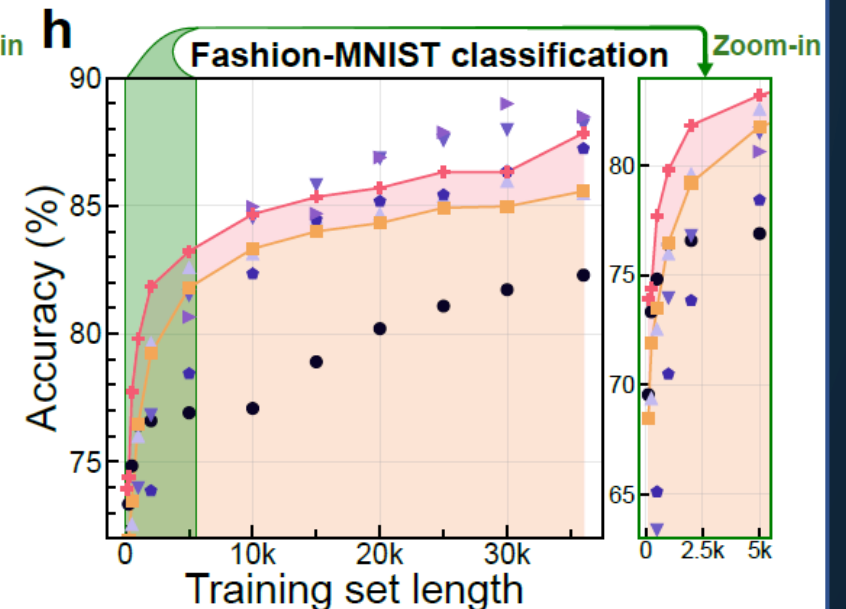
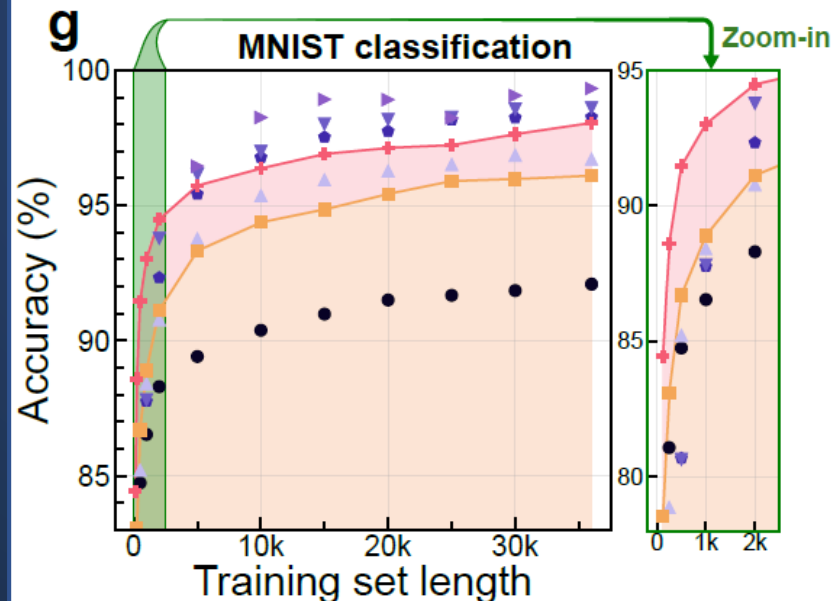
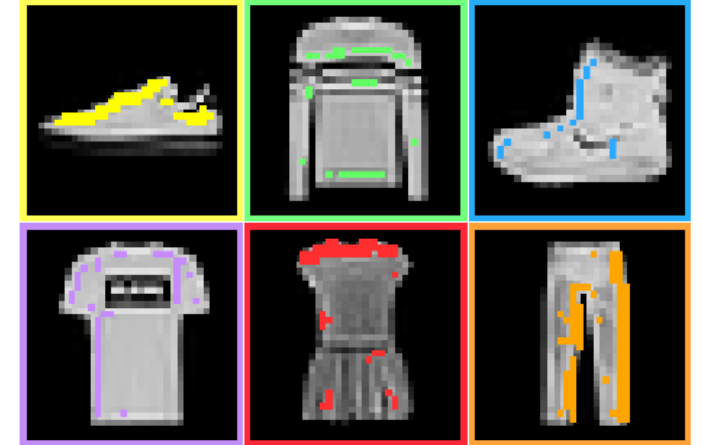
● Logistic
Regression

- Excellent Few-Shot/
Limited Data performance
- Beat large modern CNNs
below 5k training examples
- Including 'EfficientNetV2'
(7.9 million parameters)

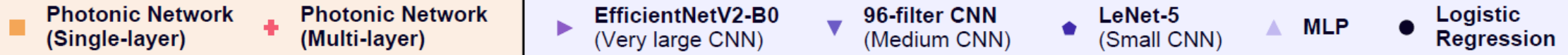
d MNIST features



e Fashion-MNIST features

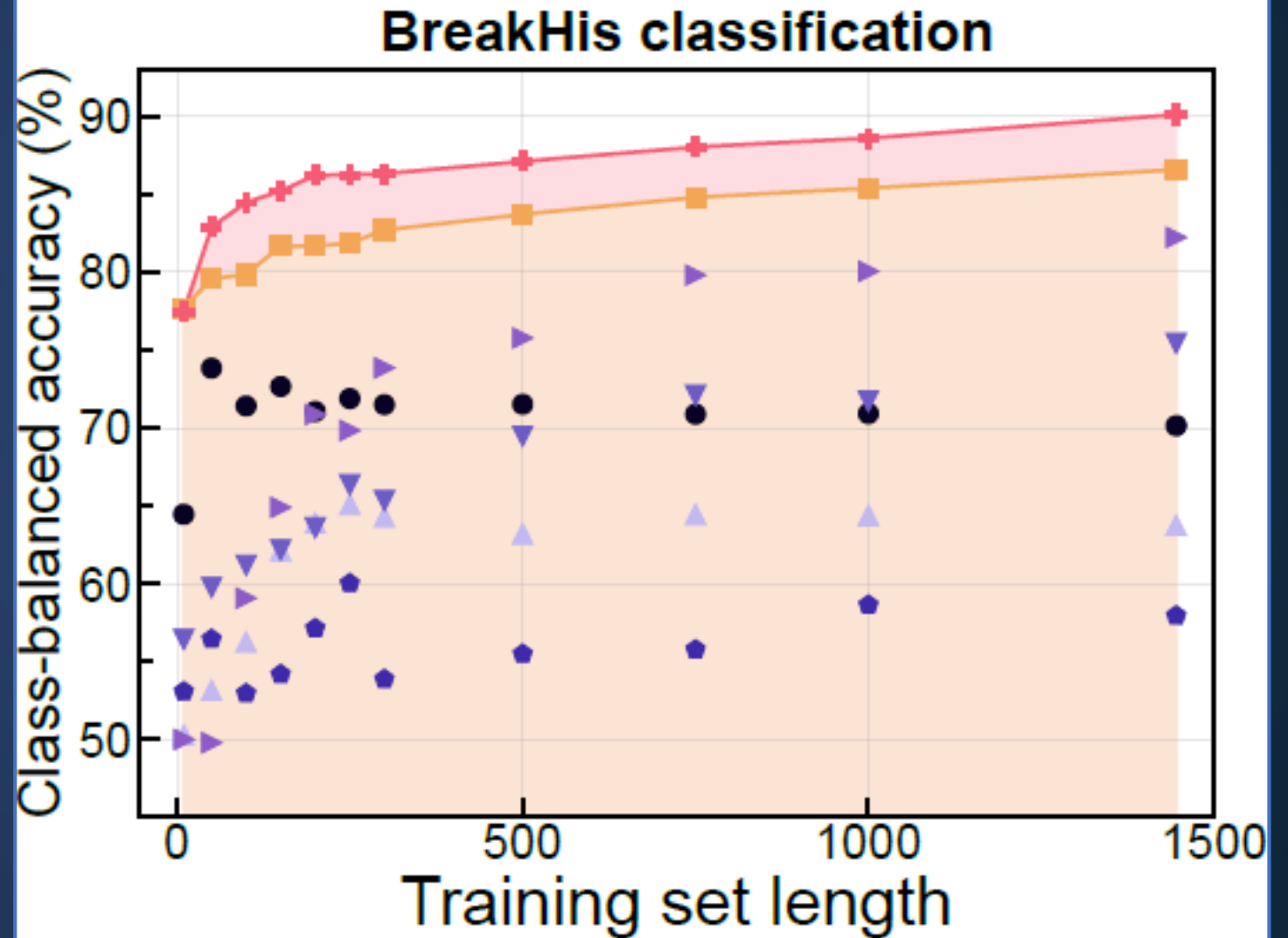
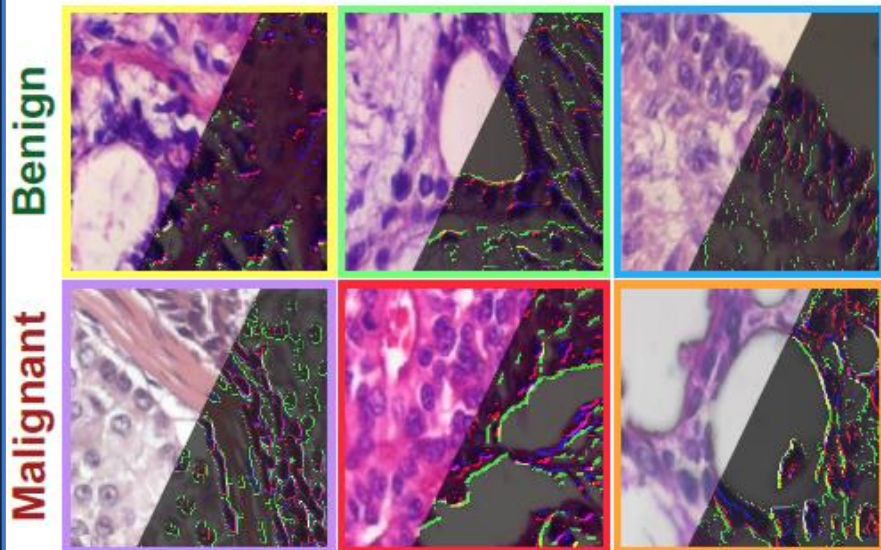


Random Network Lasers: Image classification



- Try hard, data scarce task:
- BreakHis breast cancer diagnosis
- Our network outperforms all software benchmarks

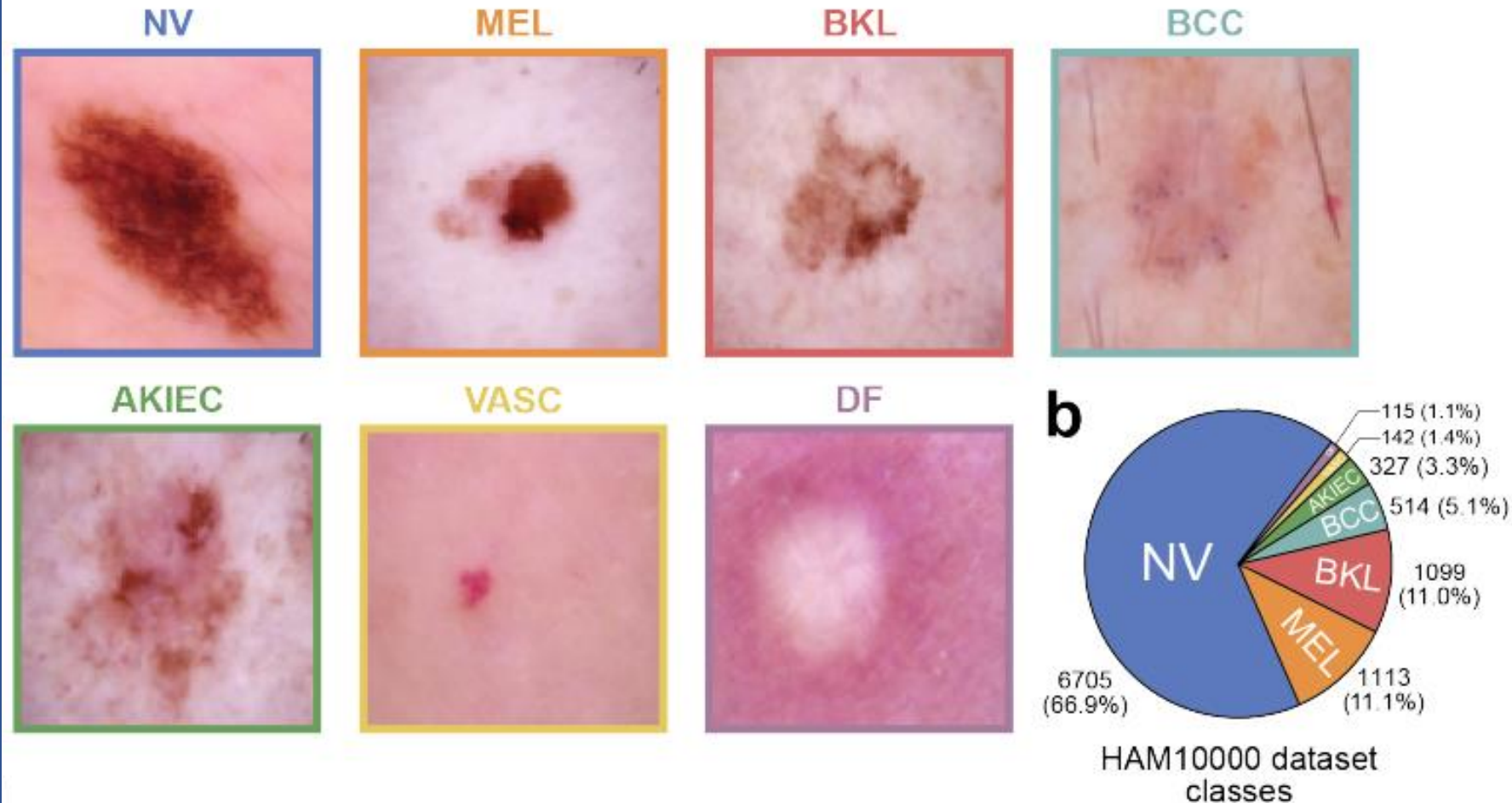
f BreakHis features



Random Network Lasers: Image classification

- Is it a one-off? Glitch?
- Try even harder task: 7 class skin cancer diagnosis. Heavily **imbalanced**

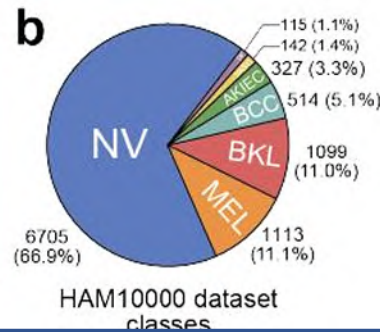
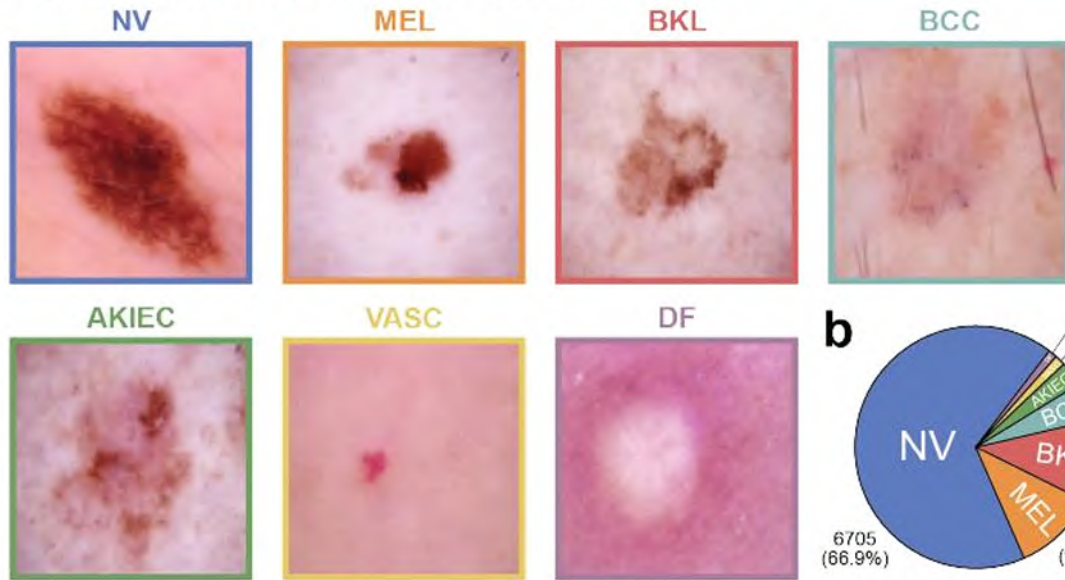
HAM10000/ISIC 2018 skin lesion images



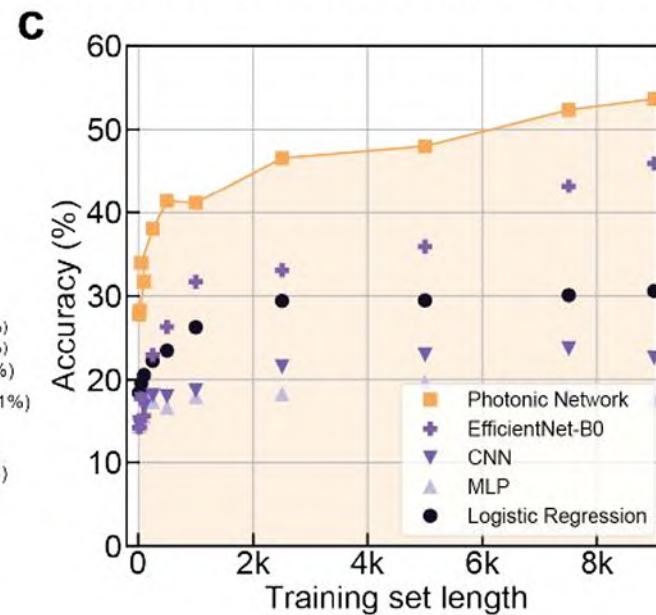
Random Network Lasers: Image classification

- Photonic network outperforms all considered software benchmarks
- 4-6 mins to train, including experiments – vs 16 hrs for EfficientNetV2

HAM10000/ISIC 2018 skin lesion images



Class-imbalanced biomedical classification



d Balanced accuracy: 53.68%

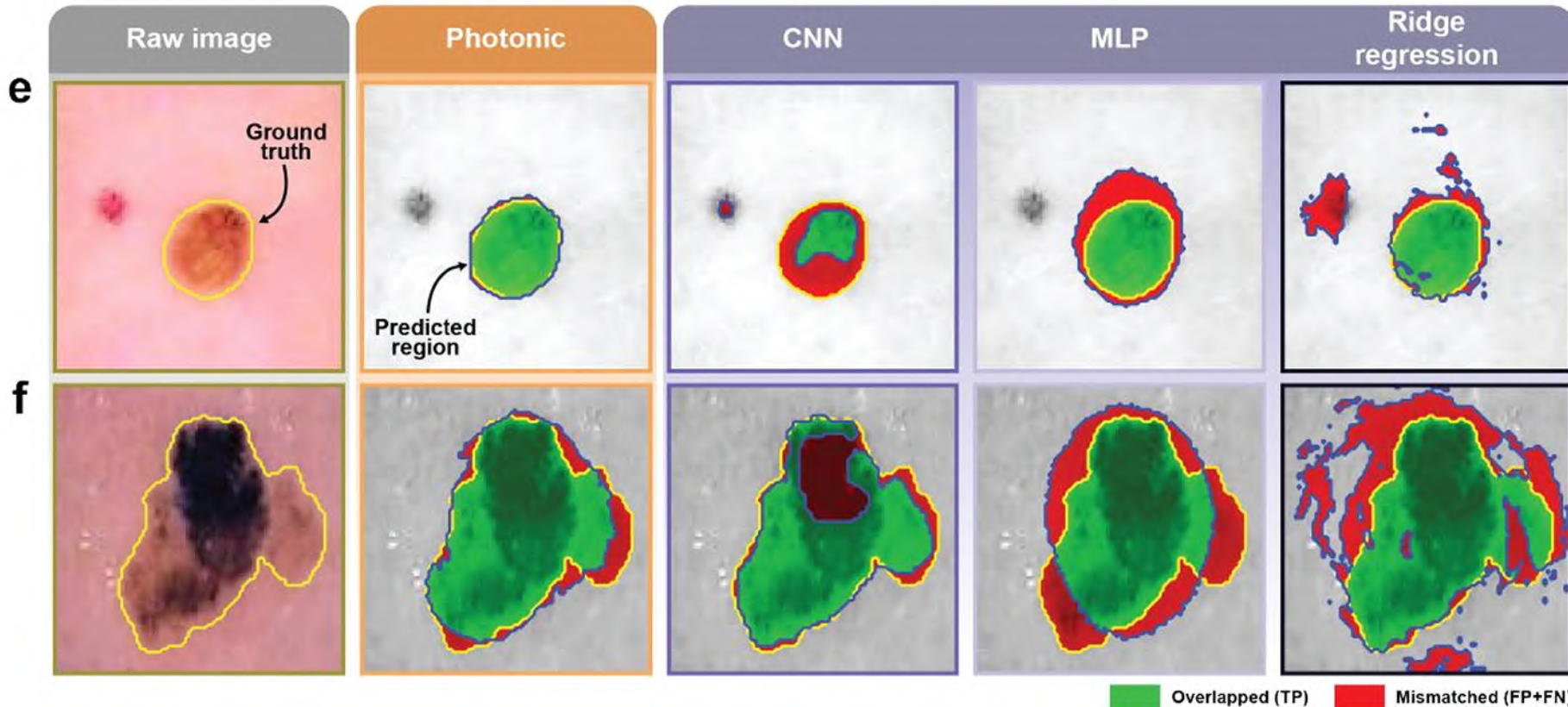
Ground truth	NV	47.0	15.9	4.5	6.1	18.2	3.8	4.5
	MEL	14.6	61.2	5.3	2.4	7.6	2.5	6.4
	BKL	2.9	4.3	43.5	11.6	10.1	7.2	20.3
	BCC	0.0	2.6	2.6	74.4	5.1	12.8	2.6
	AKIEC	12.8	13.5	10.6	9.2	42.6	8.5	2.8
	VASC	0.0	0.0	16.7	16.7	5.6	50.0	11.1
	DF	0.0	14.3	4.8	0.0	14.3	9.5	57.1
		NV	MEL	BKL	BCC	AKIEC	VASC	DF
		Predicted						

Biomedical image segmentation

Random Network Lasers: Image classification

- How about spatial processing?
- Perform **Segmentation** (spatial location) of tumours
- Again, outperform software benchmarks considered

Biomedical image segmentation



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	Metrics	Dice	Jaccard	Pixel accuracy
Software	Ridge regression	79.4%	68.3%	85.9%
	MLP	79.9%	68.3%	86.8%
	CNN	62.1%	50.6%	80.8%
Hardware	Photonic network	84.5%	74.8%	88.4%

Conclusions

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Royal Academy
of Engineering

IBM

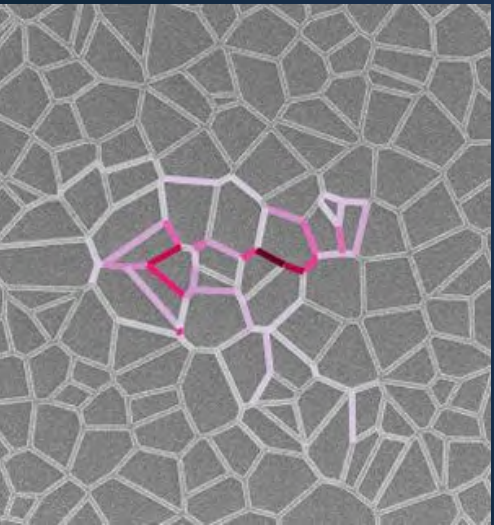
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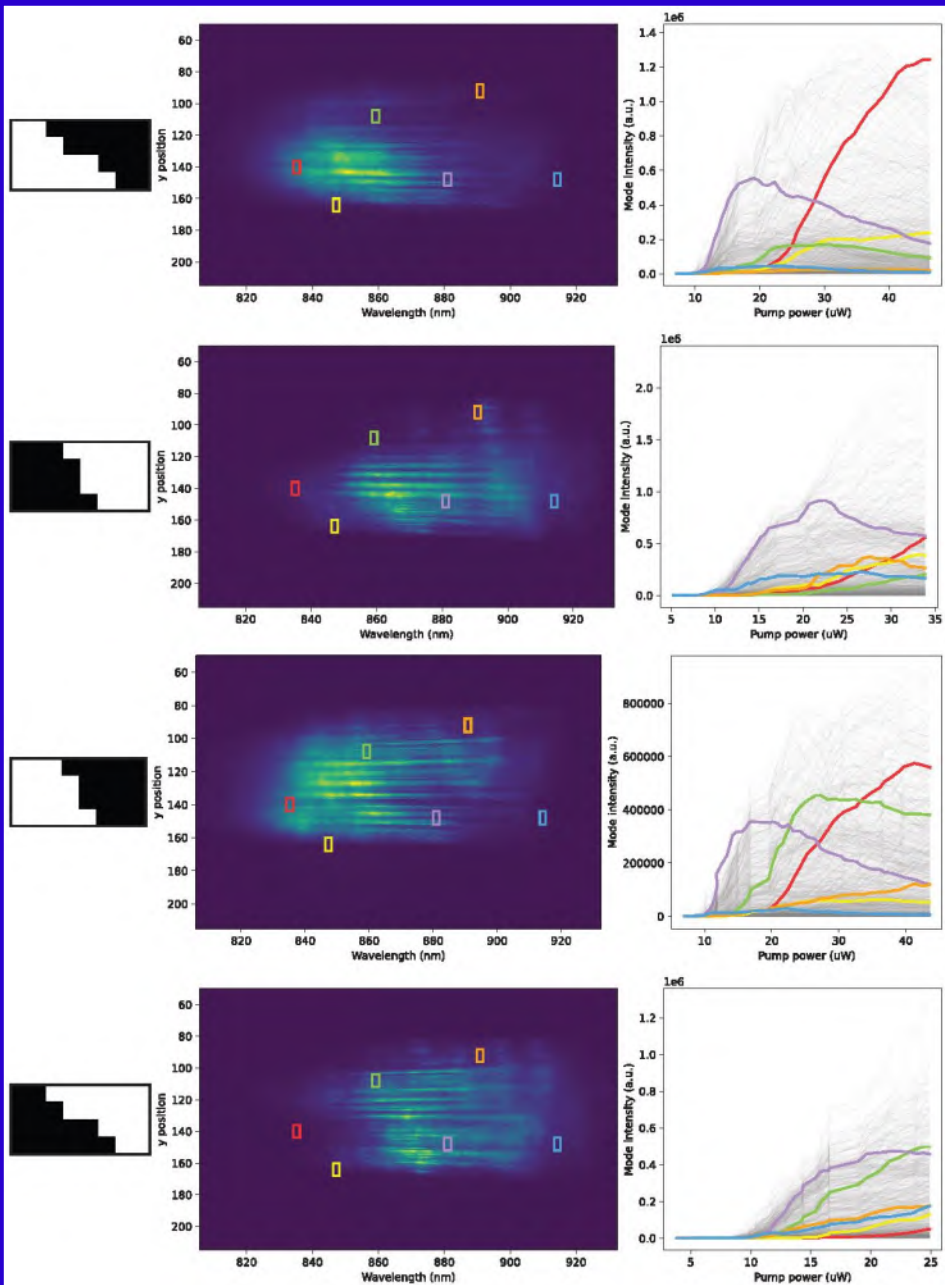
- Evaluated **random network lasers** as a neuromorphic platform
- Highly nonlinear & compact (100 μm)
- Photonic analogue of **retinal neuron 'lateral inhibition'** functionality
- Very strong **few-shot learning**
- We are now **reconfigurably training & programming** network weights
- **Challenges:**
 - Operational speed – currently 100 Hz, 1 kHz relatively easy, DMD limited to 10 kHz
 - Pulsed laser unattractive – exploring on-chip light sources, VCSELs
 - Which algorithms are best suited to the nonlinear dynamics?
- **Thanks & any questions!**

Spintronic metamaterial/computing:

- **Gartside, Jack C.**, et al. "Reconfigurable training and reservoir computing in an artificial spin-vortex ice via spin-wave fingerprinting." **Nature Nanotechnology** (2022)
- Lee, Oscar, **Gartside Jack C.** et al. "Task-adaptive physical reservoir computing." **Nature Materials** (2024)
- Dion, Troy, **Gartside Jack C.** et al. "Ultrastrong magnon-magnon coupling and chiral spin-texture control in a dipolar 3D multilayered artificial spin-vortex ice." **Nature Communications** (2024)
- Stenning, Kilian D., **Gartside Jack C.** et al. "Neuromorphic few-shot learning: generalization in multilayer physical neural networks." **Nature Communications**(2024).



Few-Shot Learning Performance? Neuromorphic Neuronal



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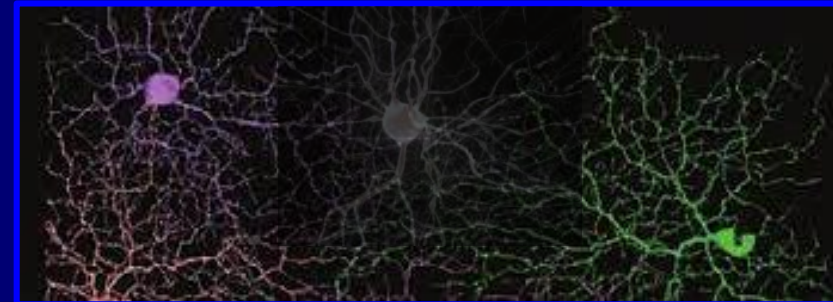
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Neural heterogeneity promotes robust learning

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Demystification of Few-shot and One-shot Learning

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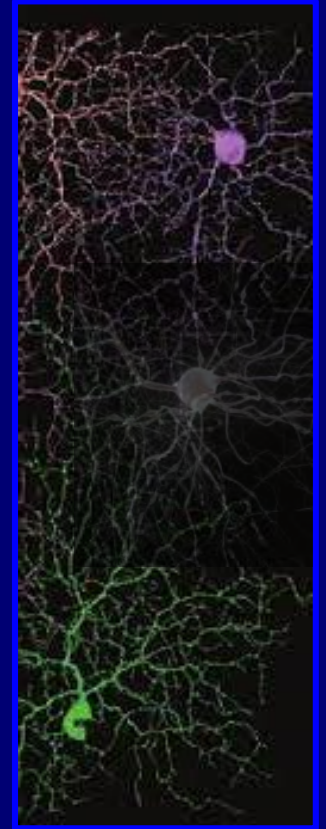
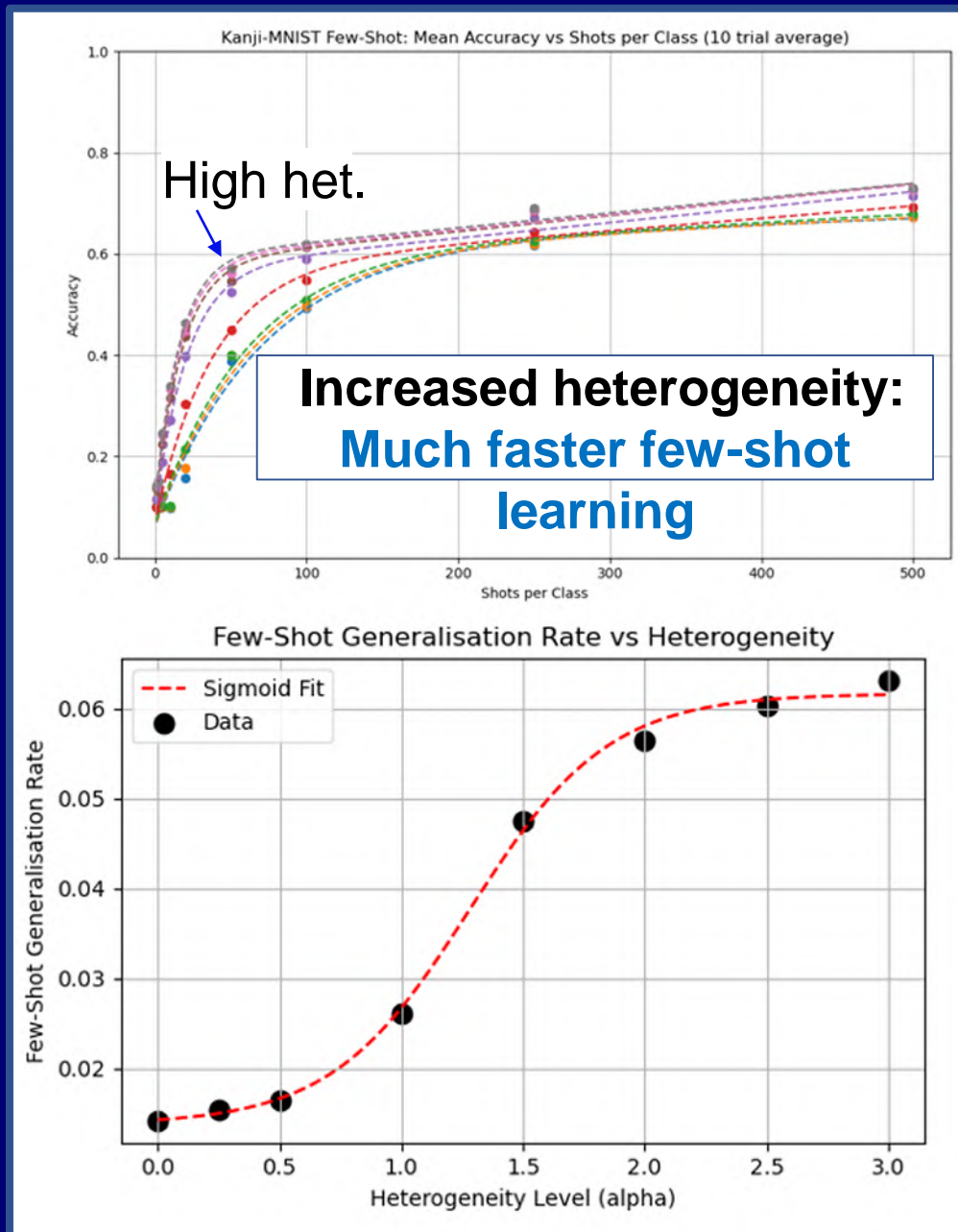
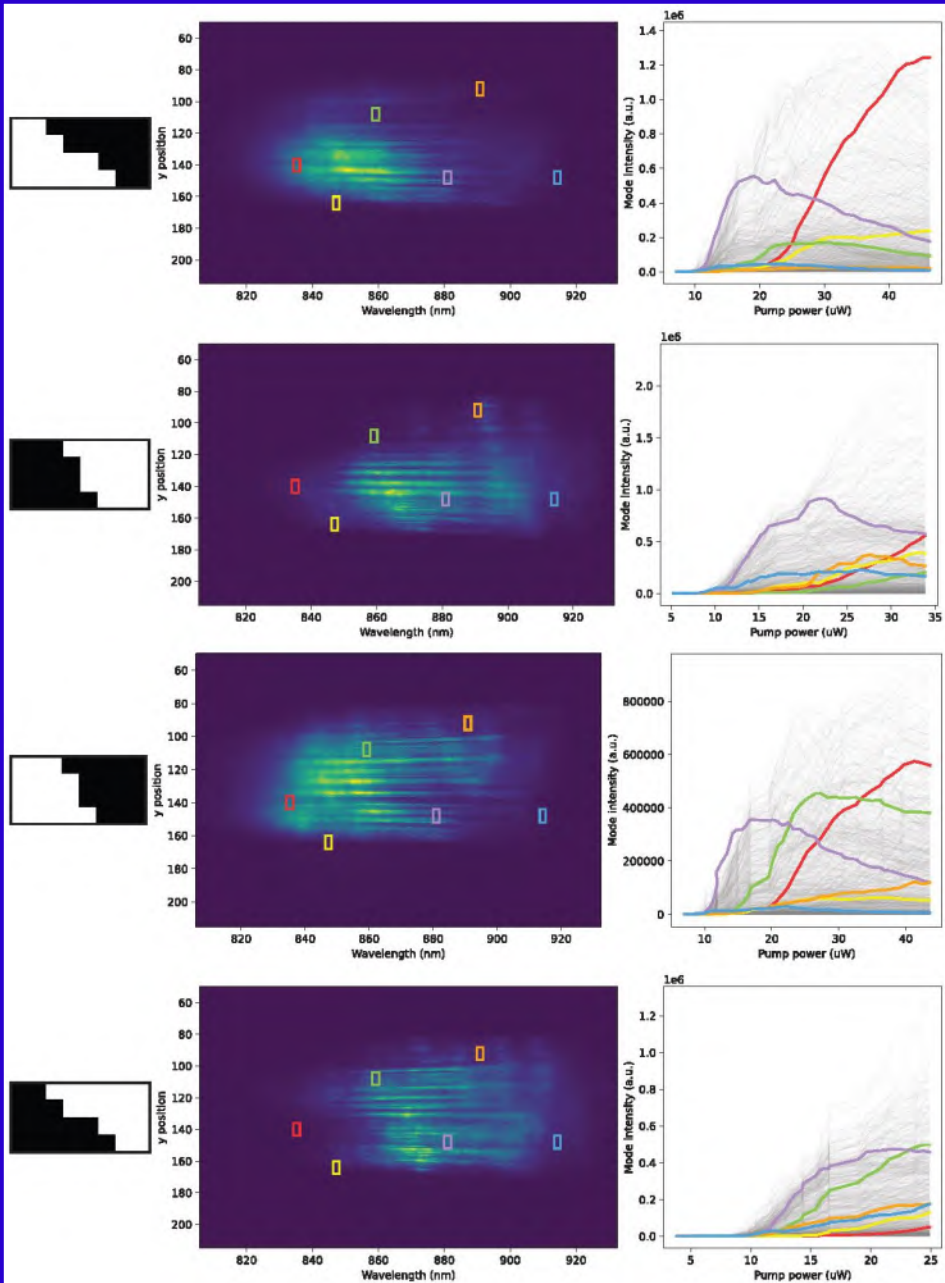
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*“if a learning machine is **sufficiently high-dimensional**, then a large class of objects can indeed be easily learned from few examples”*

Tyukin, Ivan Y., et al 2021 Demystification of Few Shot & One Shot Learning IEEE

Few-Shot Learning Performance? Neuromorphic Neuronal



Energy consumption & Software comparison

BreakHis 400x Breast Cancer diagnosis

Training Time:

Photonic network = 4-6 mins (inc. experiment)

ResNet50 = 16 hours

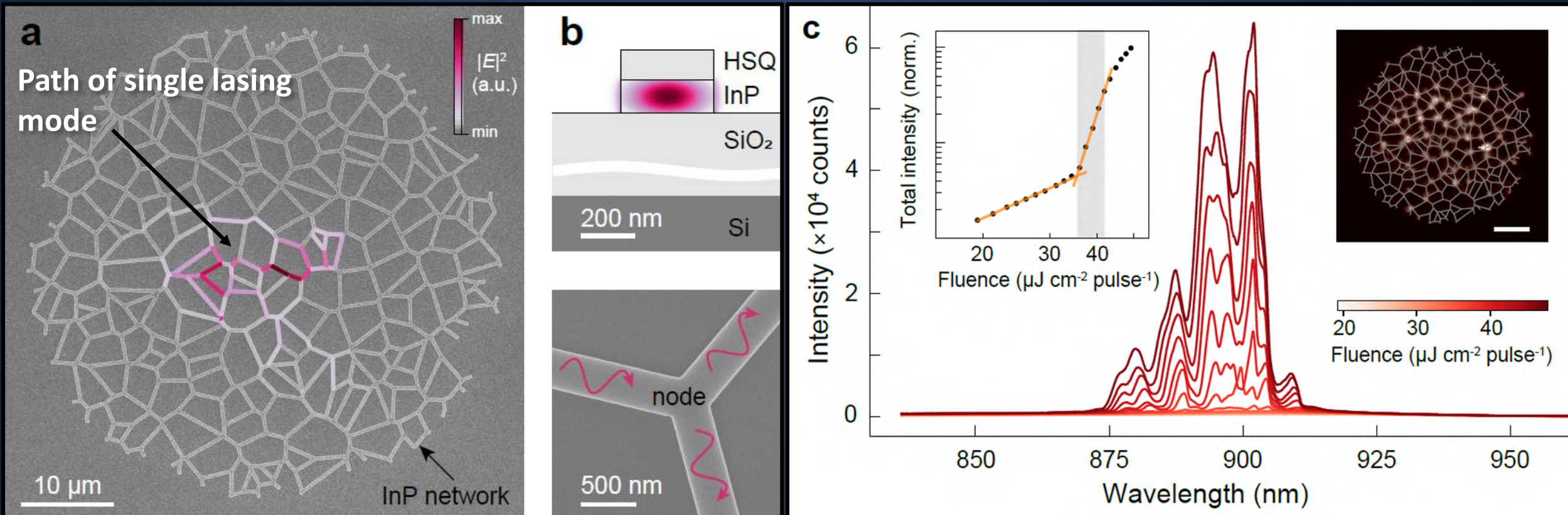
Model	Pretraining	Epochs	Total Training Energy
Photonic network (idealized physics)	–	1	0.324 J
Photonic network (44.35 W wall plug)	–	1	12,100 J
EfficientNetB0 (from scratch)	No	40	170.3 J
EfficientNetB0 (pretrained + FT)	Yes	40	1,970,170.3 J
ResNet-50 (from scratch)	No	40	1,793.3 J
ResNet-50 (pretrained + FT)	Yes	40	4,501,793.3 J
EfficientNet w/20x augmentation	No	40	3406 J
ResNet-50 (from scratch)	No	40	35,866 J

Inference Energy

Model	Inference Energy per Image
Photonic network (idealized physics)	12.12µJ
Photonic network (44.35 W wall plug)	1.34J
EfficientNetB0	158 mJ
ResNet-50	1.66 J

Random Network Lasers: Patterned semiconductor graph (InP)

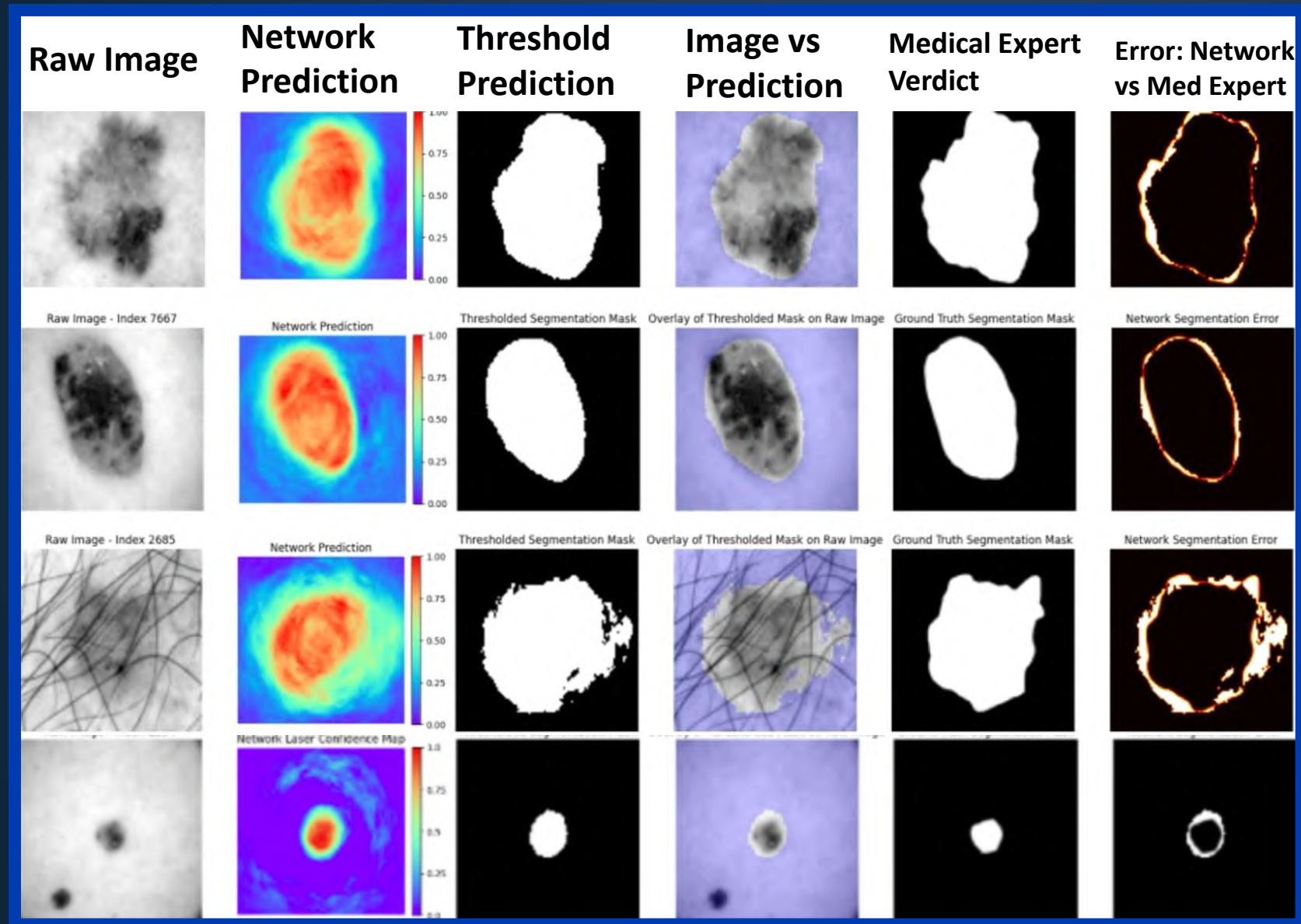
- **Optically pump** to generate photons in InP waveguides
- **Random walks** of light through the network **host lasing mode**
- Leads to **100s – 10,000s** of **strongly-coupled lasing modes** in **um-scale device**



Fine control over graph topology, compatible with **industrial chip fab**

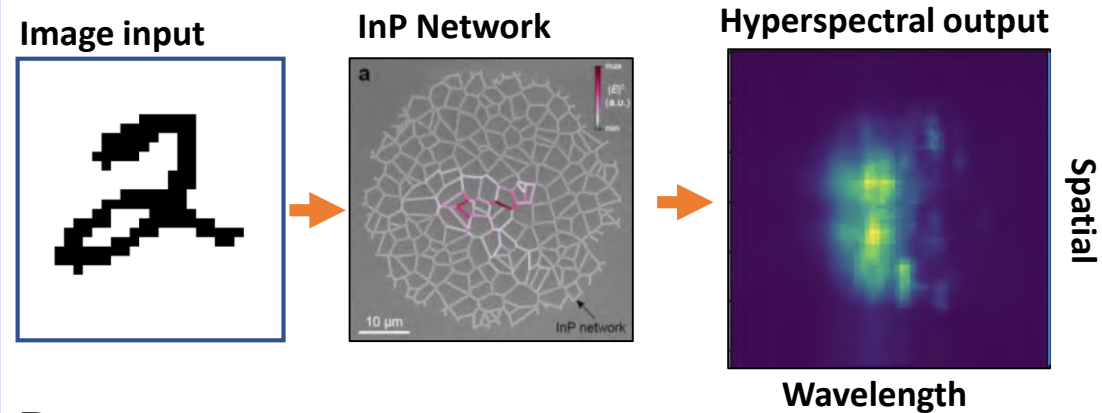
Neuromorphic vision for health & medicine:

Diagnose, Classify & Spatially Locate Cancer Tumours

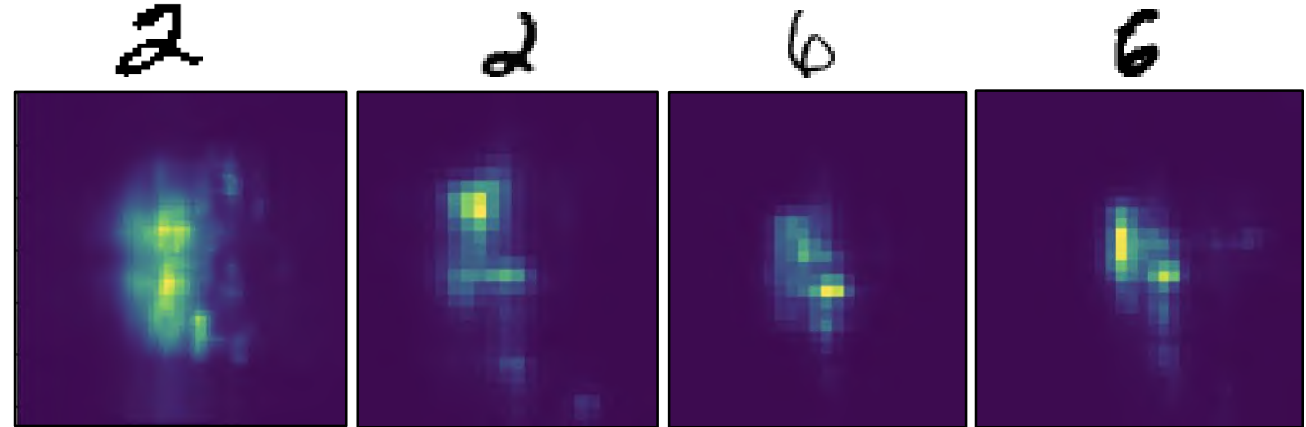


Training photonic dynamics for direct image recognition

Top row: No dynamic training.

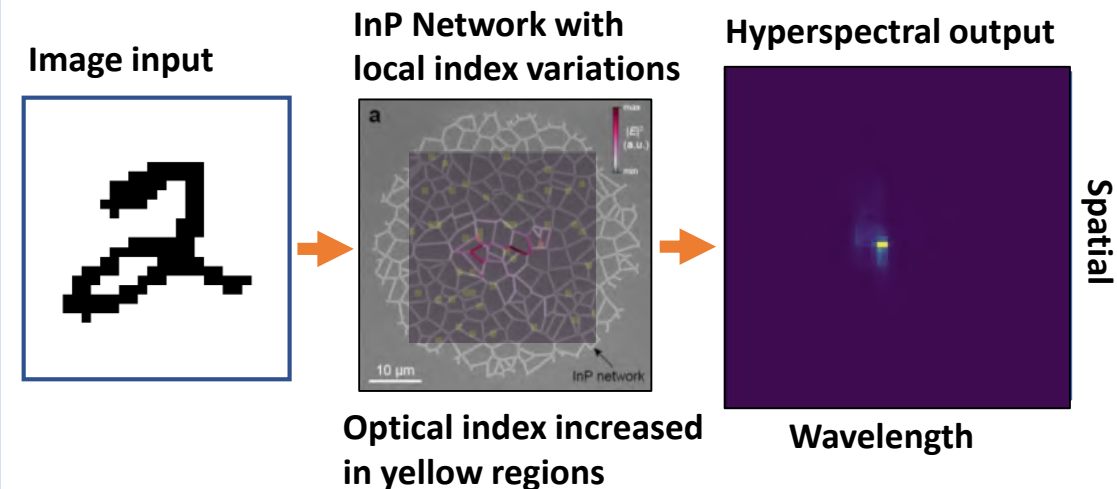


No dynamic training – large spectral variation

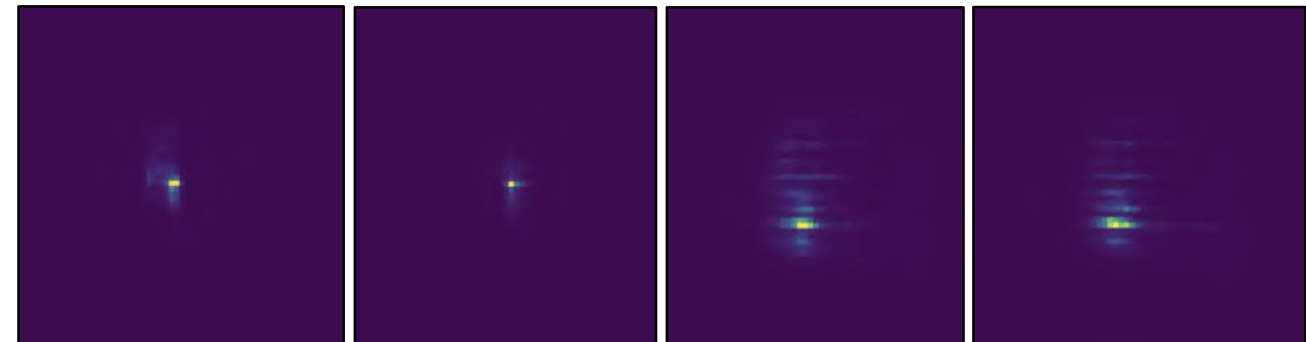


Bottom row:

Trained dynamics via local pumping



Trained photonic dynamics – Clear difference between images Greatly enhances neuromorphic classification accuracy



The figure shows three panels illustrating different methods for handling a boundary in a Voronoi diagram:

- Full:** The entire diagram is on a yellow background.
- Right:** The diagram is split vertically. The left half is on a purple background, and the right half is on a yellow background.
- Top:** The diagram is split horizontally. The top half is on a yellow background, and the bottom half is on a purple background.

Full

Mode intensity

Max

0

Mode A

Mode B

Mode C

A B C

$|E|^2$

Mode intensities



A bar chart titled "Top" showing the top 3 categories. The x-axis is labeled with categories A, B, and C. The y-axis represents frequency. Category A is represented by a tall red bar, Category B by a shorter purple bar, and Category C is not visible, indicating a value of 0.

Category	Frequency
A	~95
B	~10
C	0

Mode label

Fitting to 4x4 images convolved with random kernels

Random kernels Fit Convolved with 4x4 images Fit with 10% noise

— value to fit
— residual

R^2 : 1.000 R^2 : 0.985 R^2 : 1.000 R^2 : 0.980

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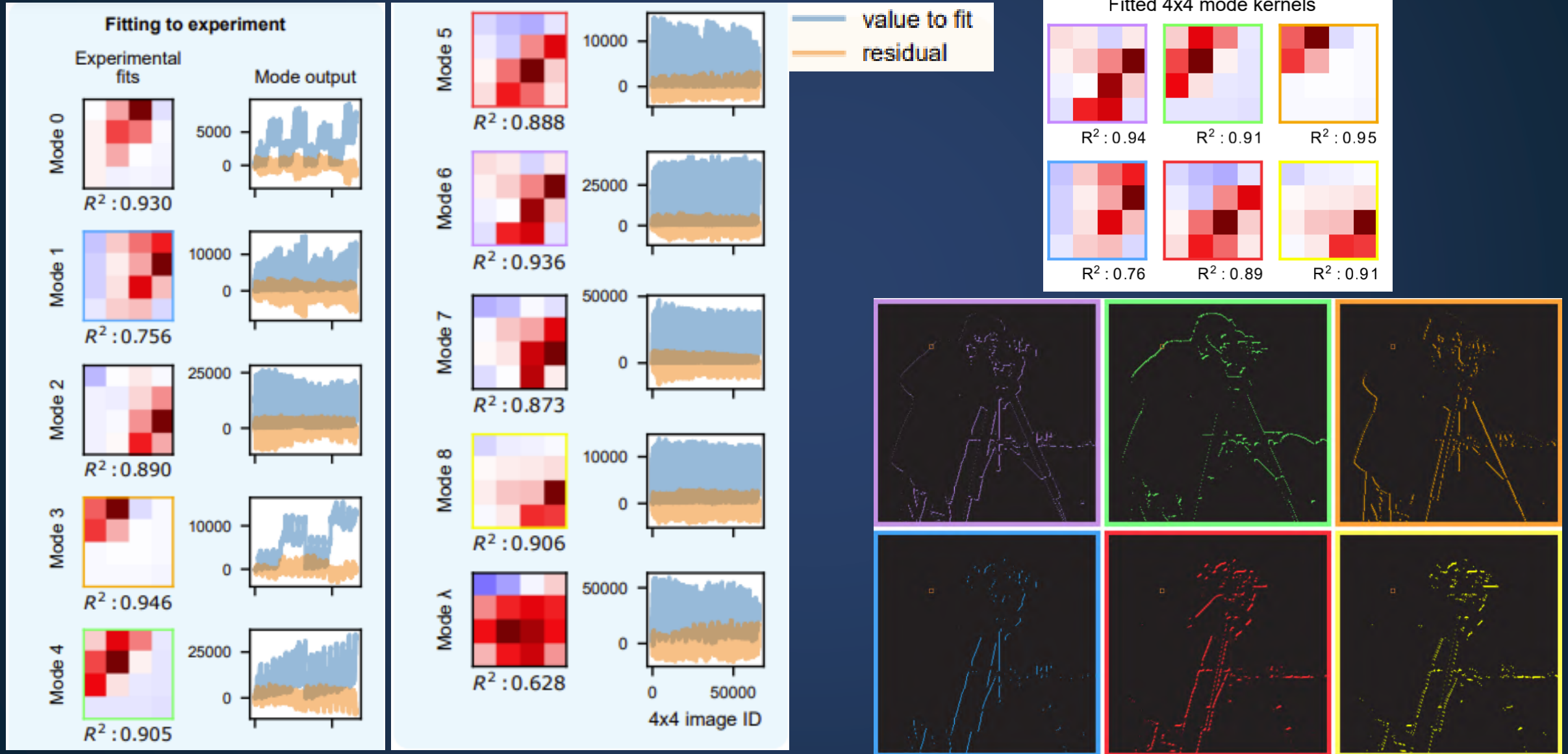
R^2 : 1.000 R^2 : 0.987

4x4 image ID 4x4 image ID

Color bar: -0.5 0.0 0.5

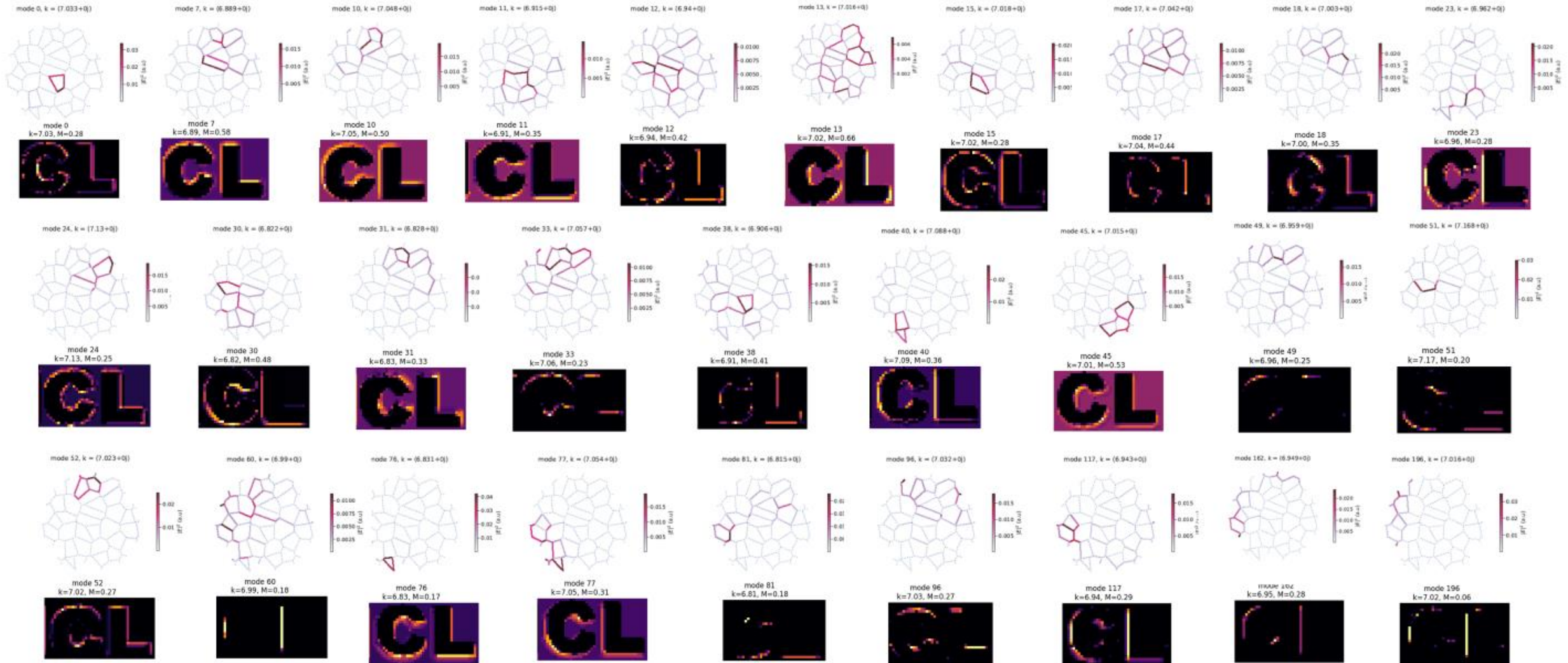
Linear vs Nonlinear Kernels?

What about our experimental 'kernels'? Much lower R^2 , can't captured some nonlinear physical behaviours?



Random Network Lasers: Machine vision

Detect large amount of image features: 40 so far in single simulated network

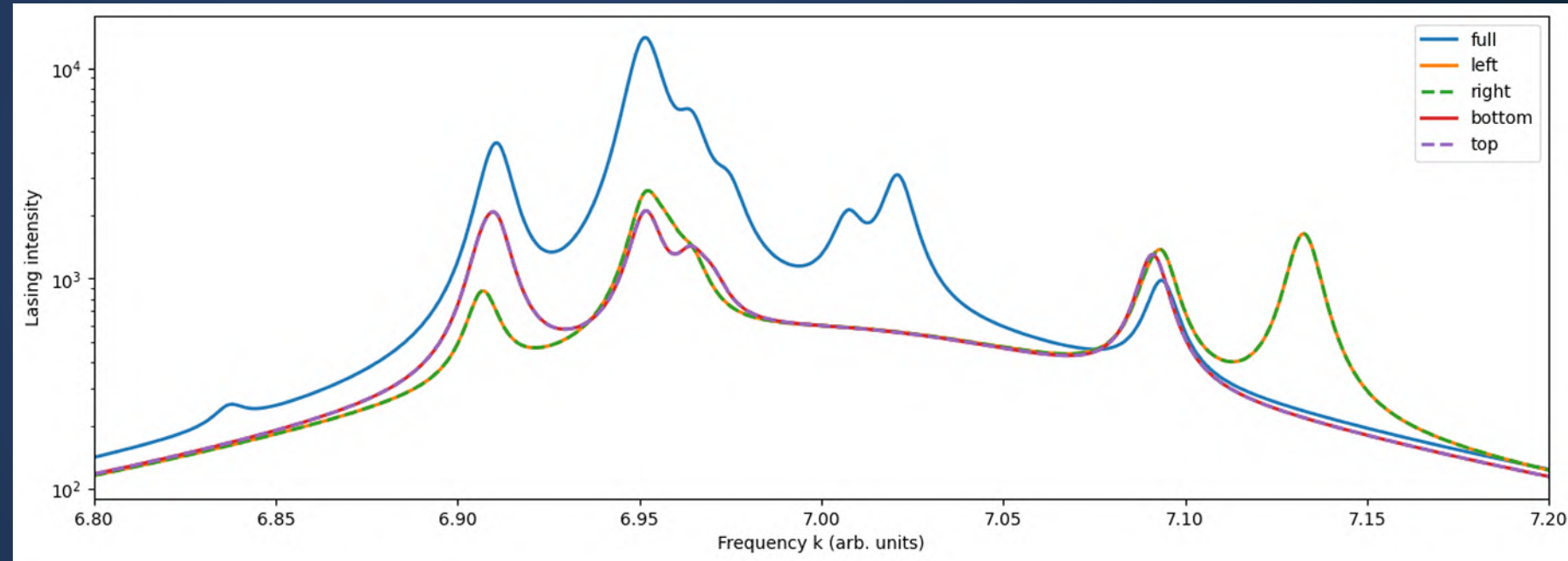
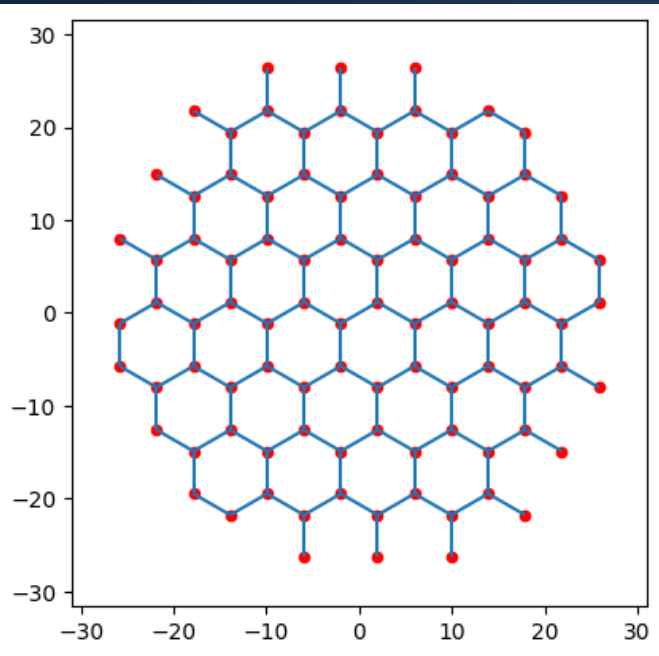


Network design

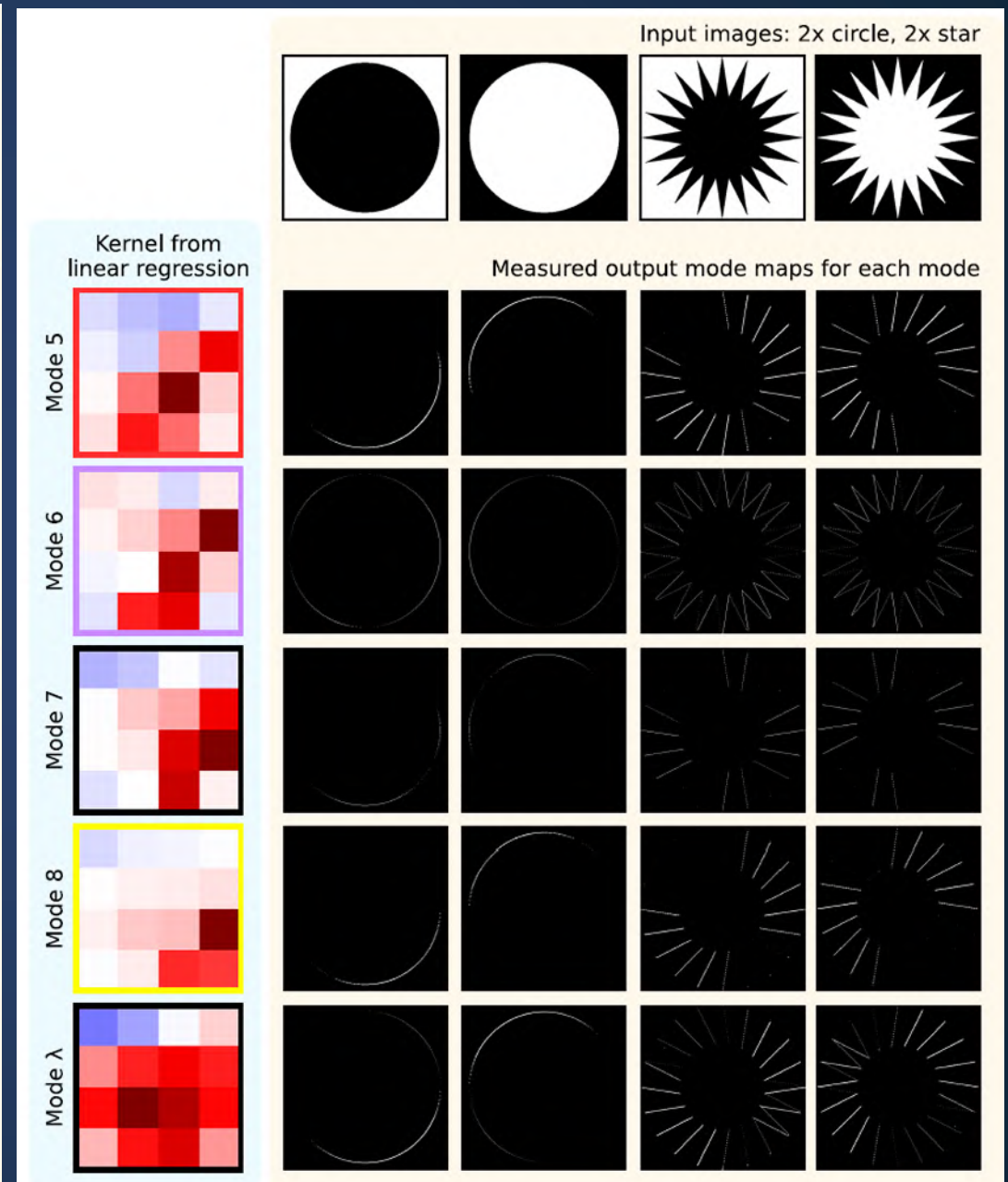
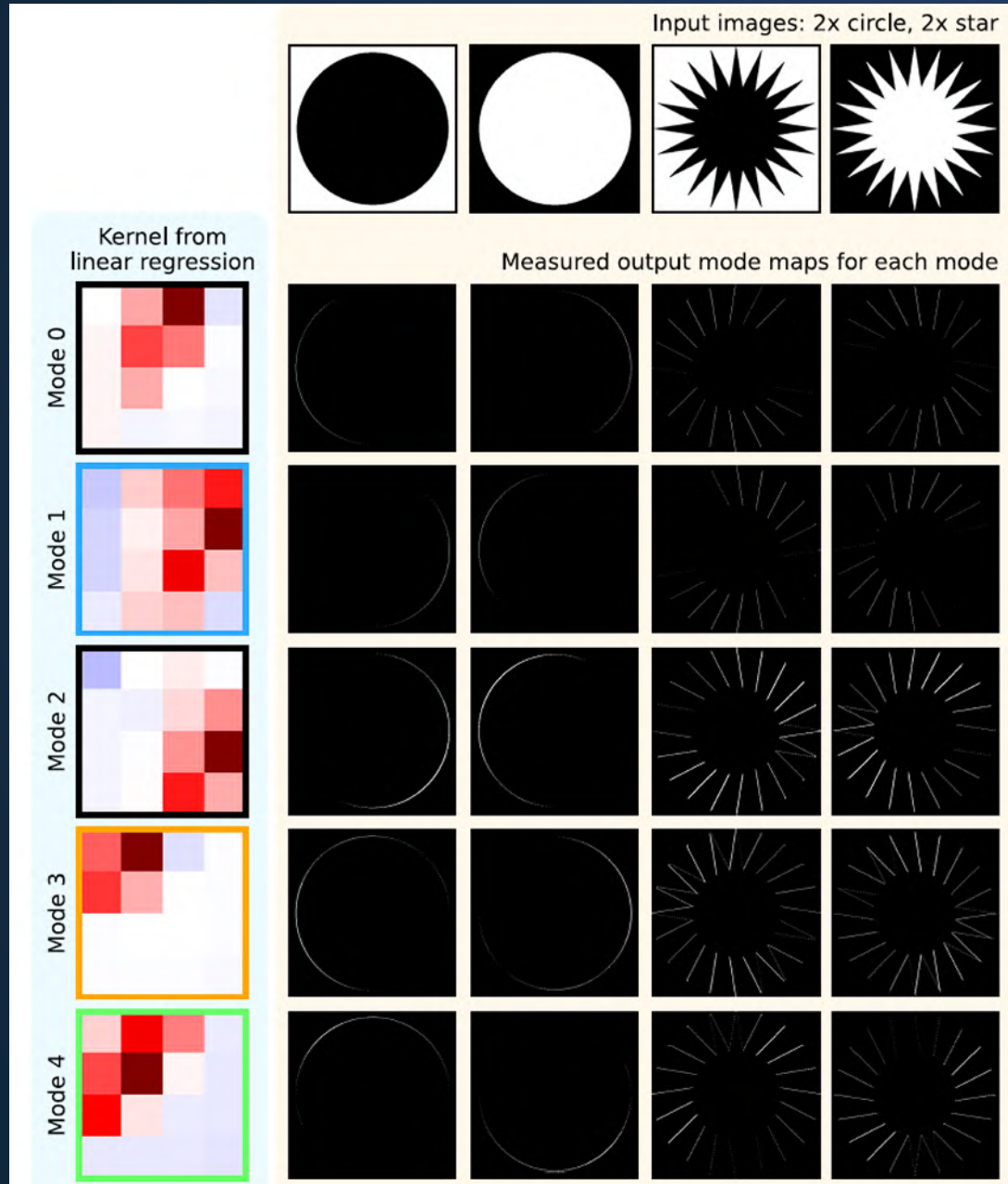
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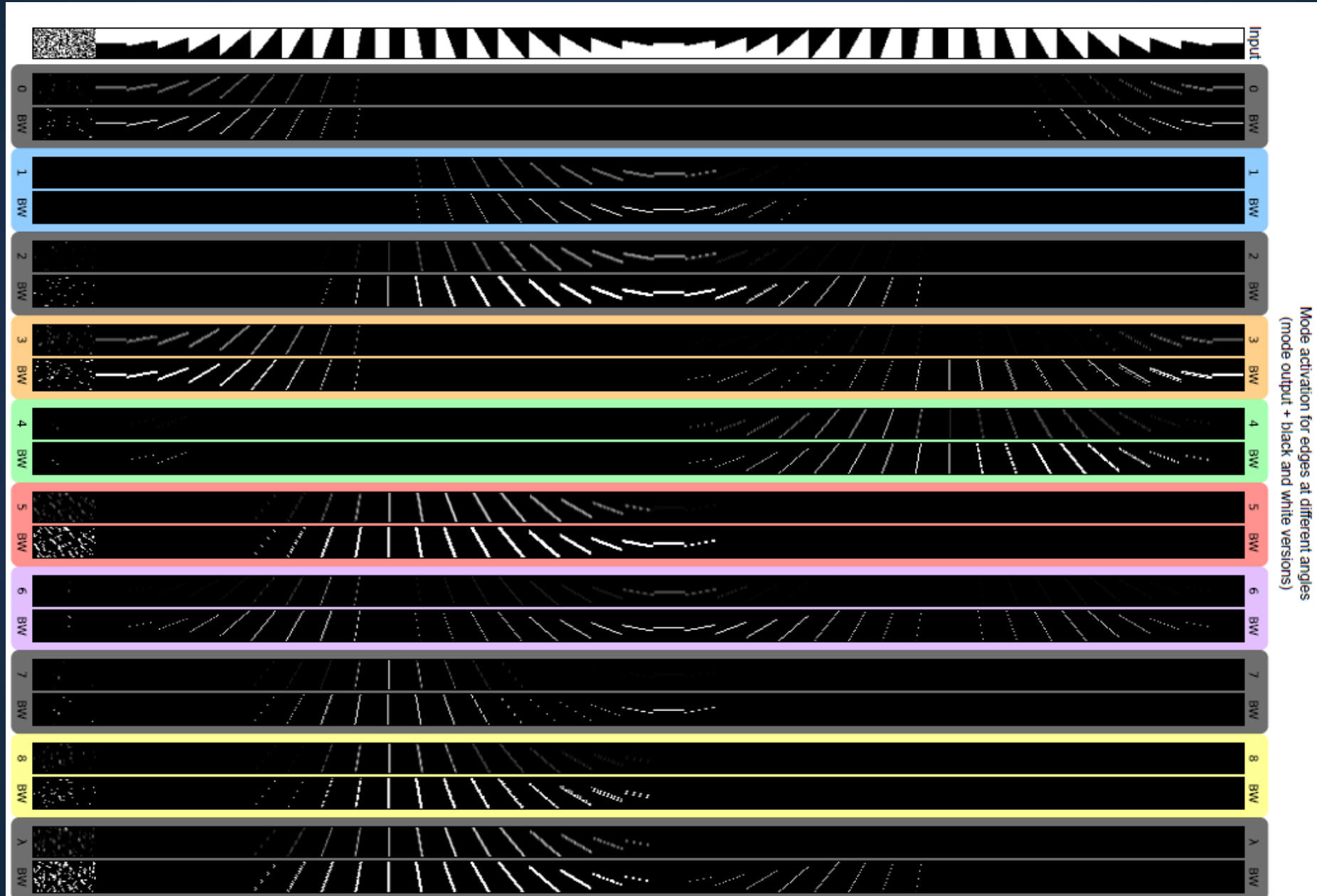
- Ordered networks can't distinguish different vertical or horizontal edges



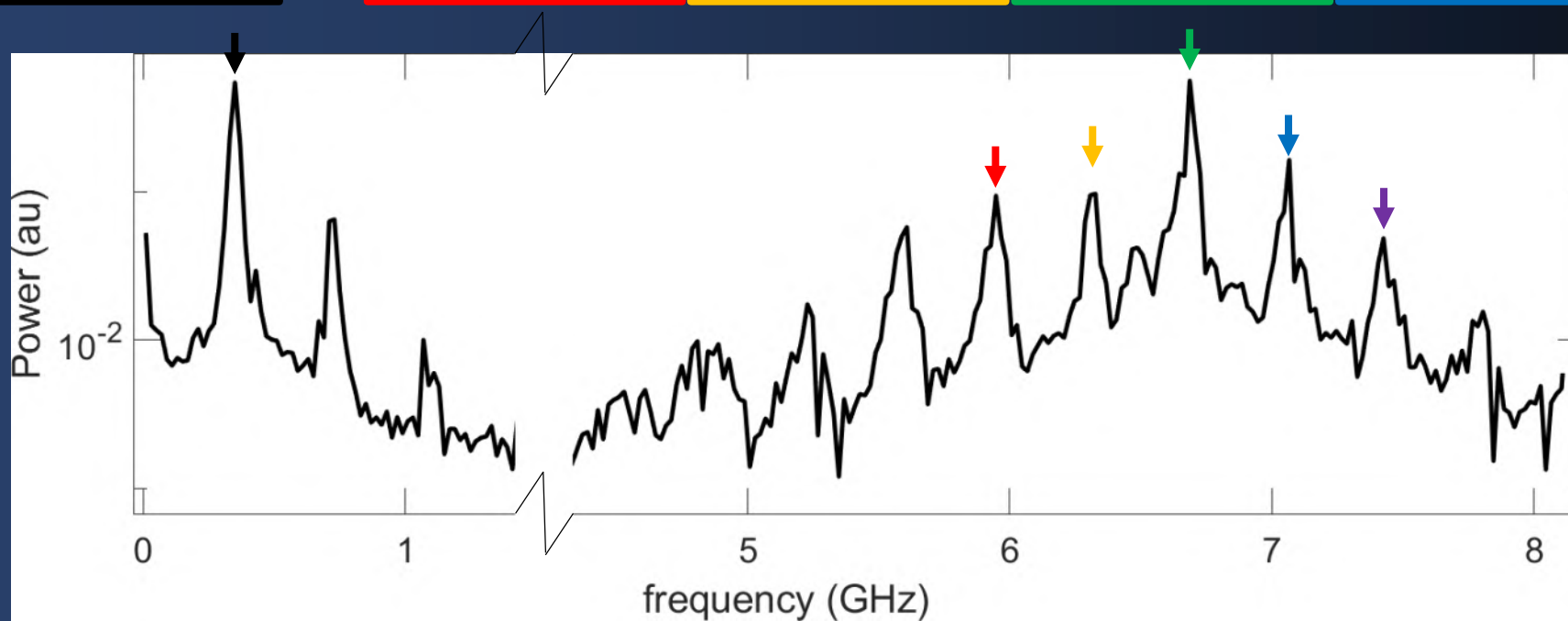
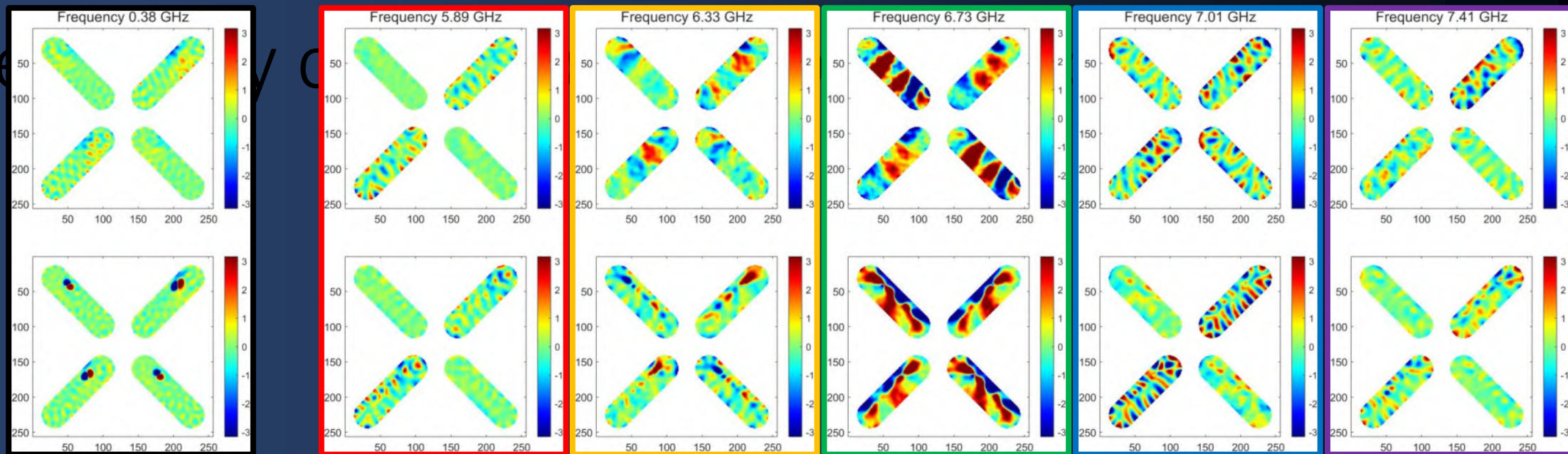
Feature detection cont.



Feature detection cont.



Frequency



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16mT_6690MHz

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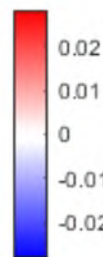
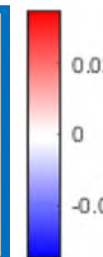
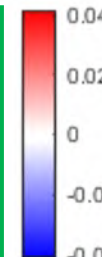
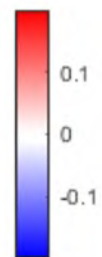
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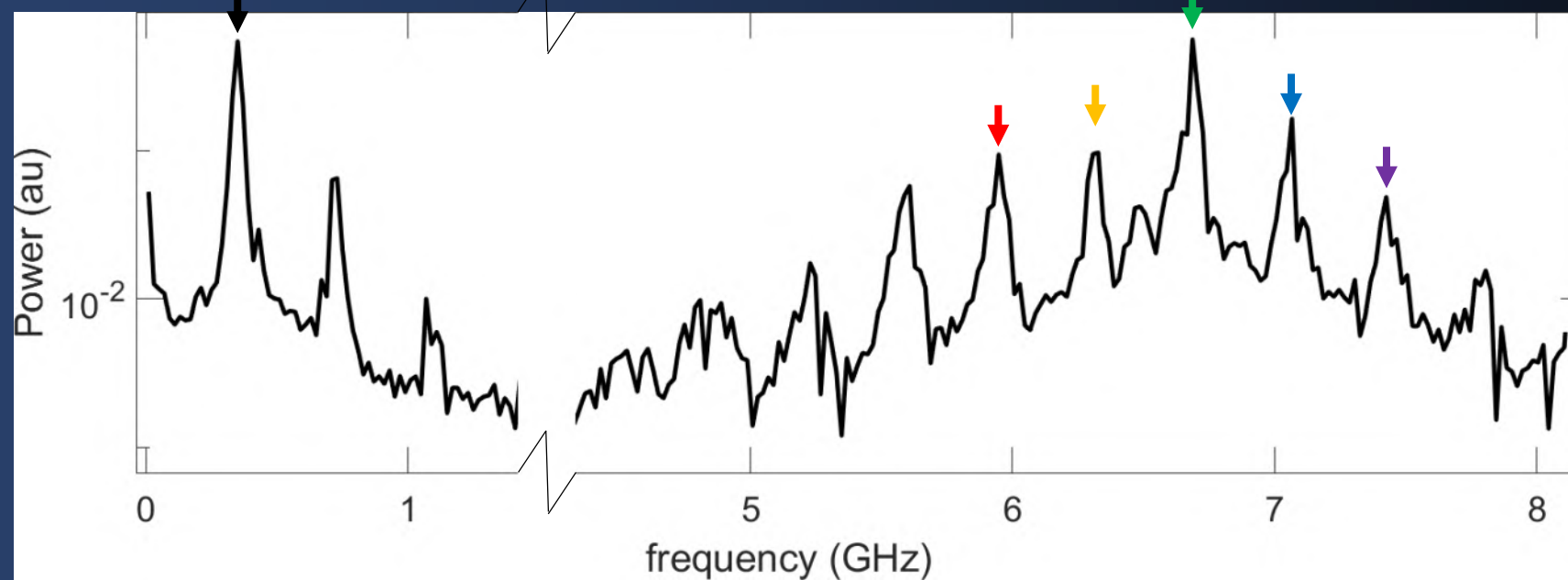
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- **Title: Using topological magnetic textures in devices**
- Topological magnetism for application based physics
- **What are topological states?**
 - Tbh everything is, but when its spoken about what people typically mean is some state with bulk-localised topological defects with whole integer winding number/topological charge
 - Often, but not always, have some degree of chirality – vortices, skyrmions
- **Why are they interesting?**
 - The biggest special thing about magnetism to me, is the ability to naturally switch between multiple states
 - Most other systems do not have this baked-in to their physics in anywhere near as elegant and easy to control and manipulate as magnetism
 - These topological states can be quite well protected, due to high exchange energy costs to ‘unwind’ them. This can lead to higher coercive field than collinear textures, and as we can see later, to physical memory
 - They are composed of multiple discrete parts, which gives rise to complex dynamics and resonances – often with more distinct modes than a collinear texture
 - These distinct modes are cool in their own right, but even cooler they can be coaxed into interacting with each other to enable some very nice new nonlinear physics
- **What are we going to look at specifically?**
 - We will look at a few things:
 - Magnetic vortices in nanoislands
 - Skyrmions in thin films
 - We will look at these properties
 - How they can give rise to physical memory
 - How they can give rise to nonlinear magnonics
 - How this can be used for neuromorphic computing (performing AI using complex physical dynamics)
 - How to write and control them

- What do I have ready made?
 - Some bits about ASI
 - Some bits about magnon combing
 - Need Troy's slides
 - Some bits about vortex bistability
 - Need older talks which look into vortex formation in the nature nano paper
 - Good stuff about vortex writing
 - Some stuff about computing, could do with a better set of stuff showing how it doesn't work without vortices
 - Some better stuff needed for the Nature Materials paper

Nice reviews

REVIEW

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Topological Spin Textures: Basic Physics and Devices

Yuqing Zhou, Shuang Li, Xue Liang, and Yan Zhou*

nature reviews physics

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s42254-024-00729-w>

Perspective

Topological magnetic and ferroelectric systems for reservoir computing

Karin Everschor-Sitte¹, Atreya Majumdar¹, Katharina Wolk² & Dennis Meier^{2,3}

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Perspective on unconventional computing using magnetic skyrmions

Oscar Lee ; Robin Msiska ; Maarten A. Brems ; Mathias Kläui ; Hidekazu Kurebayashi ; Karin Everschor-Sitte

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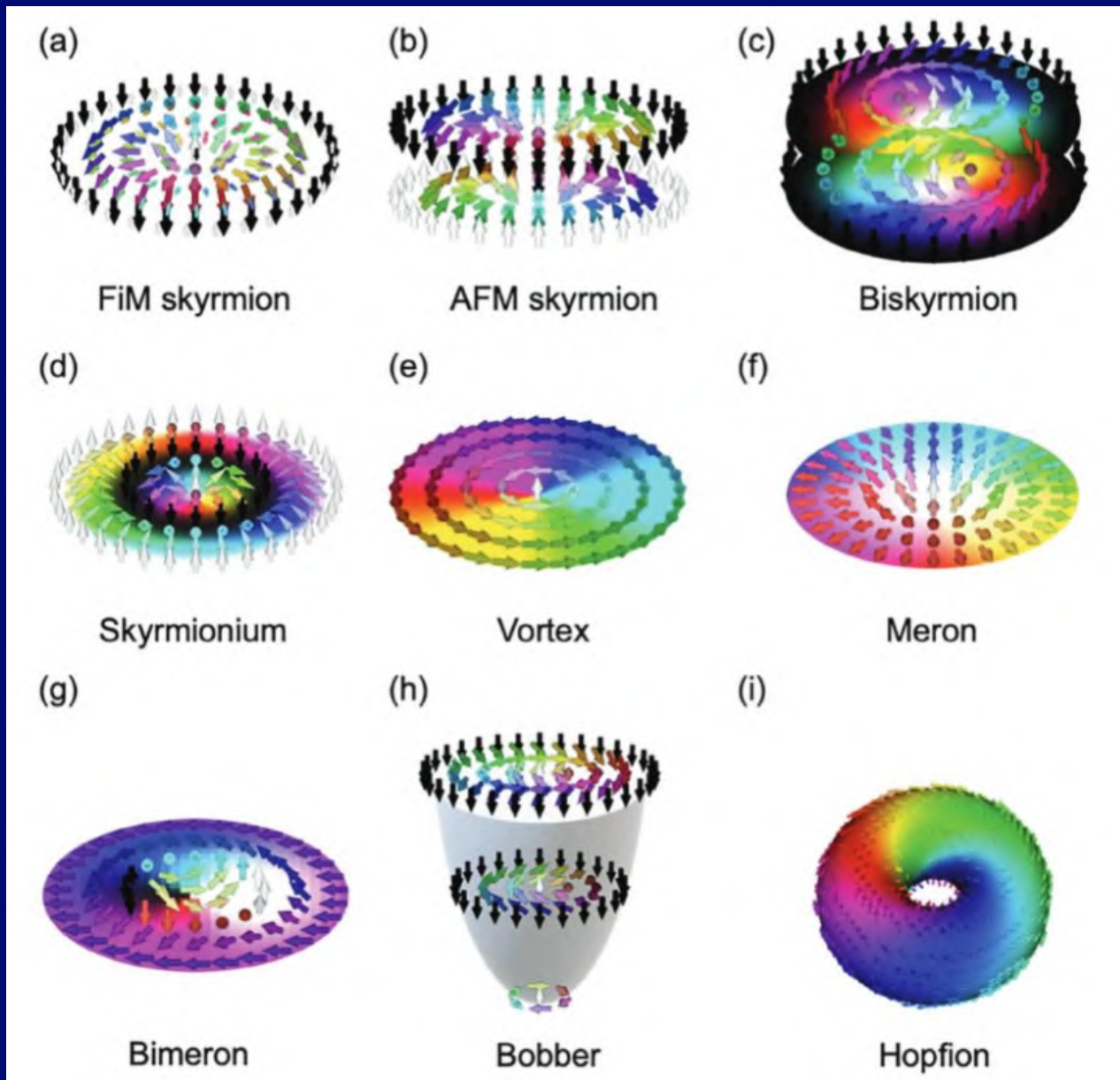
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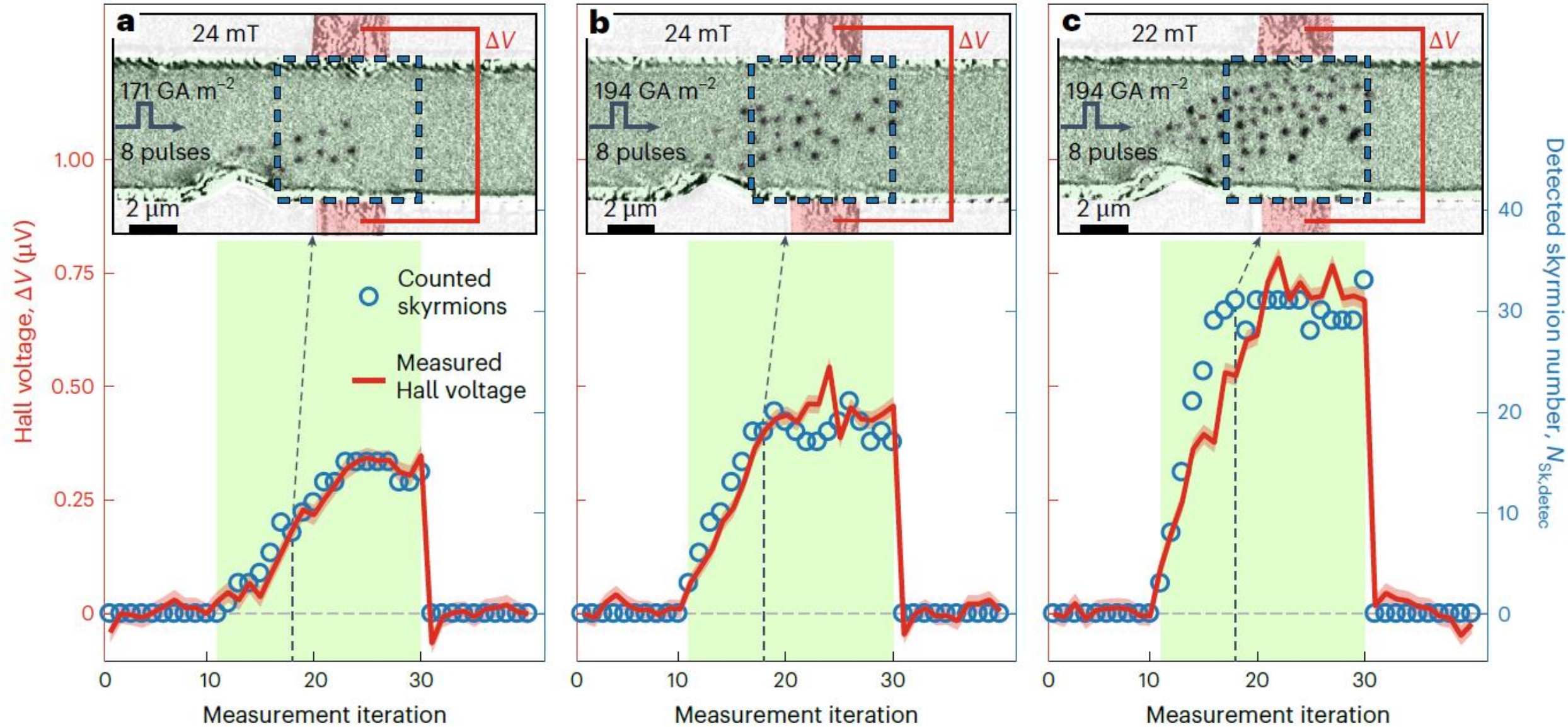
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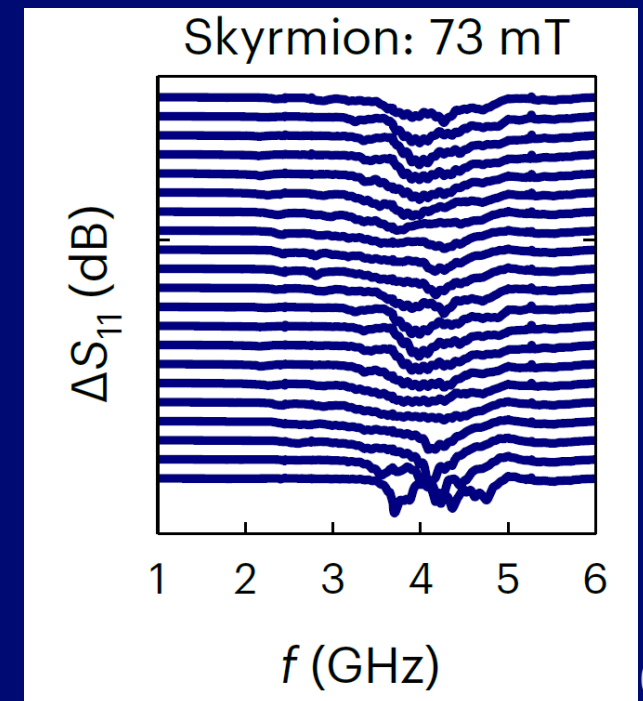
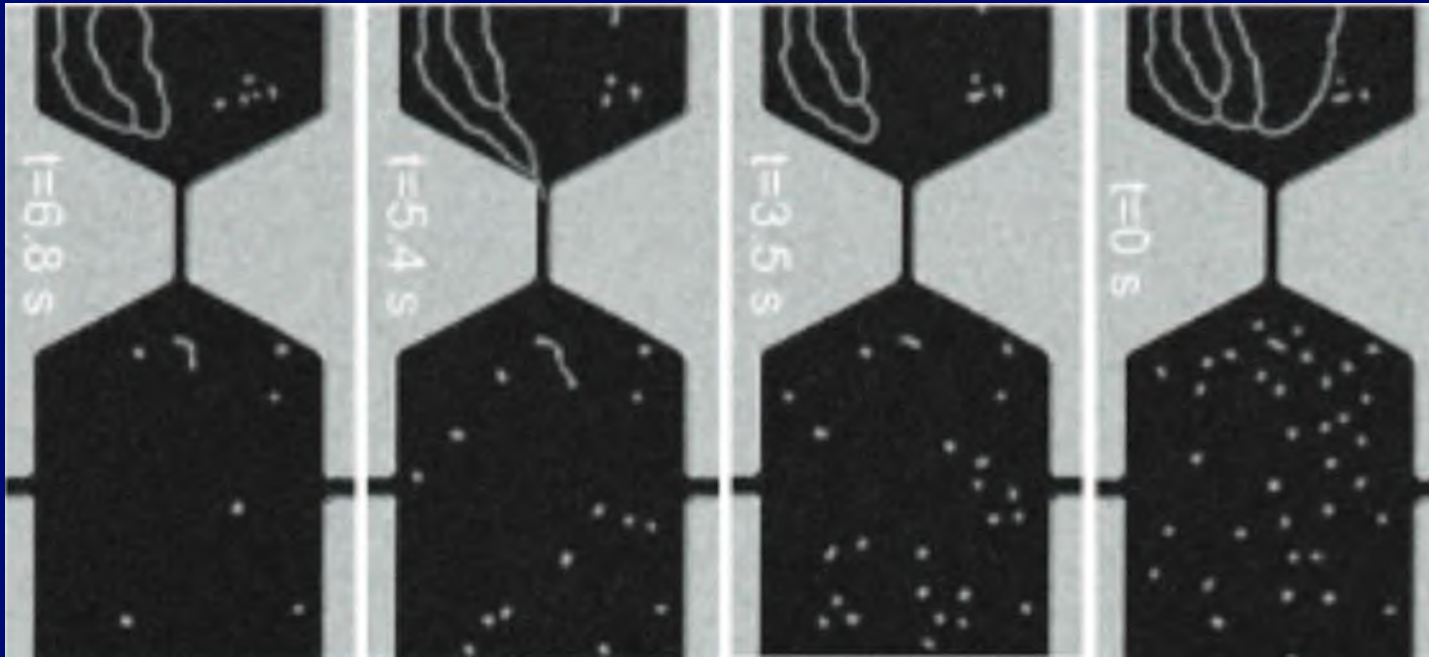
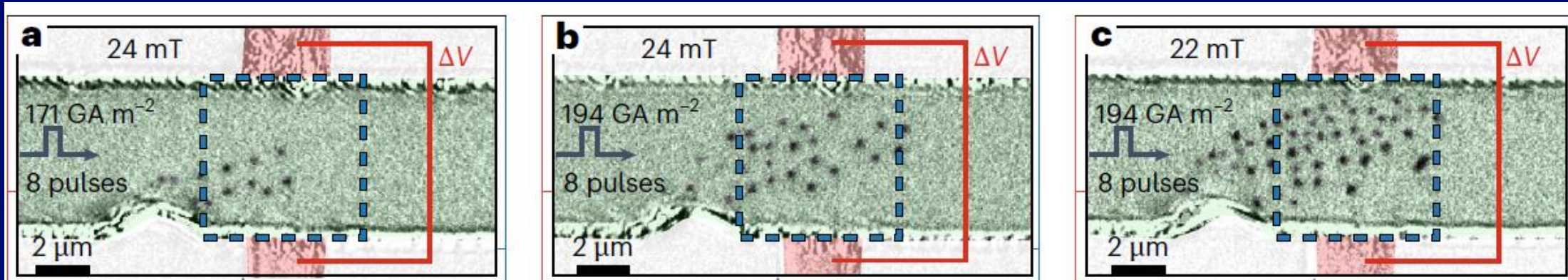
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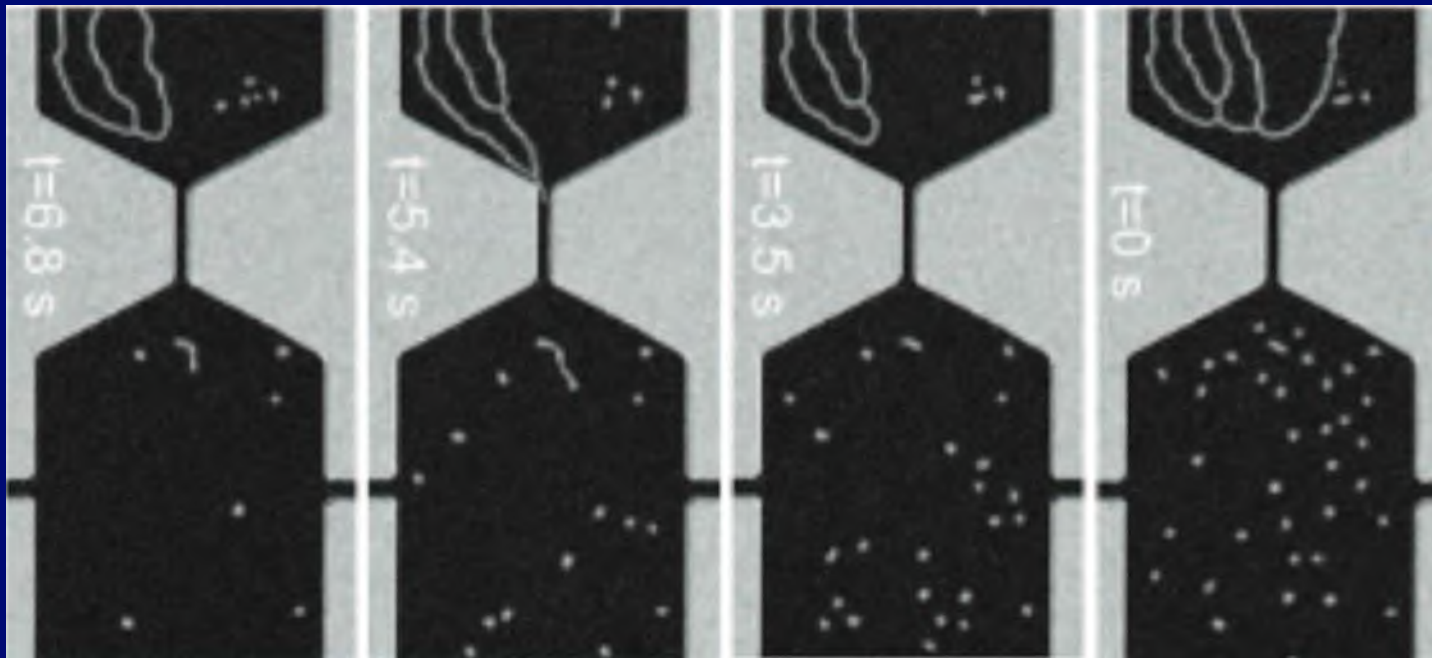
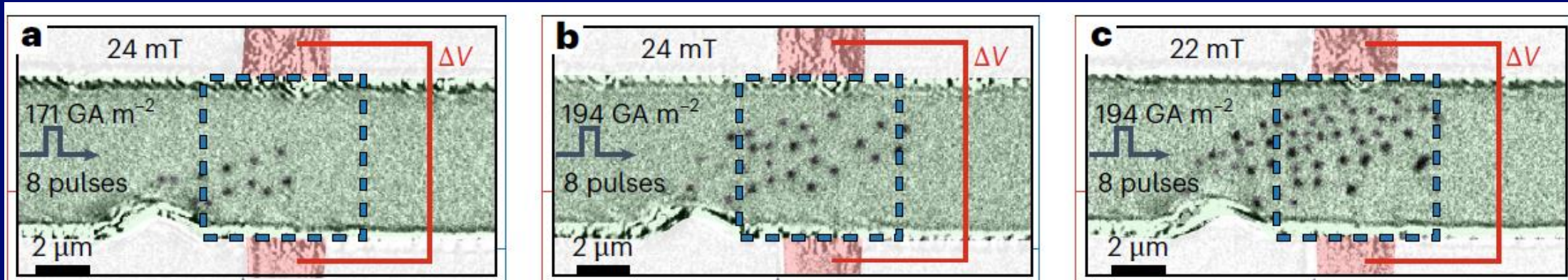
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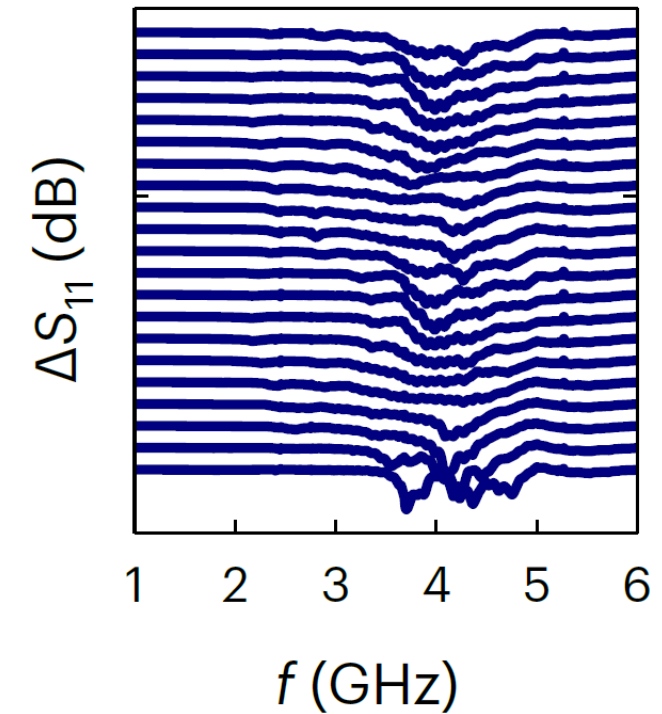
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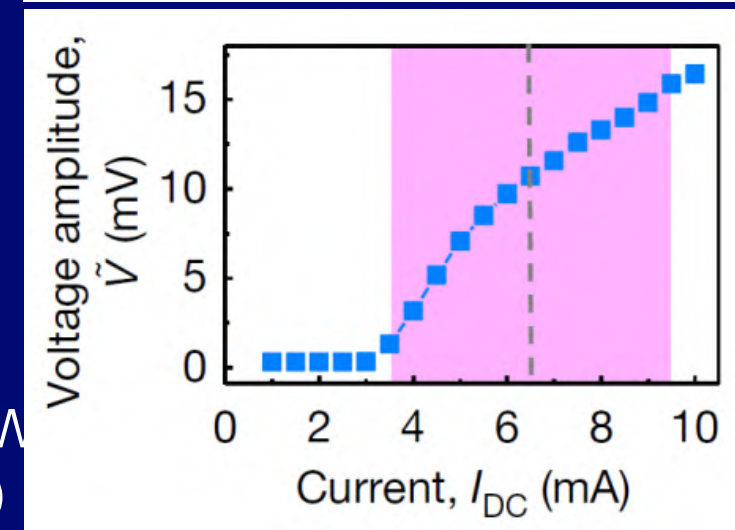
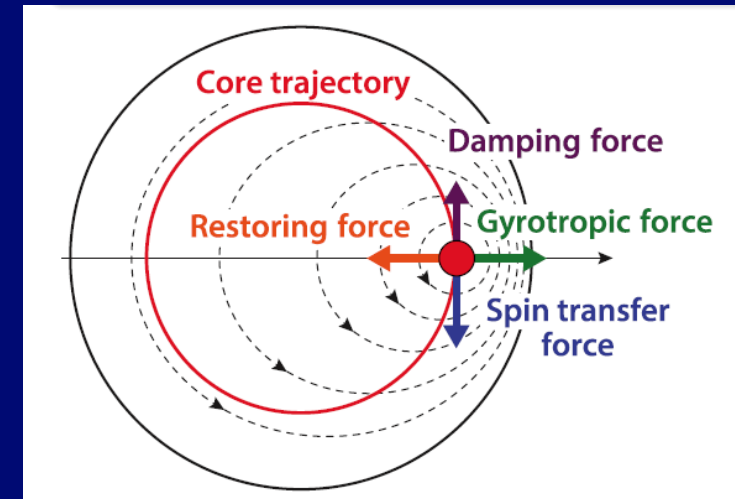
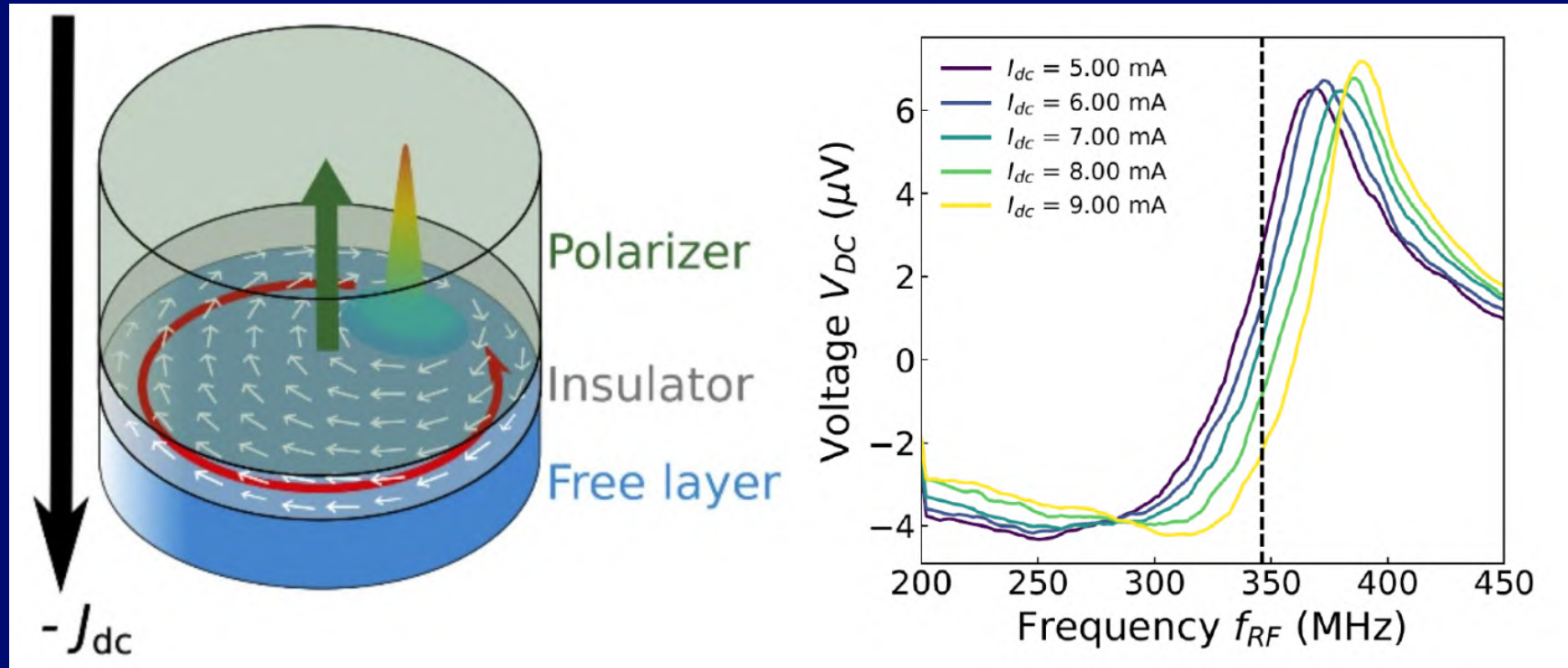
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Skyrmion: 73 mT



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Good: Low linewidth, low input current (mA), relatively high RF power (μW)
Less good Poor upper frequency output (typically 100s MHz to low GHz)

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Talk Outline

Here, really start to harness the intricacies of the magnetic texture for device-like processing

Article <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41565-023-01452-w>

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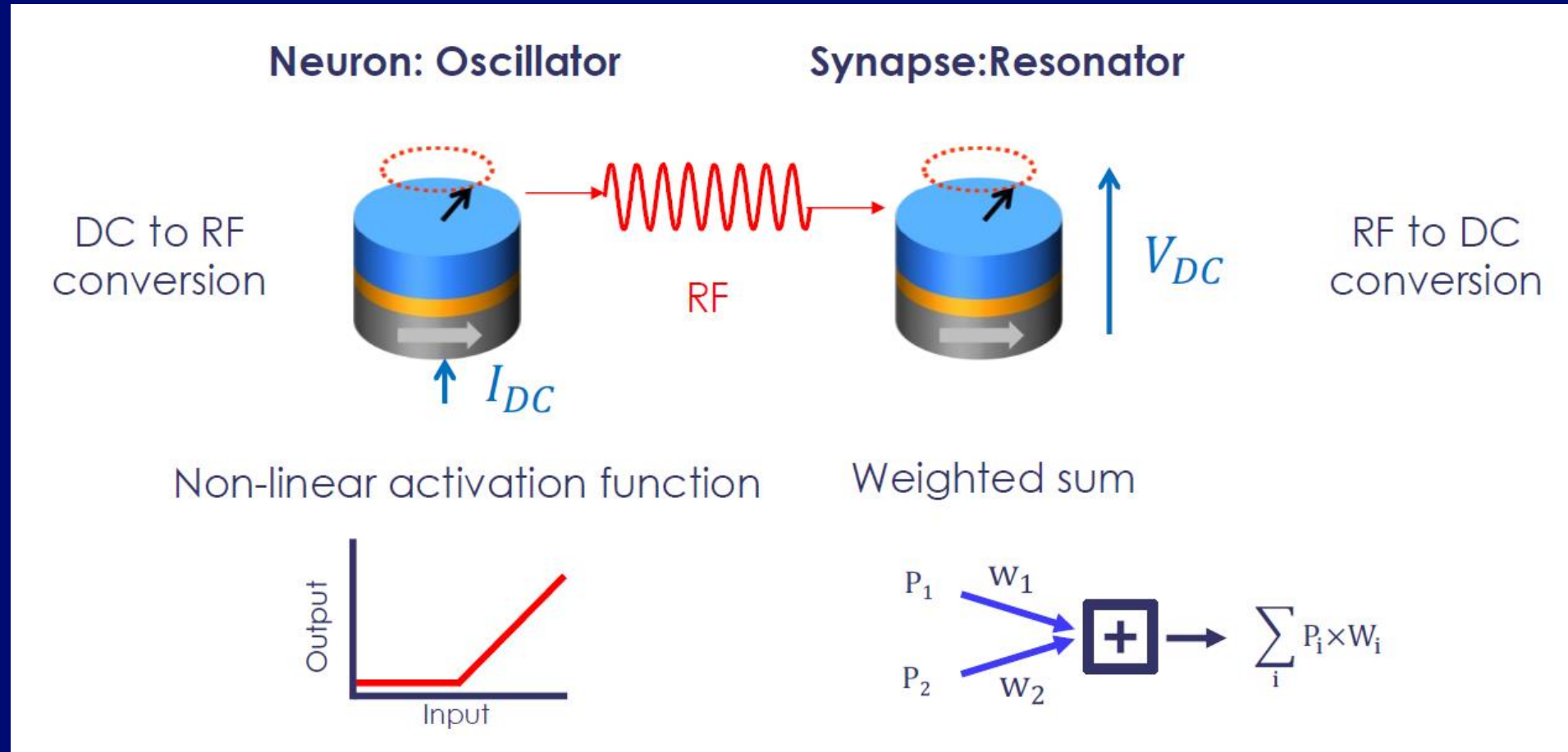
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DC to RF (spin torque) and RF to DC (spin diode effect) allows bidirectional conversion



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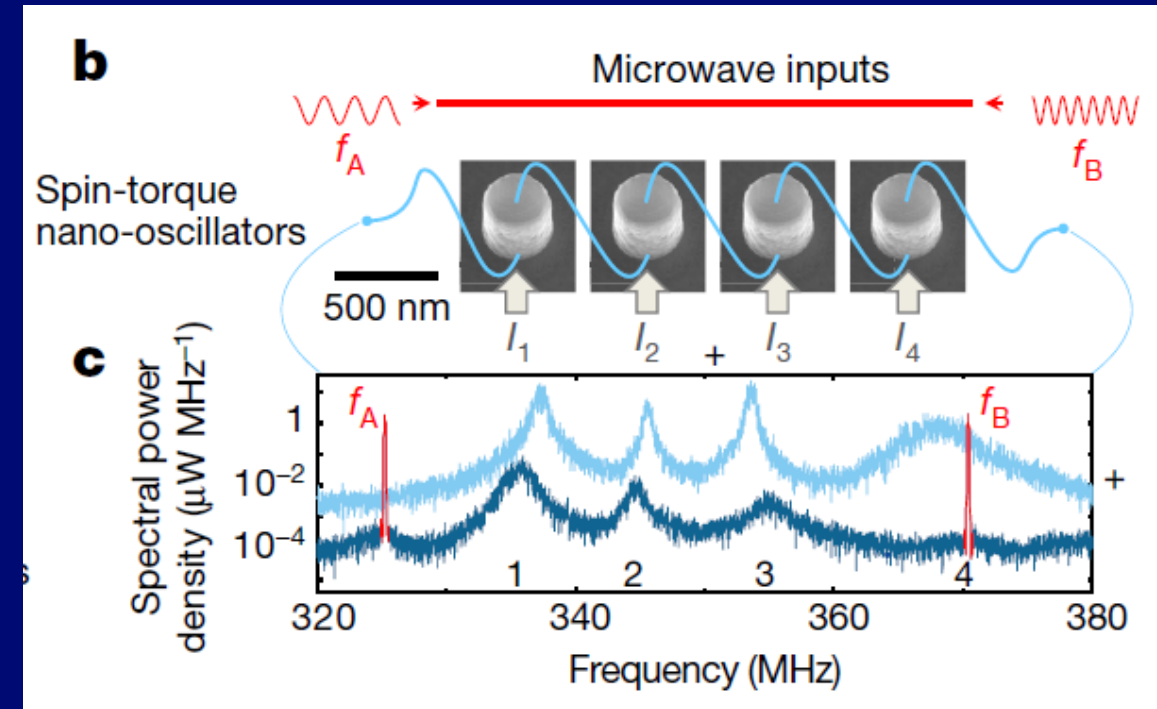
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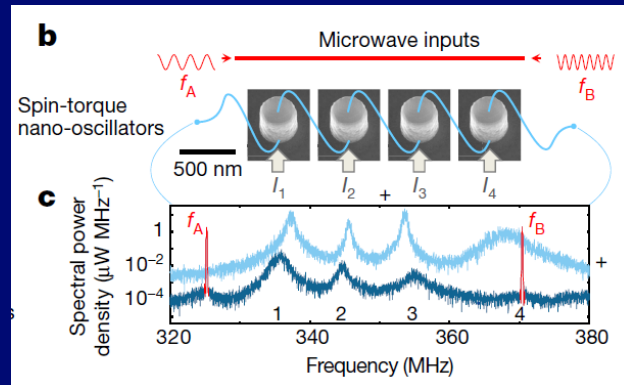
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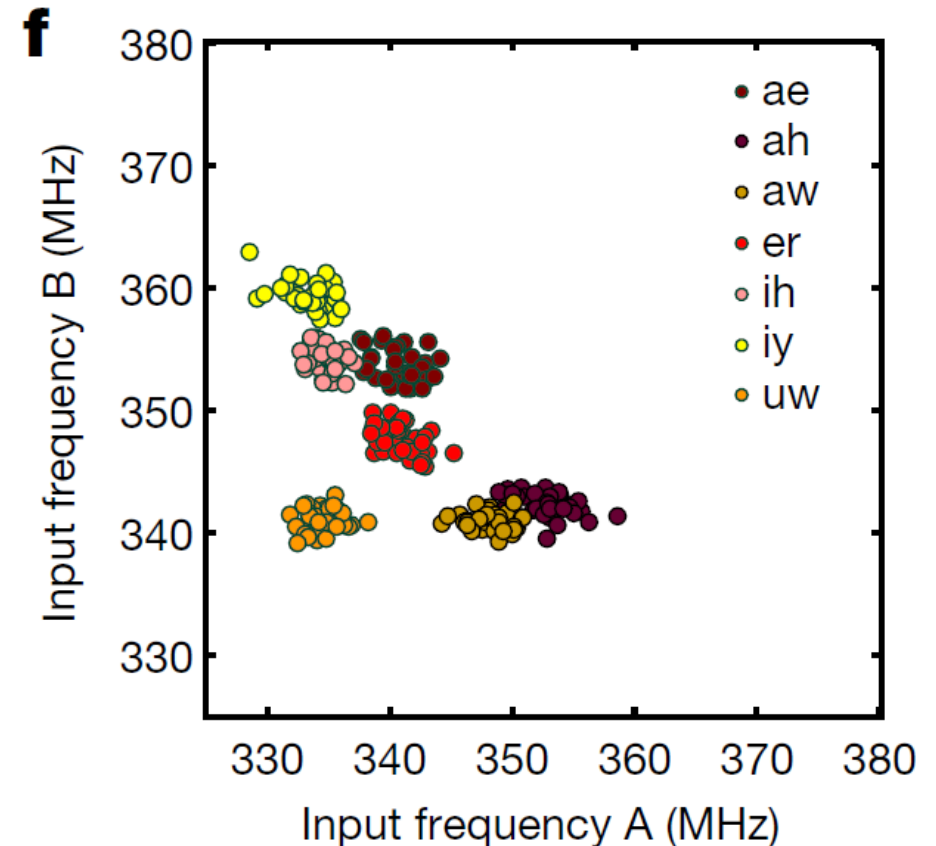
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Task becomes linearly separable due to nonlinear physical dynamics



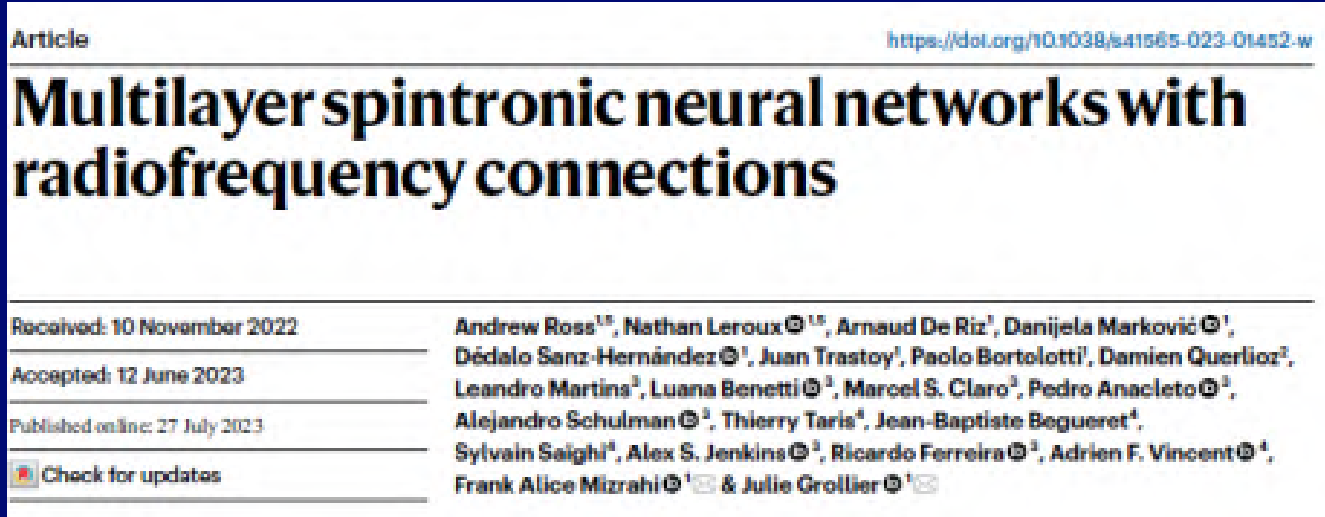
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Talk Outline



Something near the end – what’s hard? Interconnects/Scaling
Maybe we should redesign?!

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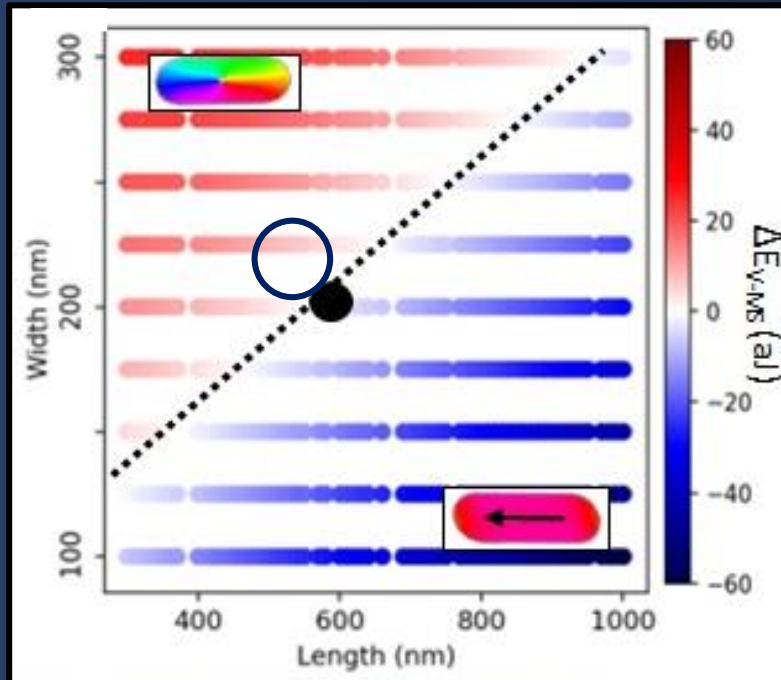
- Engineer material complexity to allow simple global-field input
- Bistable **Magnetic textures**
- **Future vision:** All-optical/electrical input
 - 2 patents (2022,2024)

Vortex vs. Macrospin energy:
Find **bistable point**

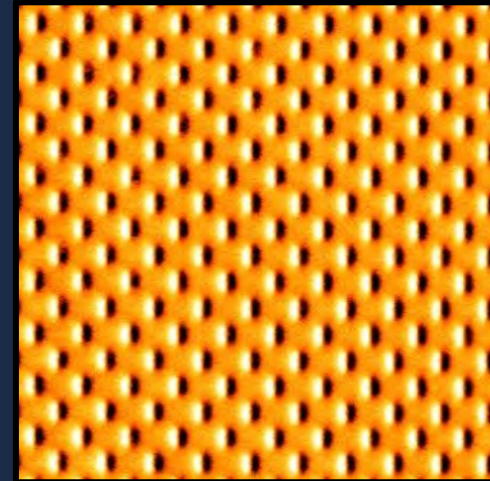
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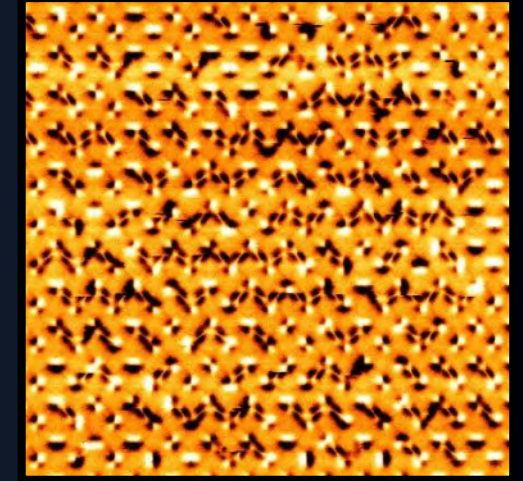
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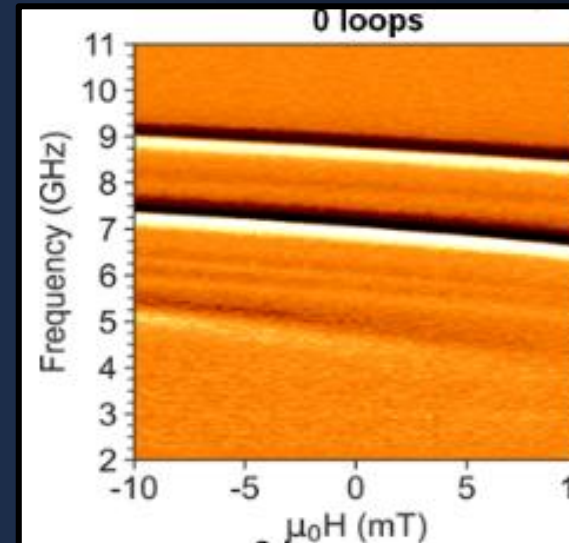
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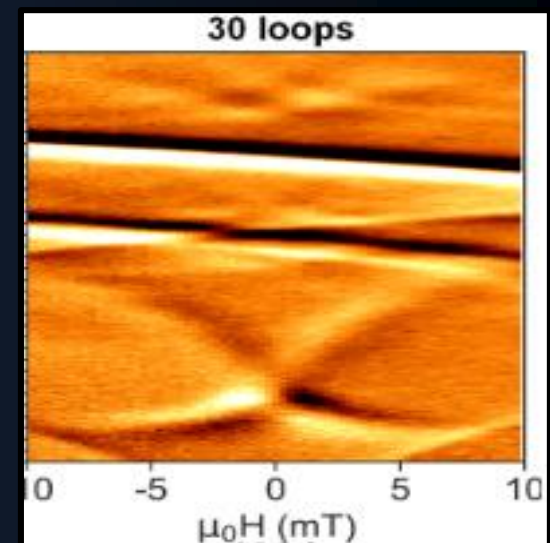
MFM: Macrospin state



MFM: Vortex state



FMR: Macrospin state



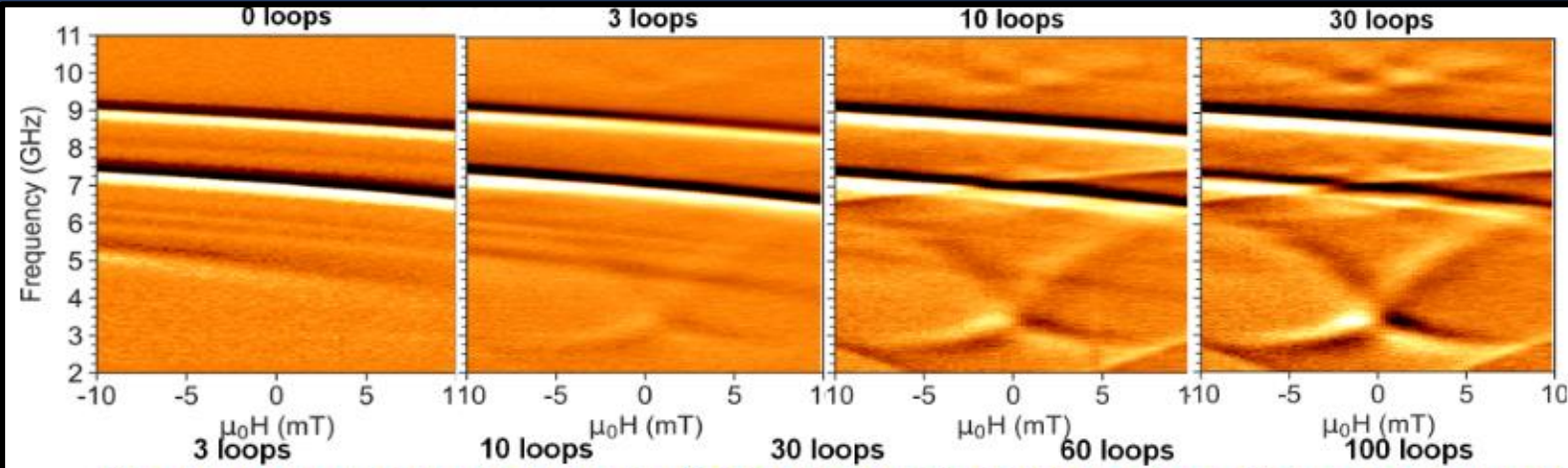
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Simulation collaborators: **Troy Dion, Kyushu (Japan)**

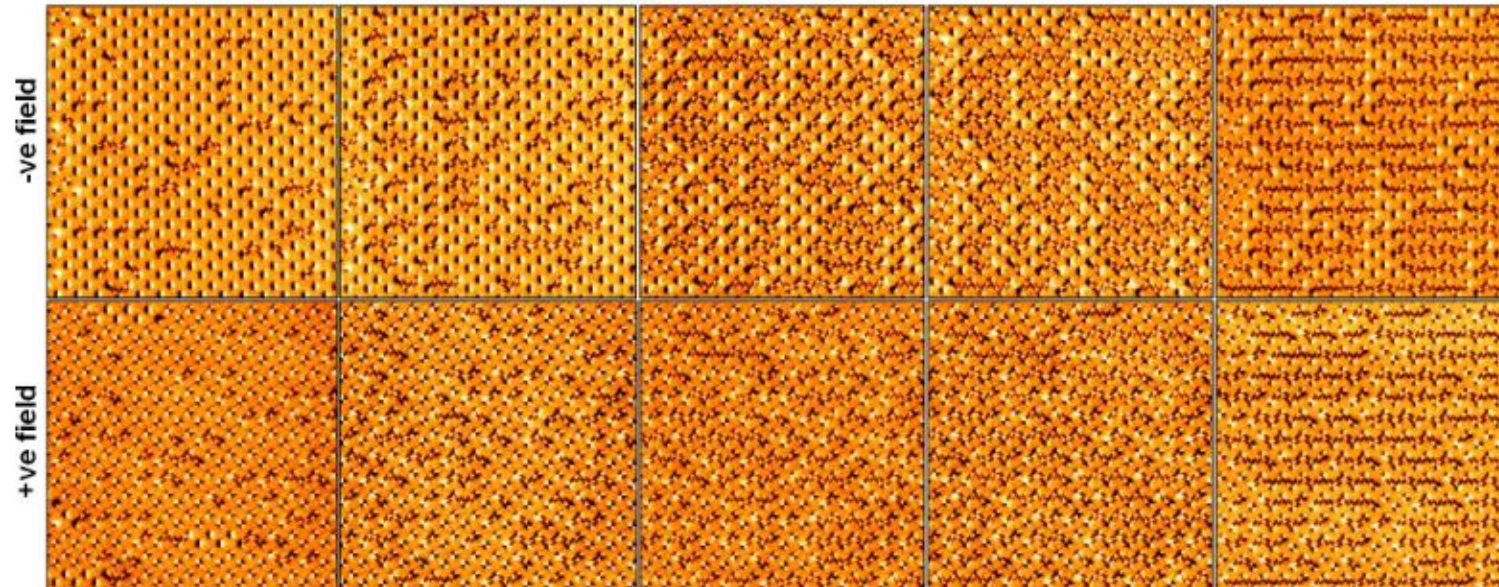
Data input & readout solved

- **Data Input:** Solved, Engineer physical complexity to allow simple global-field input
- **Data Readout:** Solved, use GHz magnon spectra

Magnon
Spectra



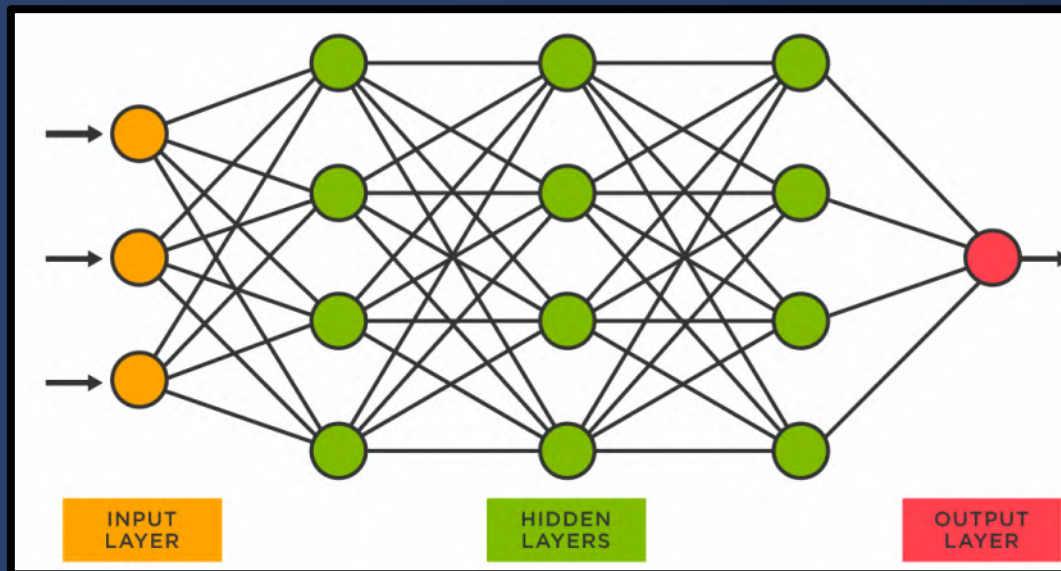
Real-space



Reservoir Computing

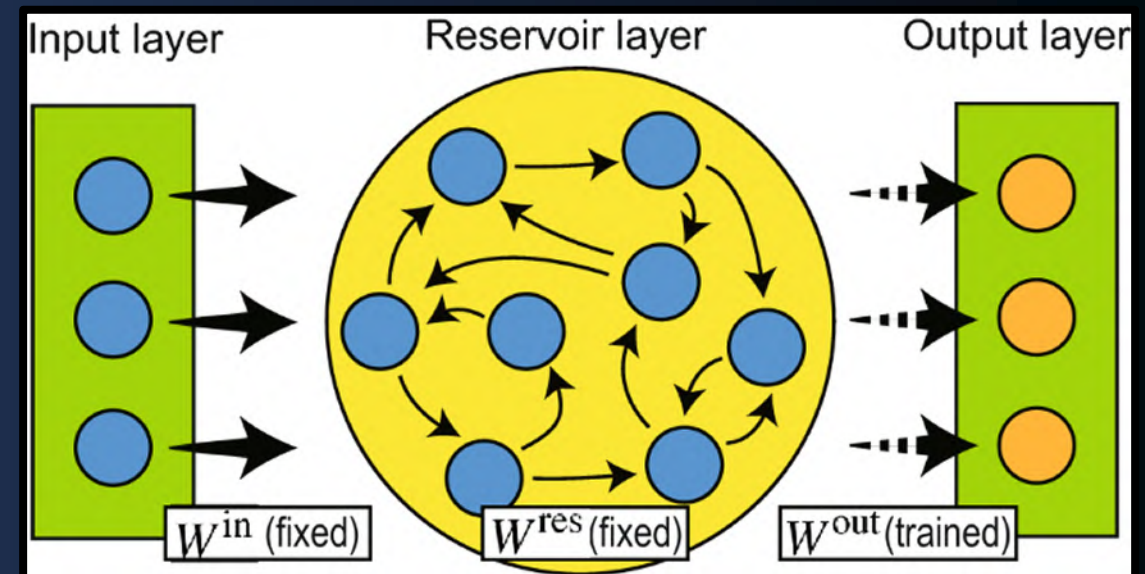
- **Aim:** Map complex problems onto simple linearly solveable ones
- **Random weight connections vs. Fully trainable weights**
- **Low energy vs. Deep Neural Networks** as only train small output layer

Deep Neural Network



VS.

Reservoir Computing



1: energy-uk.org, towardsdatascience.com, OpenAI white paper (2019)

Field

Magnetic Array

Magnon Spectra

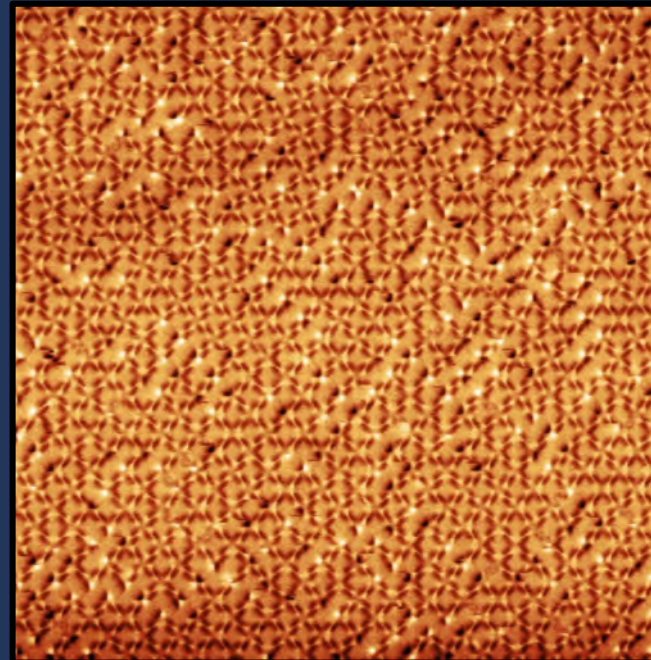
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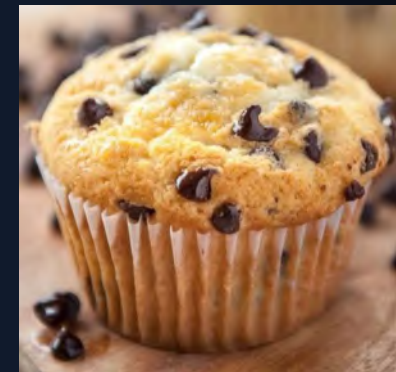
Input Problem:
Hard, nonlinear



Physical Reservoir



Output Problem
Simple, linear



Reservoir Computing

Experimental methodology:

2 Patents filed (2022, 2024)

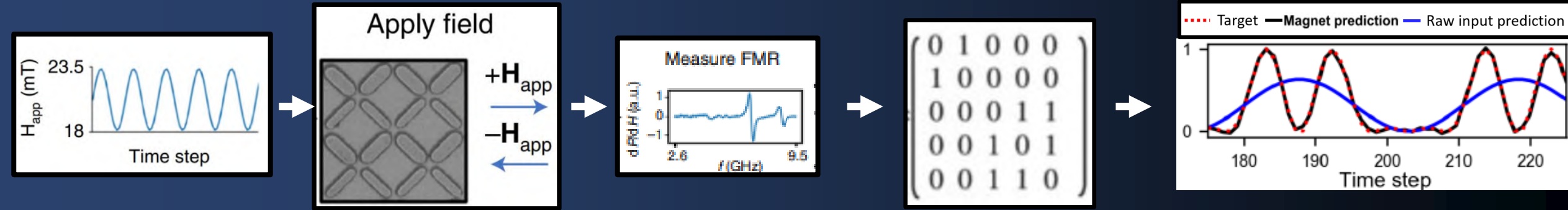
Input dataset

Convert to field

Measure FMR

Linear Regression

Computation Output



Scheme developed in collaboration with neuromorphic theorists:
F. Caravelli group – Los Alamos National Lab (USA)

- Gartside, Jack C. et al, *Nature Nanotechnology* (2022)
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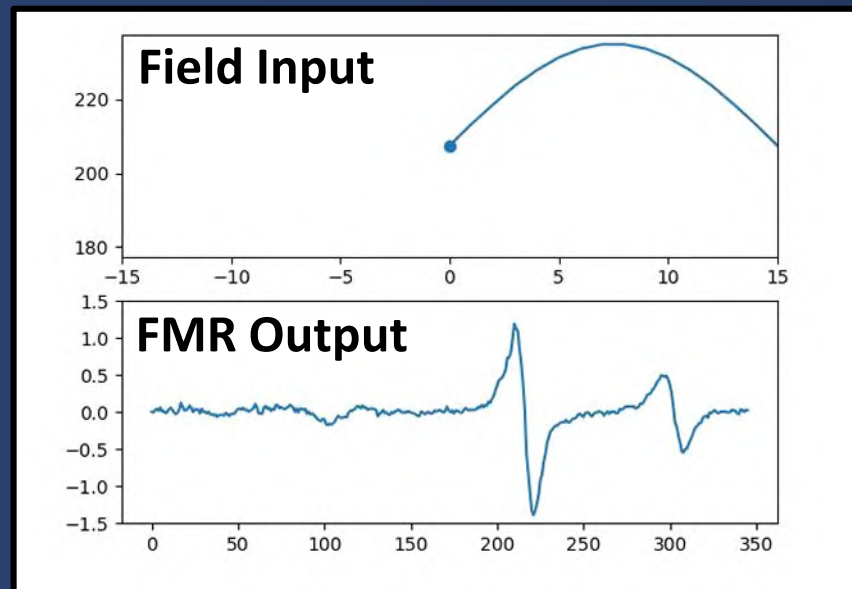
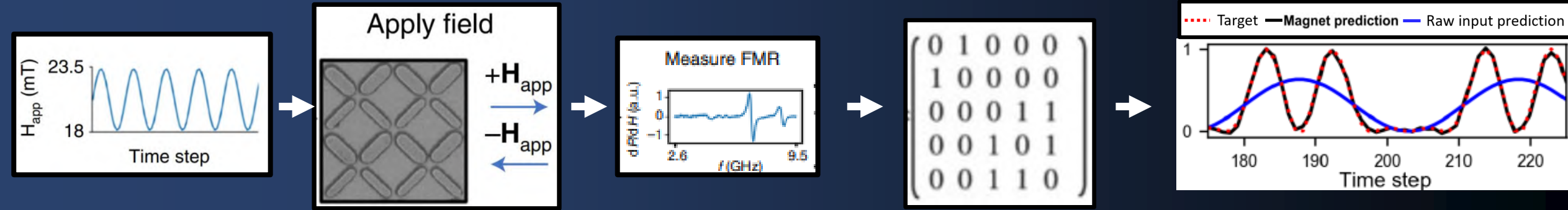
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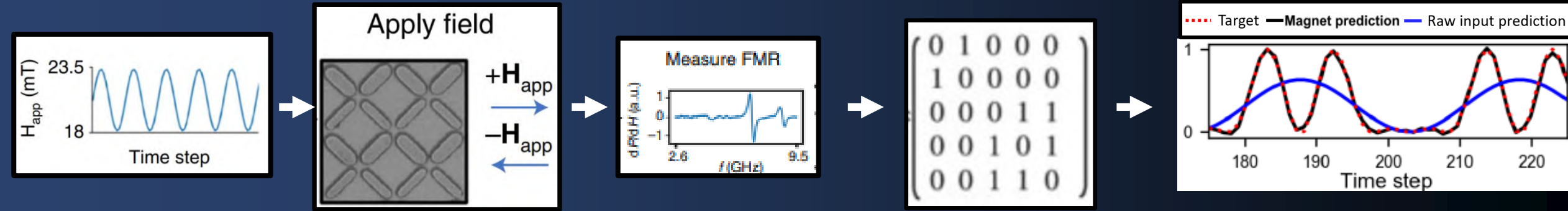
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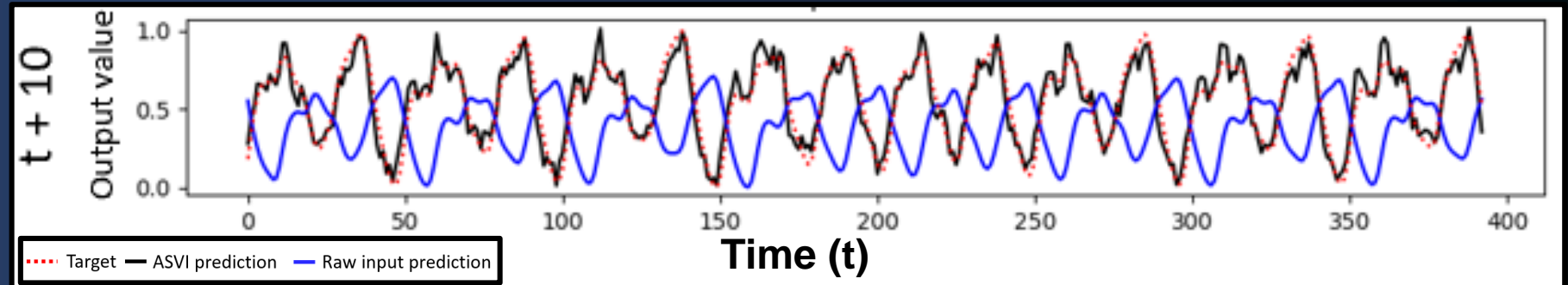
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Health-sensing tasks



Solve challenging task: Future prediction ($t+10$) of chaotic time-series
Blood hormone level prediction

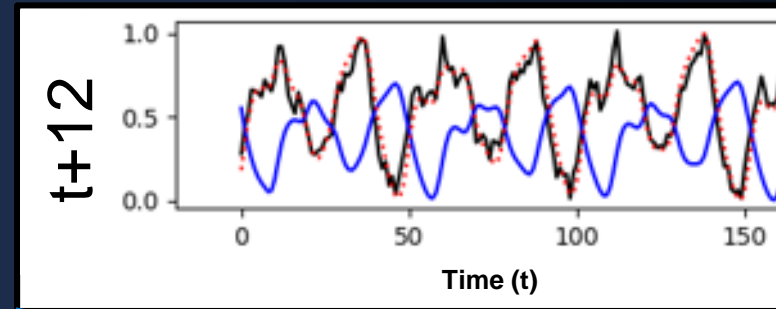
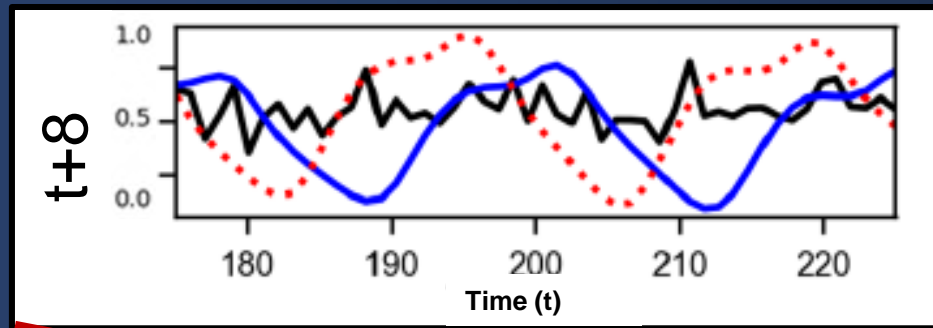
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Interconnecting Physical Systems

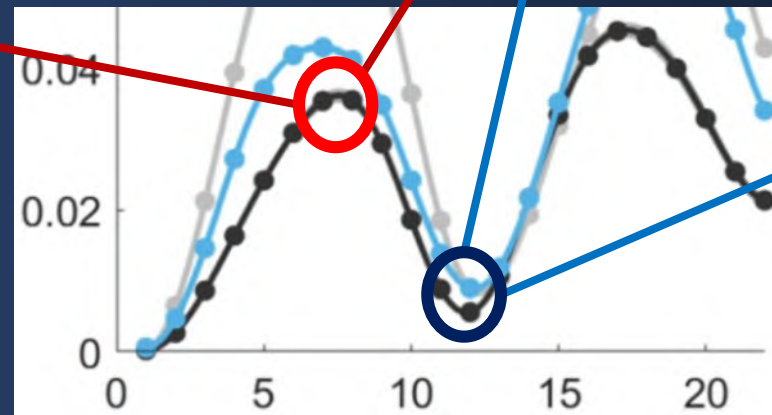
Reservoir Computing

- **Periodic performance:**
 - Single system can't handle multiple timescales
 - $t+8$ particularly poor
- **Problem:** Single physical systems restricted by fixed dynamics



Low error =
good computation

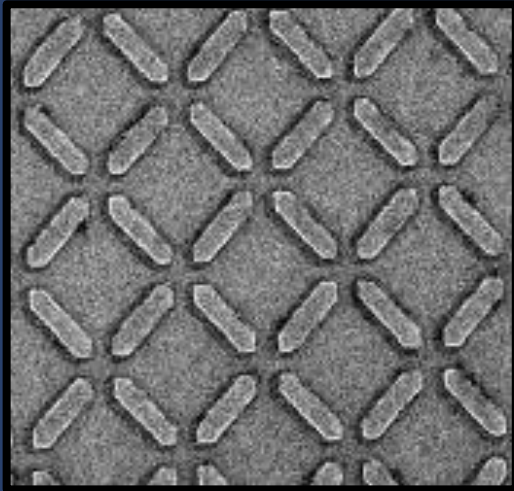
Error



Future prediction step ($t+n$)

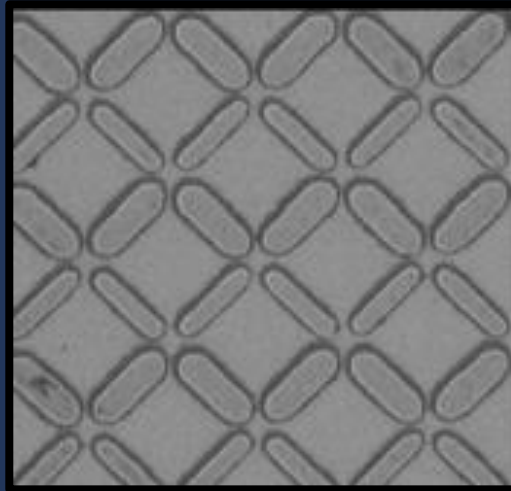
Physical Neural Network Architecture

- **Solution:**
 - Interconnect **Multiple arrays** with **distinct dynamics**



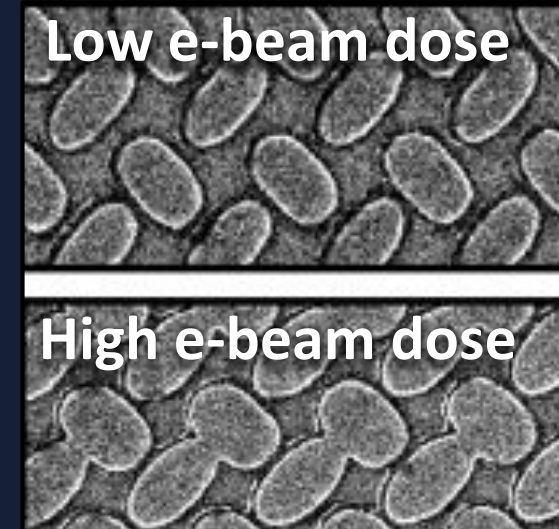
Conventional ASl:

No vortices, only macrospins
Short-term memory



Vortex ASVI:

Vortices & macrospins
Long-term memory

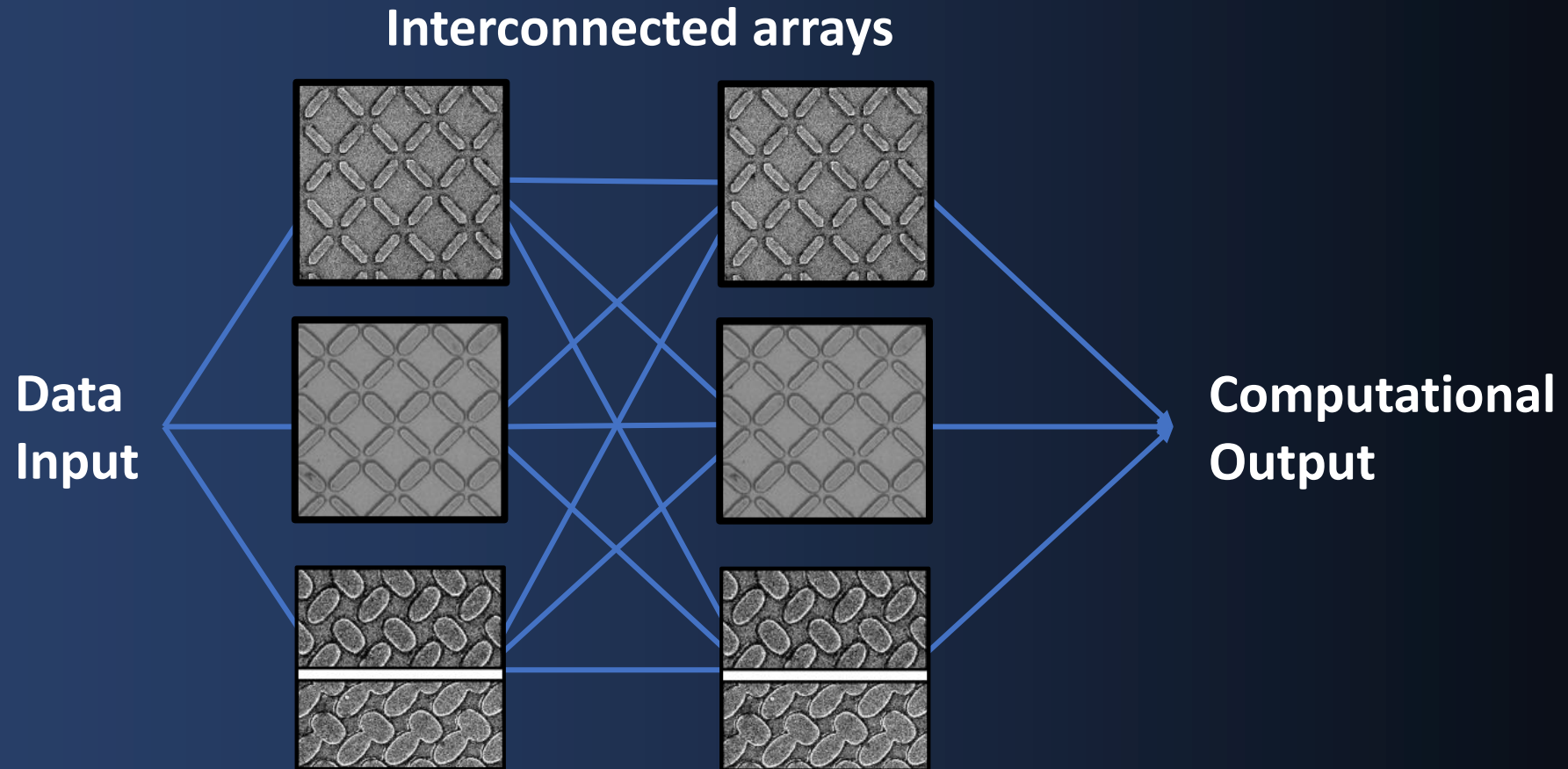


Pinwheel ASVI:

Engineered structural disorder
Strong nonlinearity

Physical Neural Network Architecture

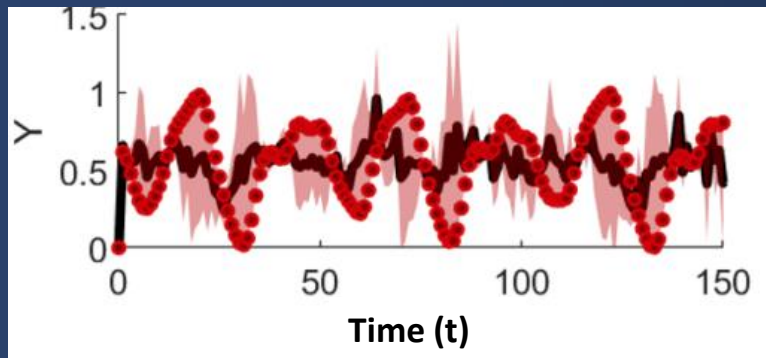
- Build a small 2x3 layer **physical neural network** - Each 'neuron' is a **different nanoarray**
- Interconnect **1st-layer output** (GHz amplitude) to **2nd-layer input** (magnetic field)
- Collaborators at University of Sheffield **Dr Luca Manneschi & Prof Eleni Vasilaki** co-designed interconnected network architecture



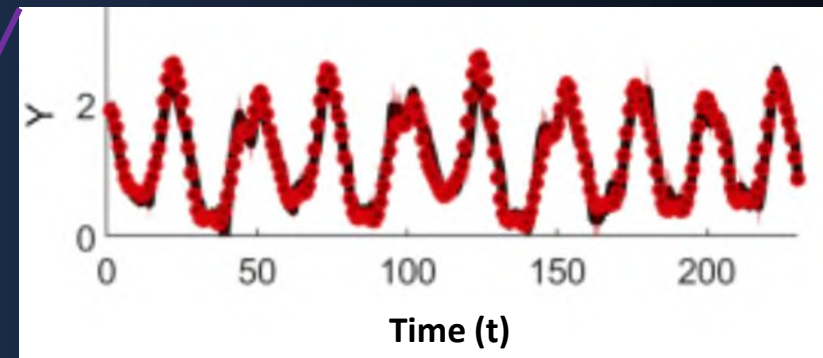
Physical Neural Network Architecture

- Physical Neural Net architecture solves problems – fix periodic performance

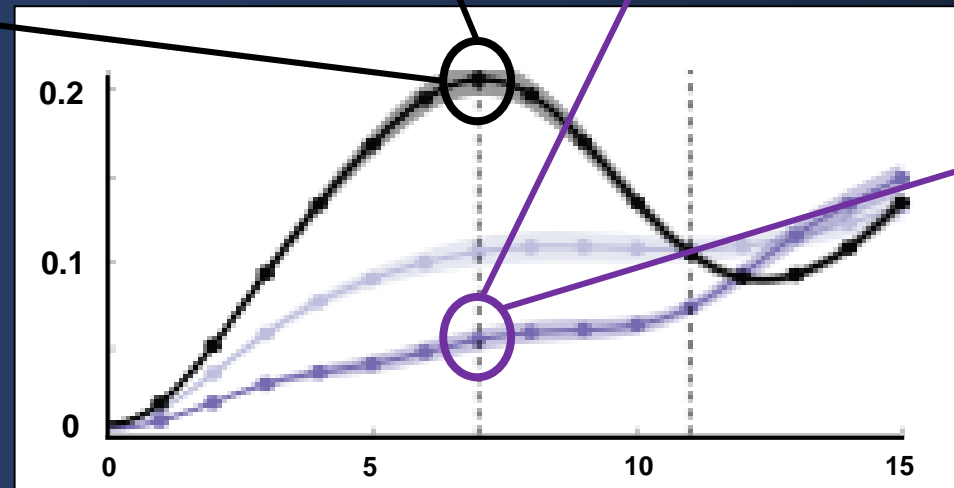
Best single nanoarray - poor



Interconnected
Physical neural network - good



Error (MSE)

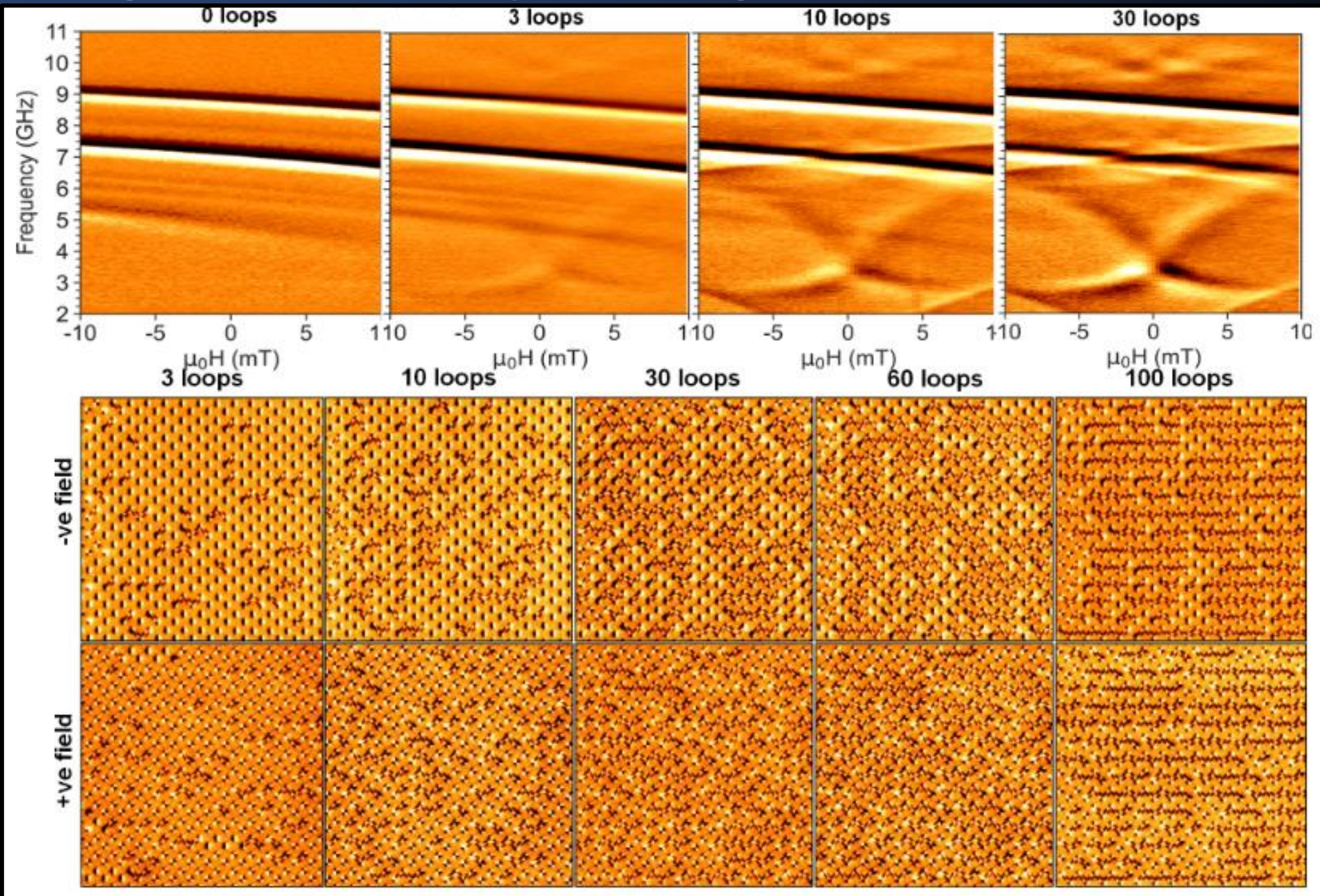


Low error =
good computation

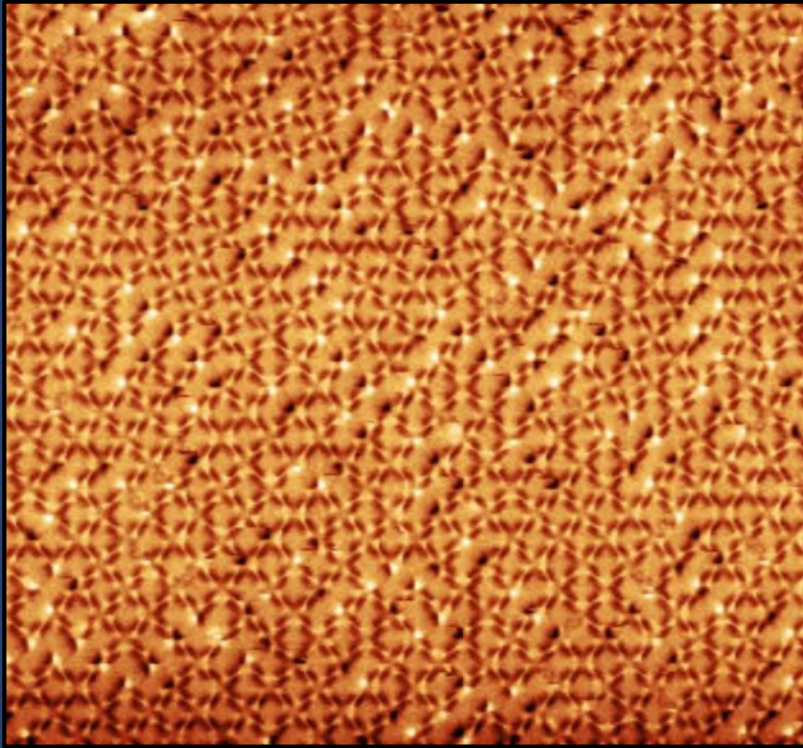
Black curve:
Best single array
Dark Purple curve:
Physical neural network

Future prediction step $(t+n)$

Analogue tunability of magnon modes & microstate

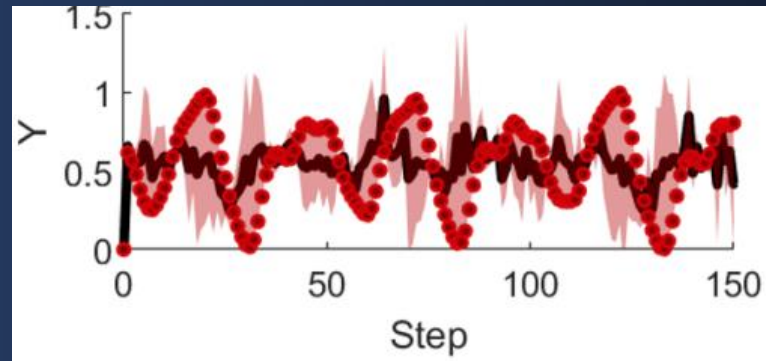


Artificial Spin-Vortex Ice: Beyond a single magnetic texture

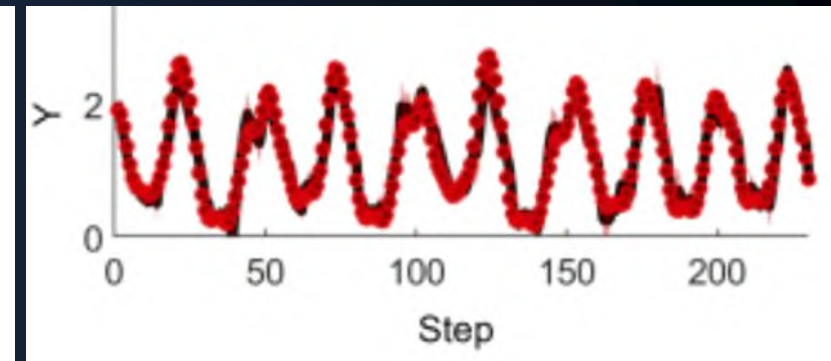


- Adding chiral states increases
 - Complexity
 - Memory
 - Neuromorphic Computing performance
- How far can we take this Microstate Engineering?

No vortices: (normal ASI)
Bad future prediction

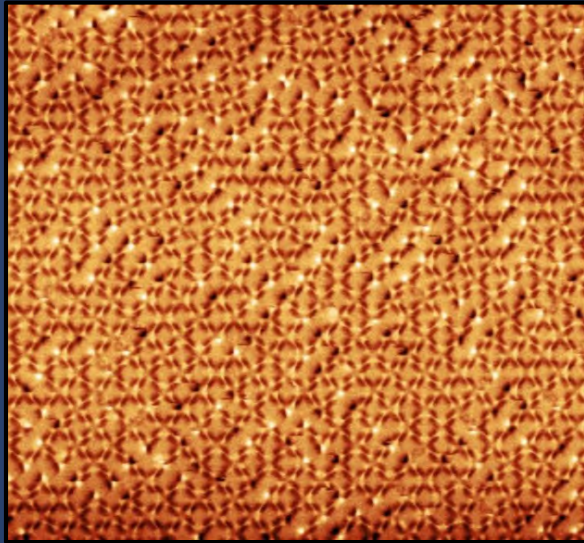


Vortices & macrospins:
Excellent prediction

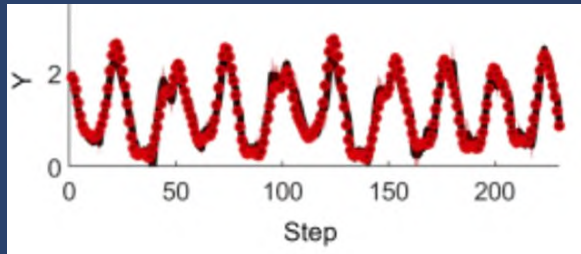


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Nature Nanotechnology (2022)

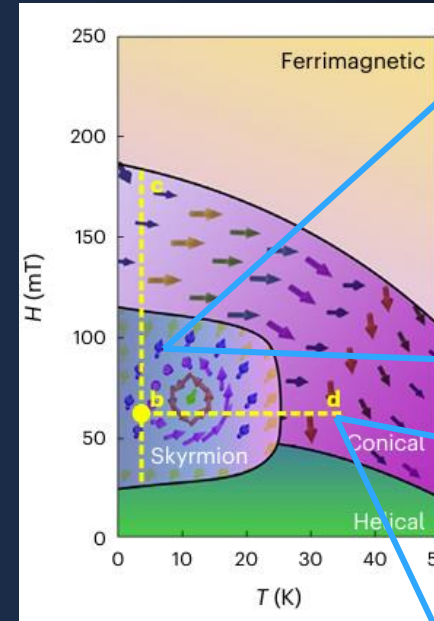
Microstate Control: Neuromorphic Performance



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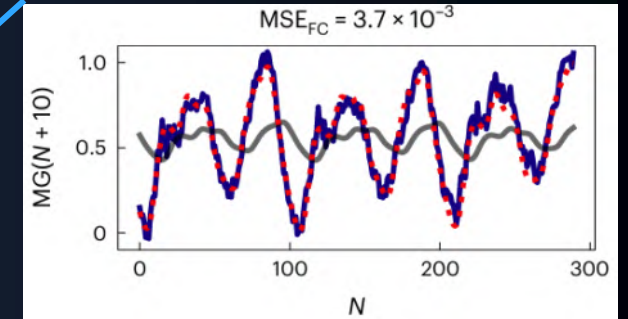


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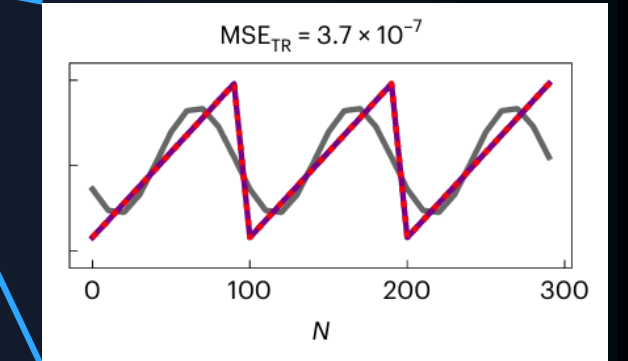


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Skyrmion phase: Prediction



Conical phase: Transformation



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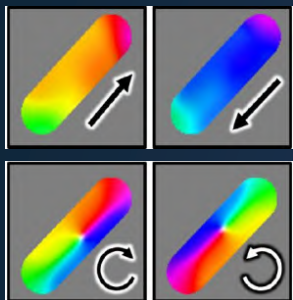
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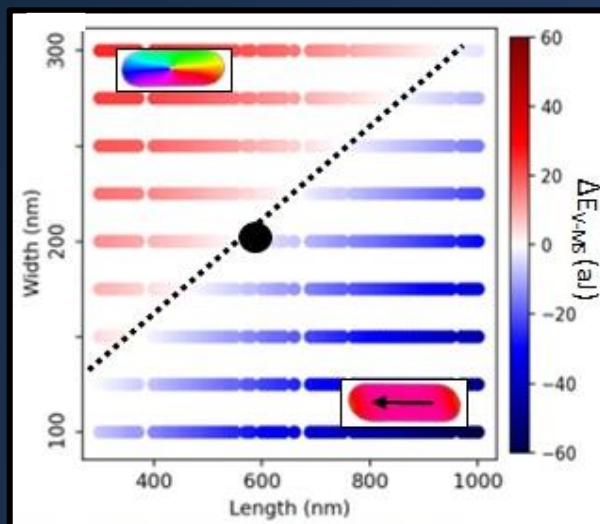
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Another Solution: Fabricate islands on a textural tipping point

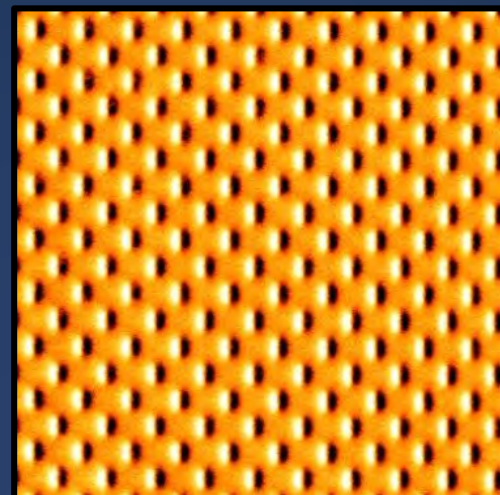
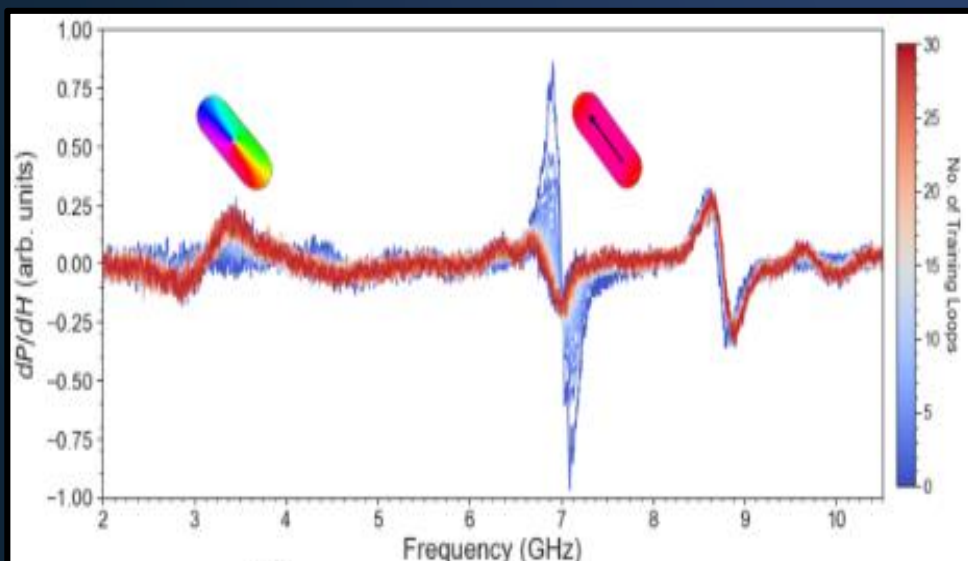
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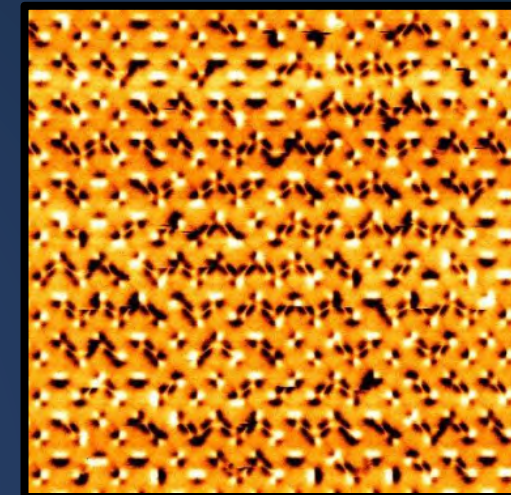
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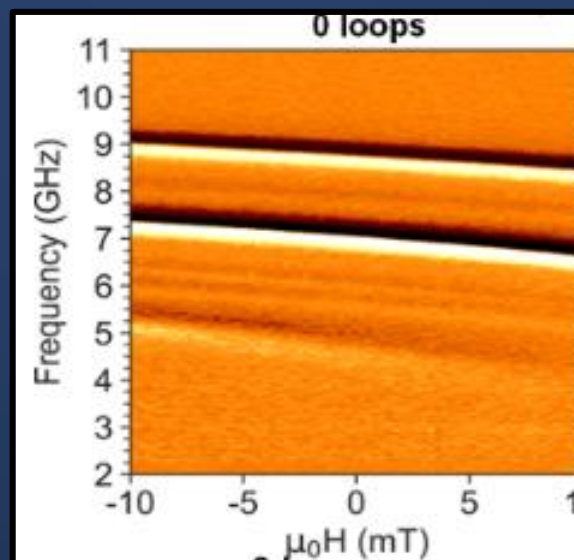
Vortex vs. Macrospin energy:
Pick **bistable point**



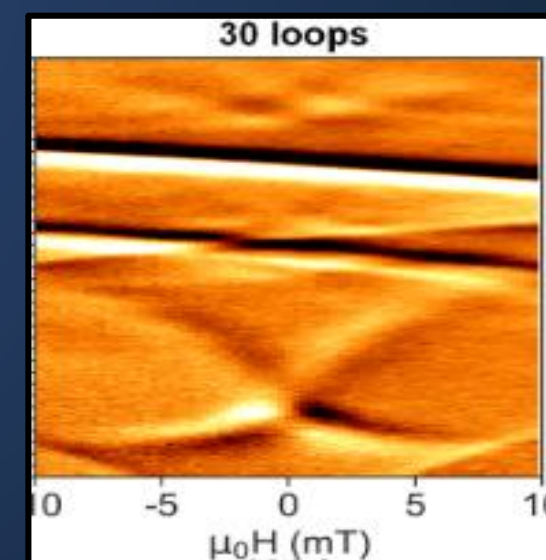
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FMR: Macrospin state



FMR: Vortex state

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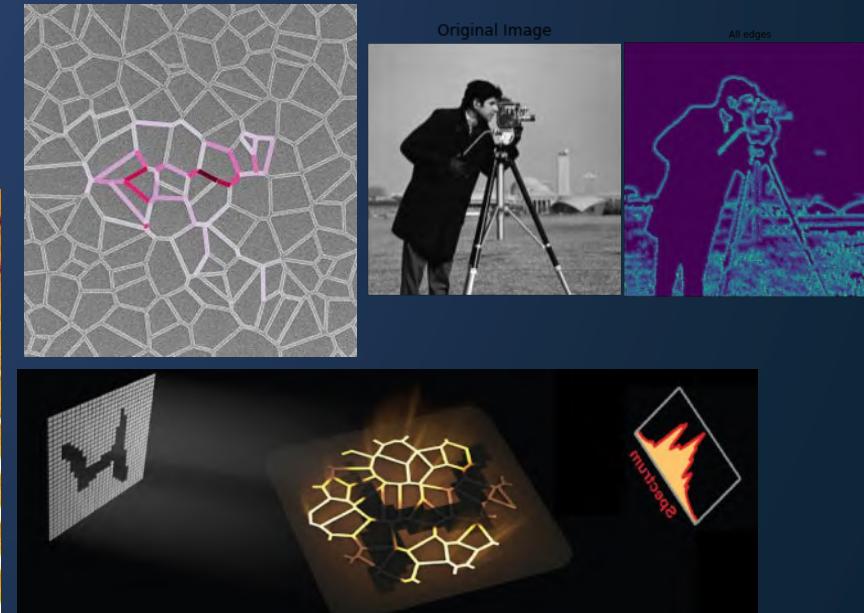
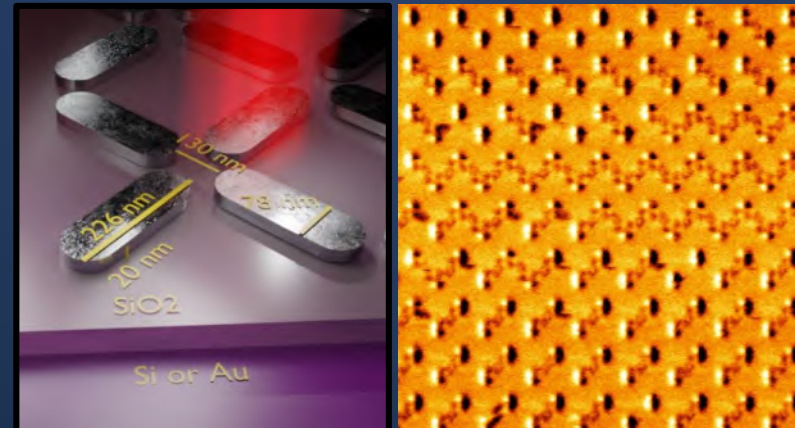
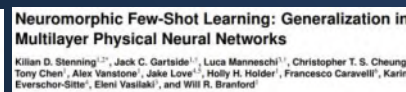
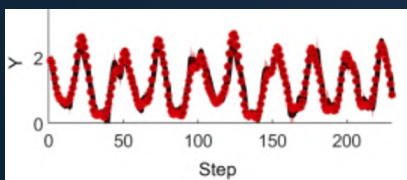
- Developed new **bistable artificial spin system** 'ASVI'
- **Engineering** extra microstate & dynamic richness enhances functionality
- Trilayer ASVI is **extremely rich & reconfigurable**
- New phenomena: Ultrastrong Magnon-Magnon Coupling & Magnon Frequency Combing
- **2 year Post-Doc position available! Email me :)**
- Thanks & any questions!

Upcoming Work:

Trilayer ASVI for Neuromorphic Computing

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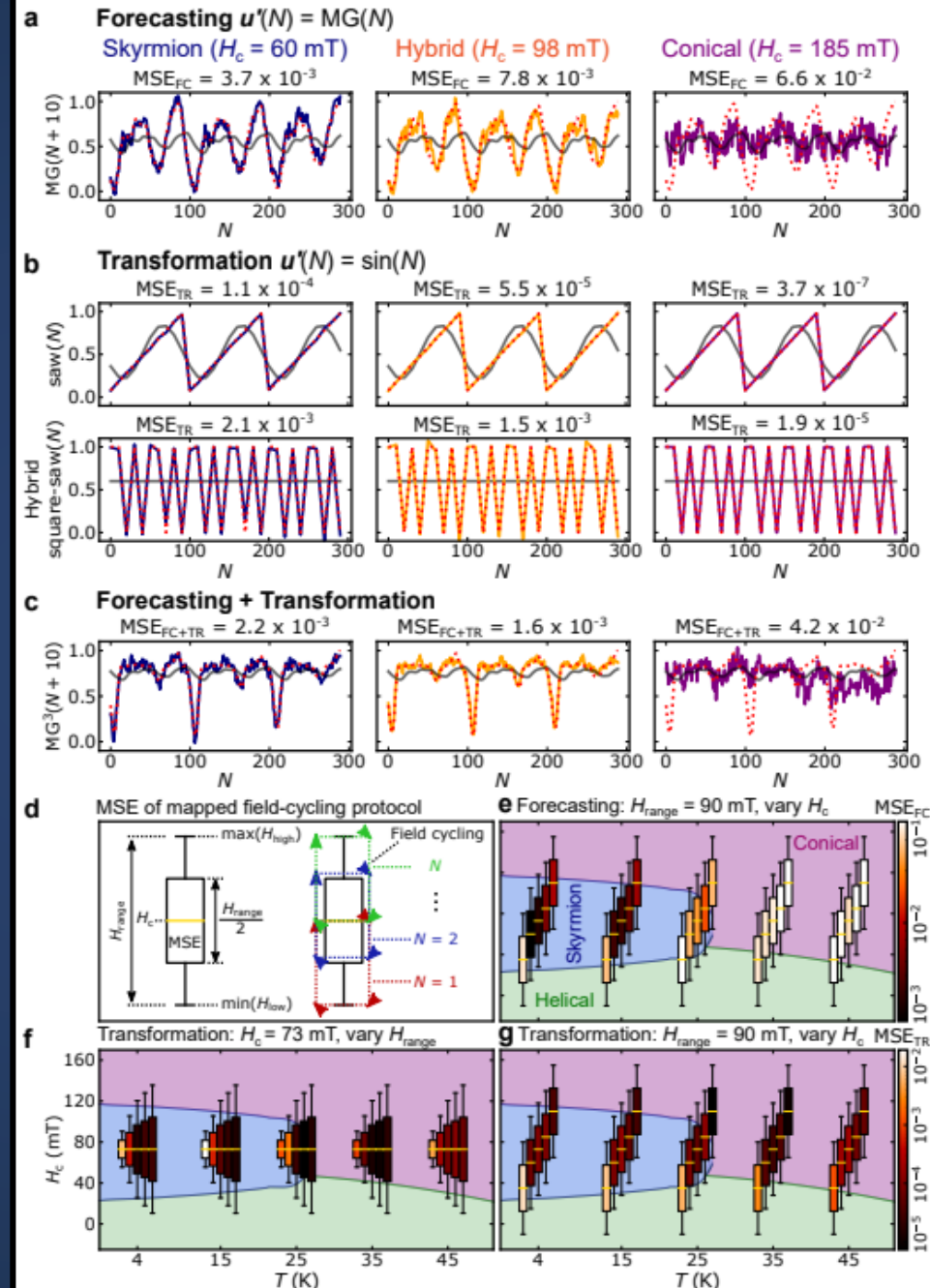
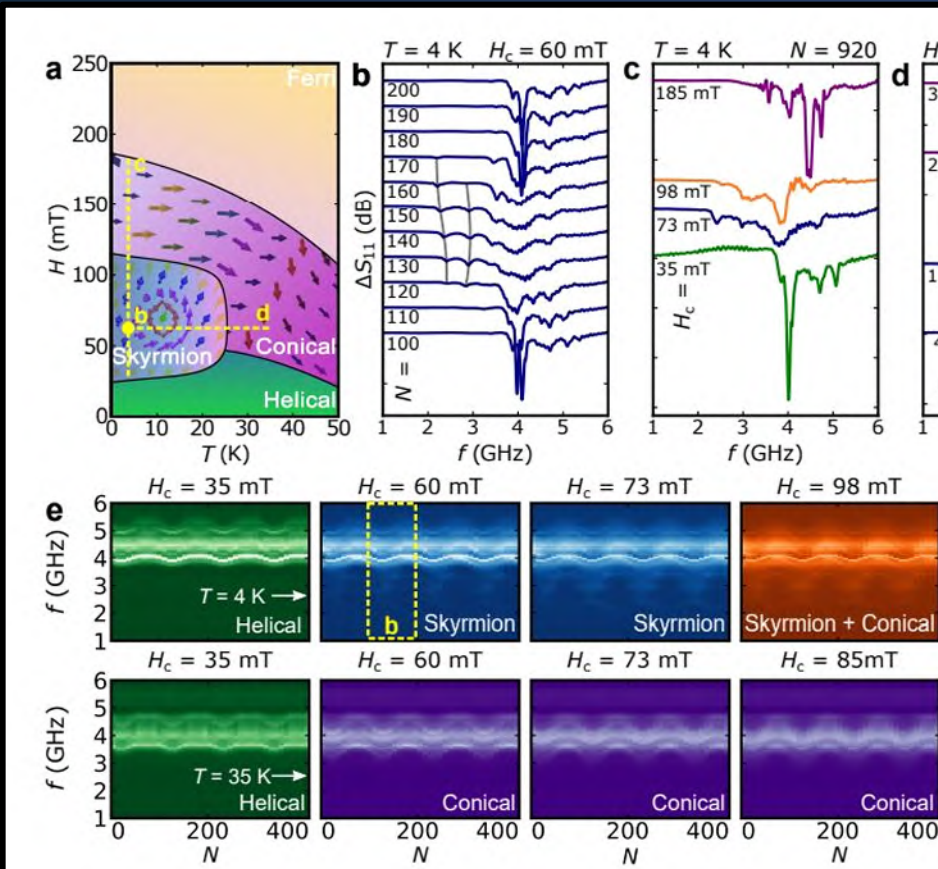
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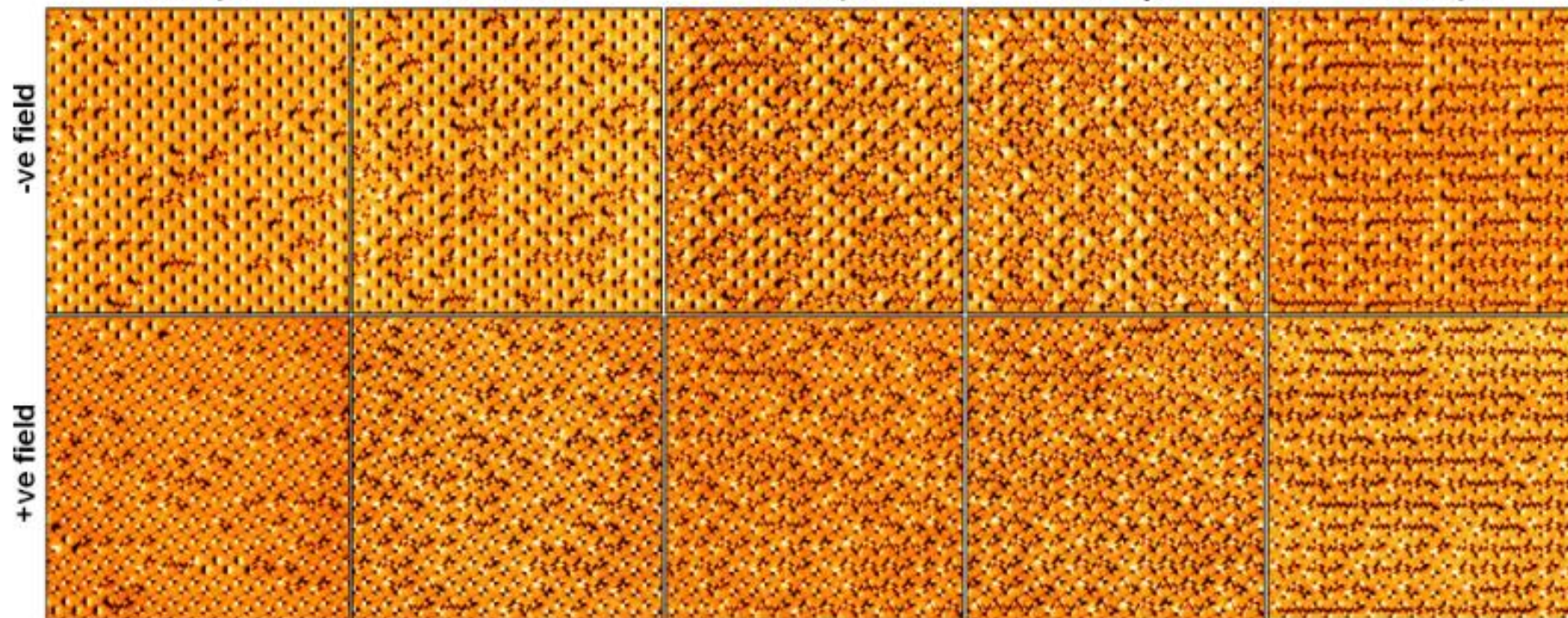
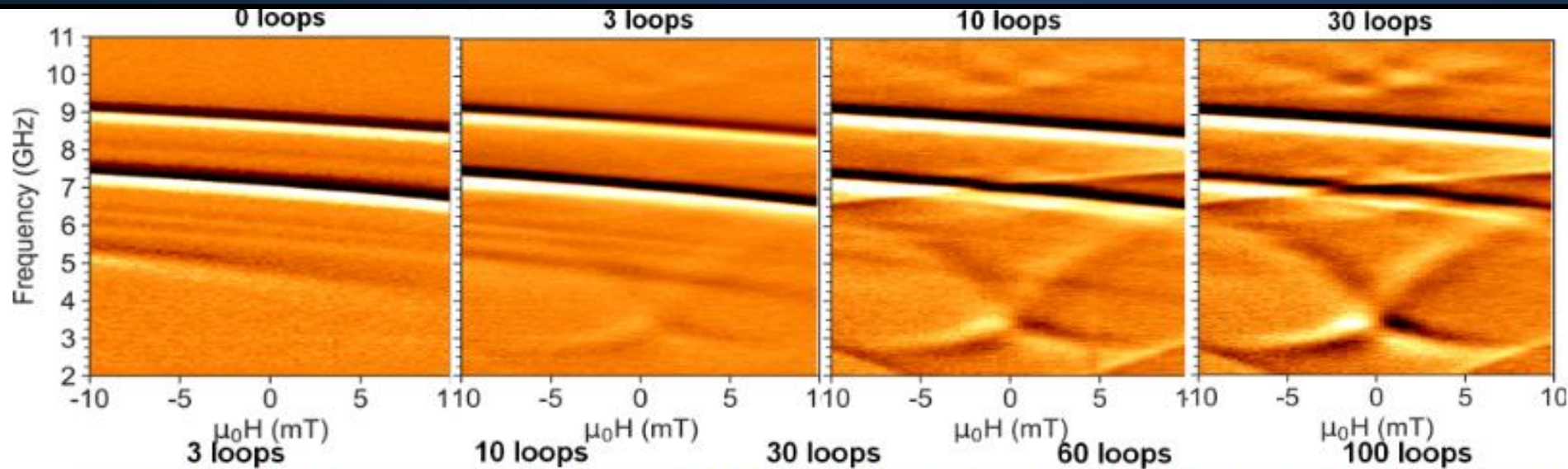
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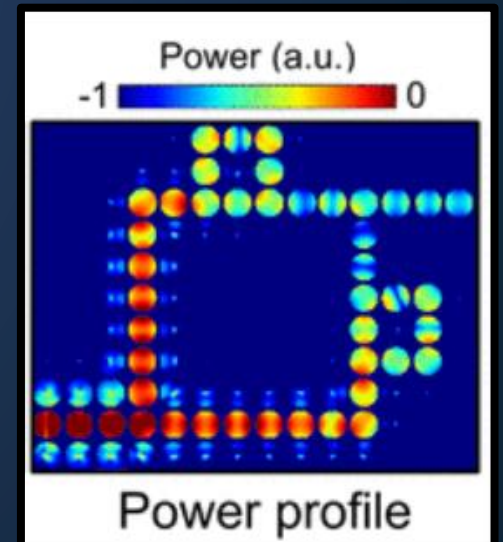
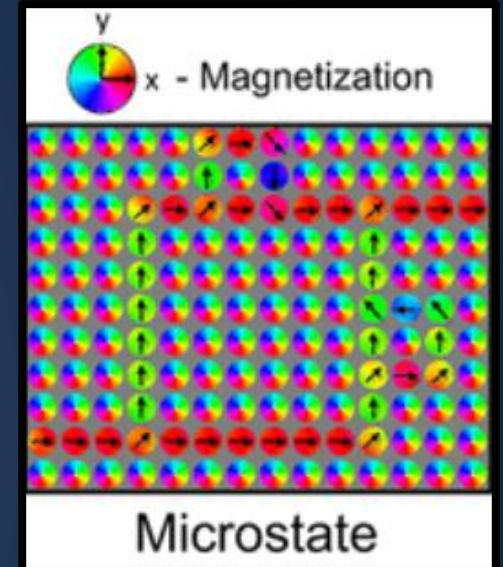
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Analogue tunability of magnon modes & microstate

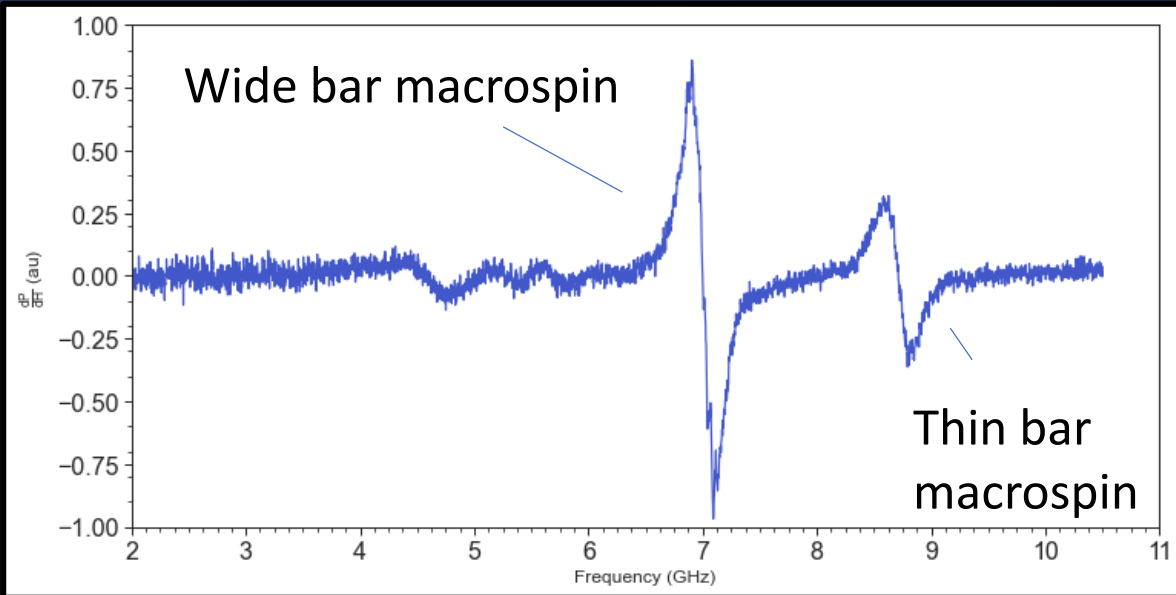
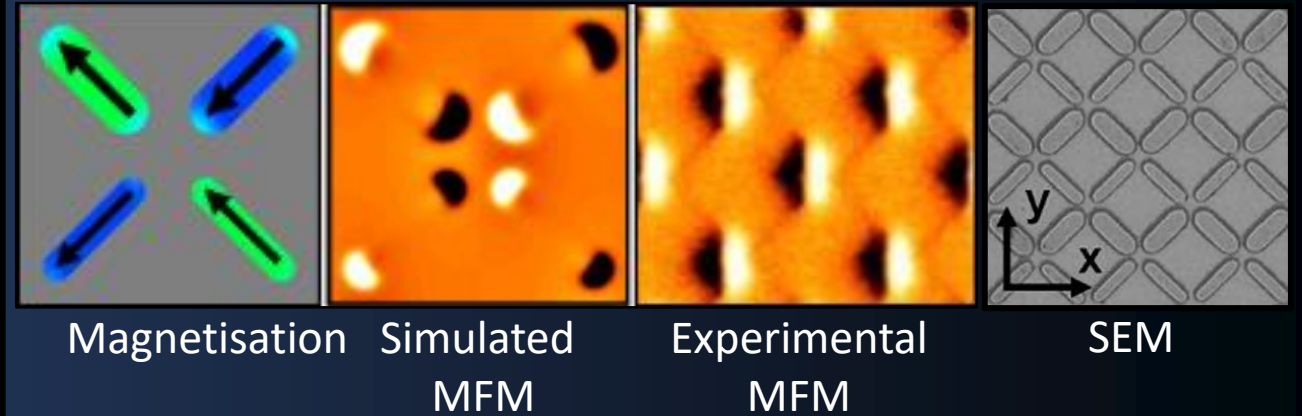


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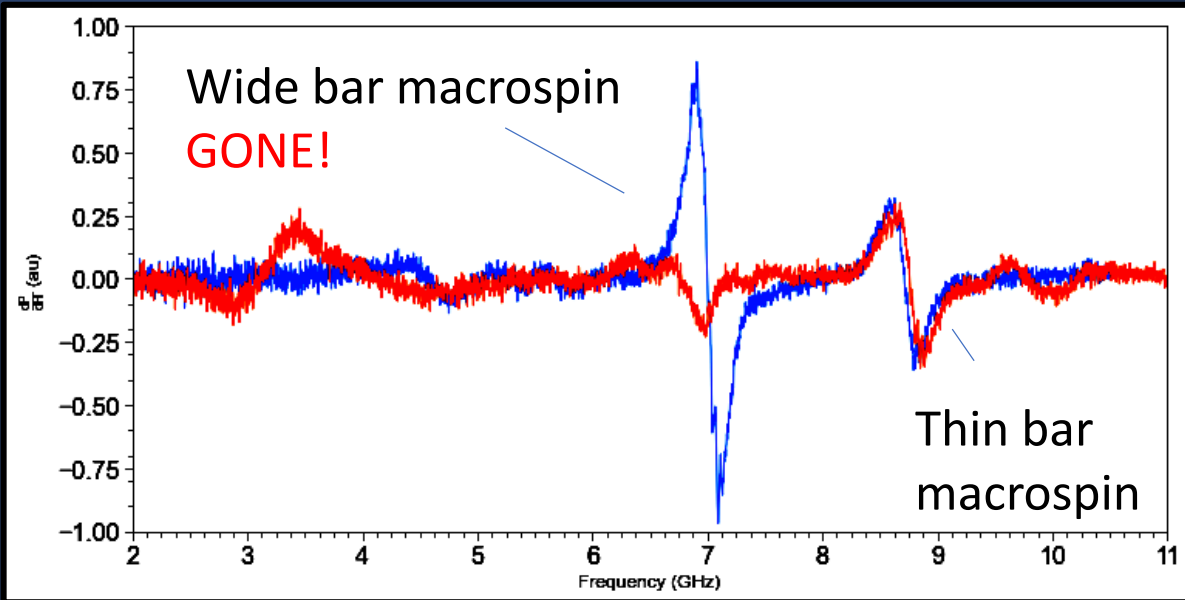


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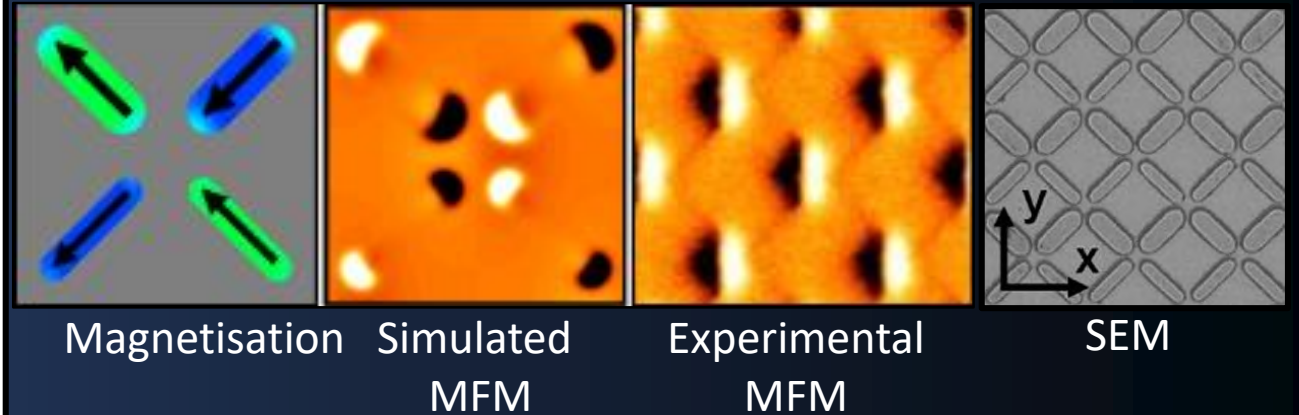
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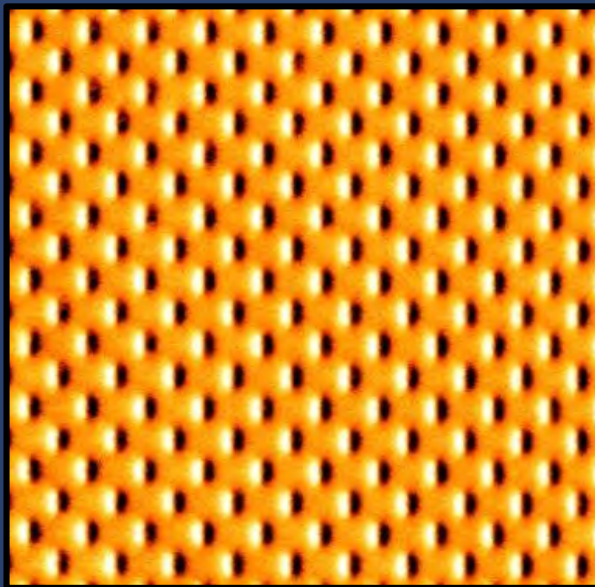
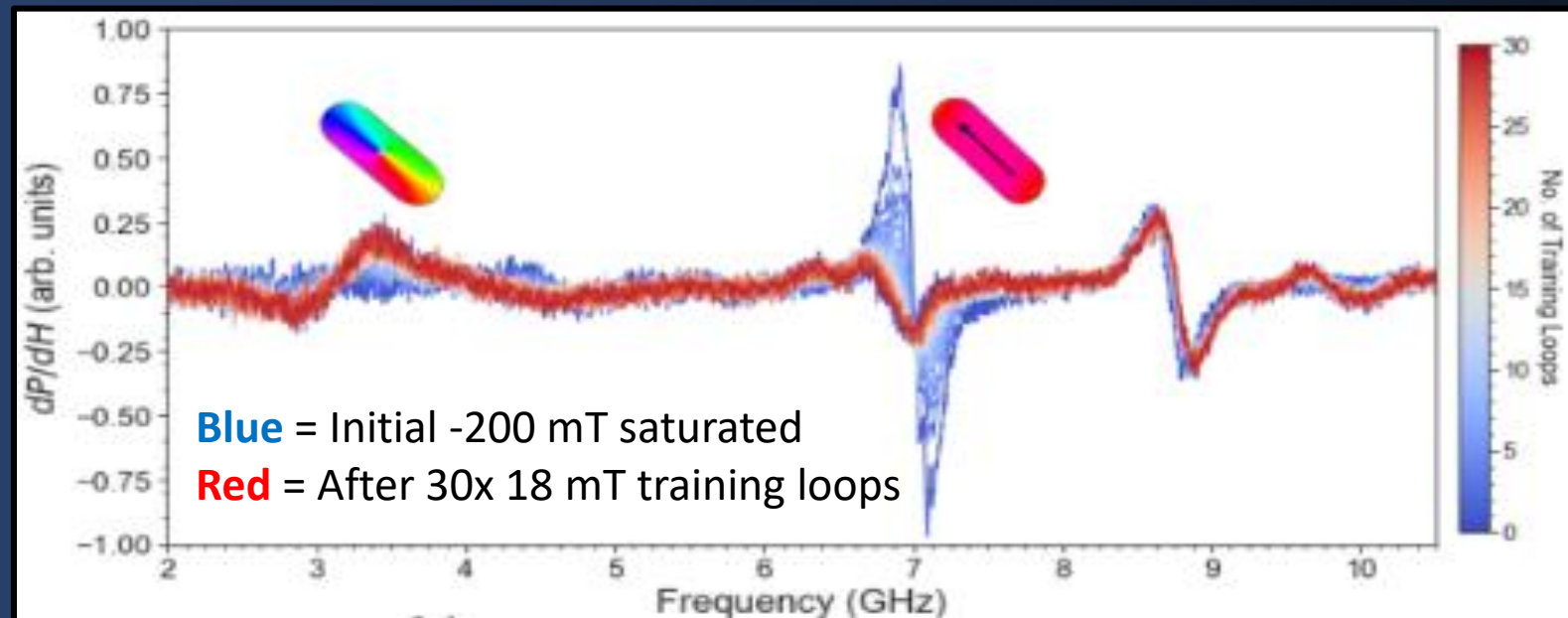


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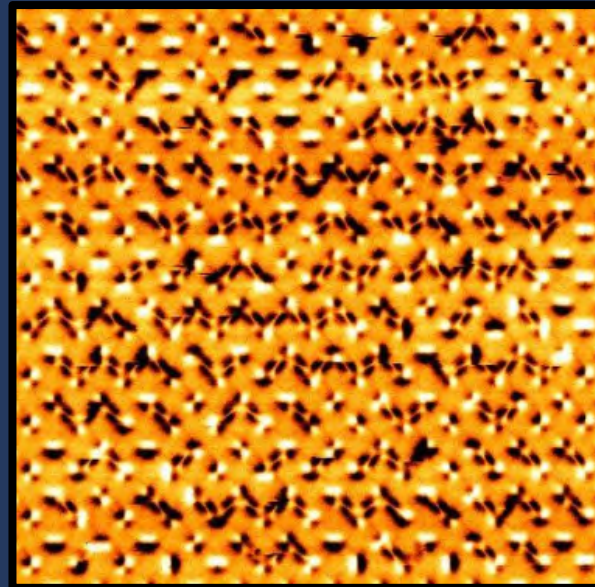


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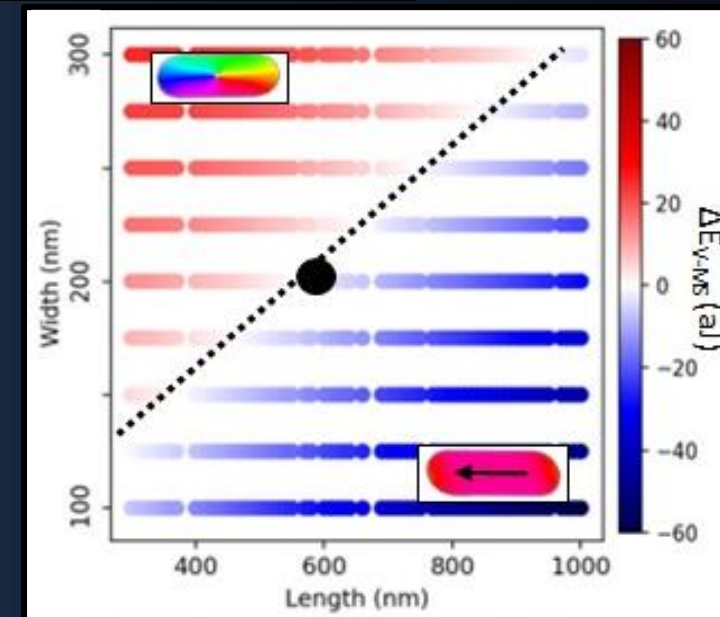




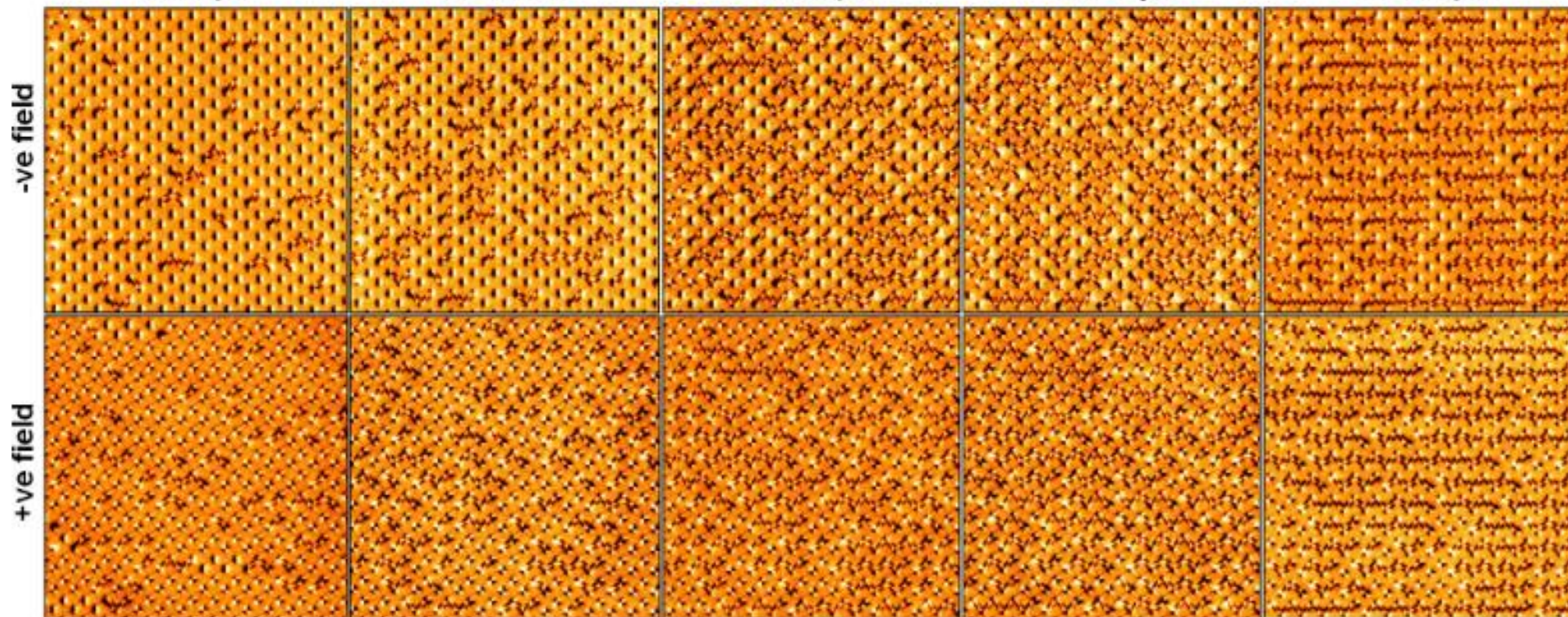
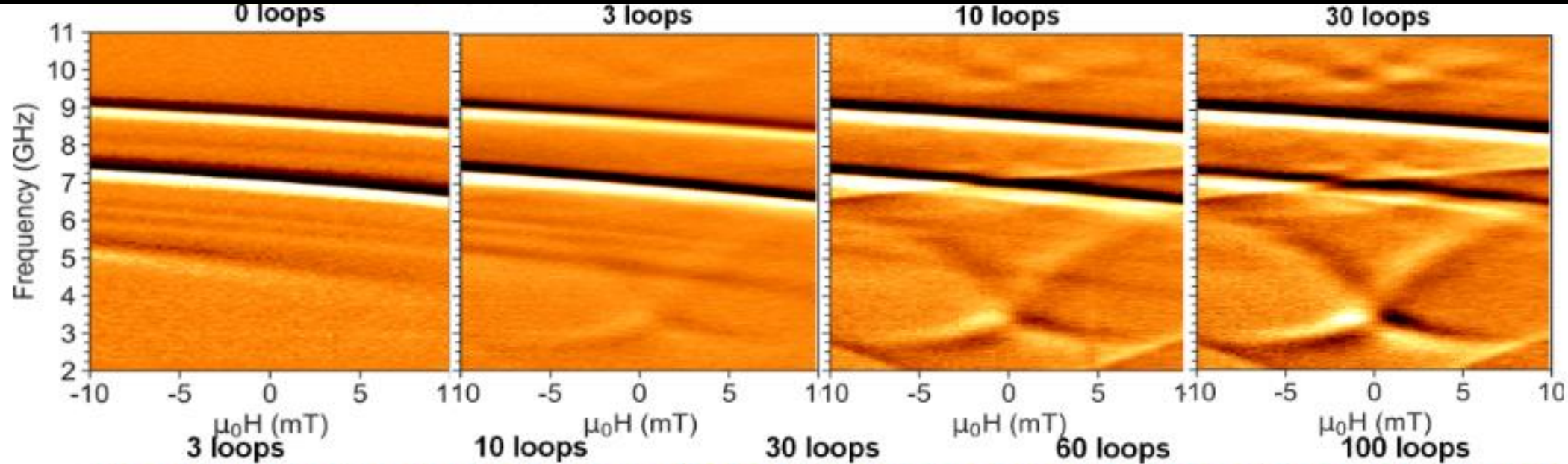
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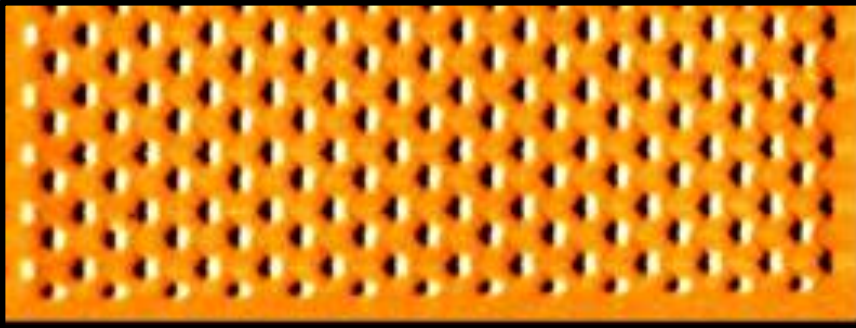


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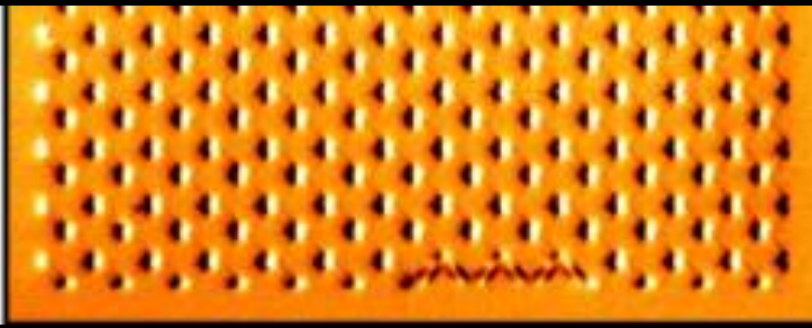


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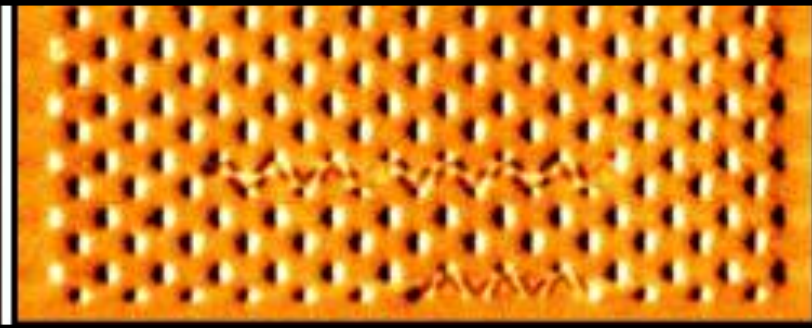
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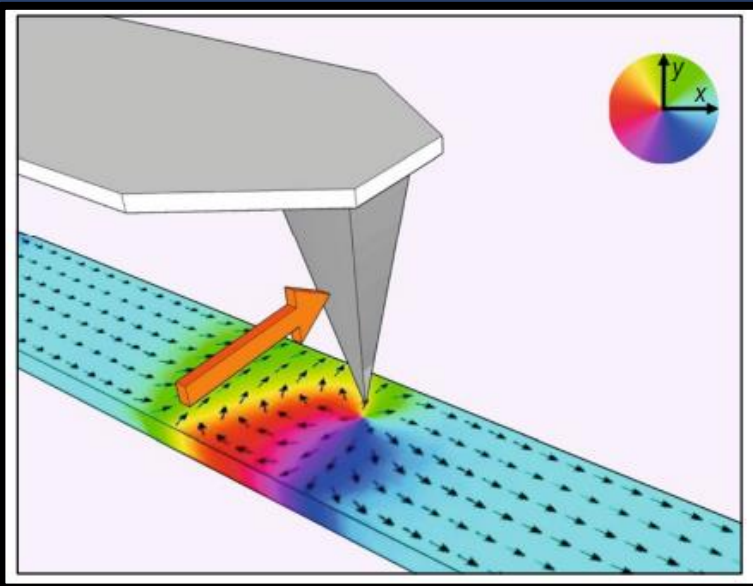
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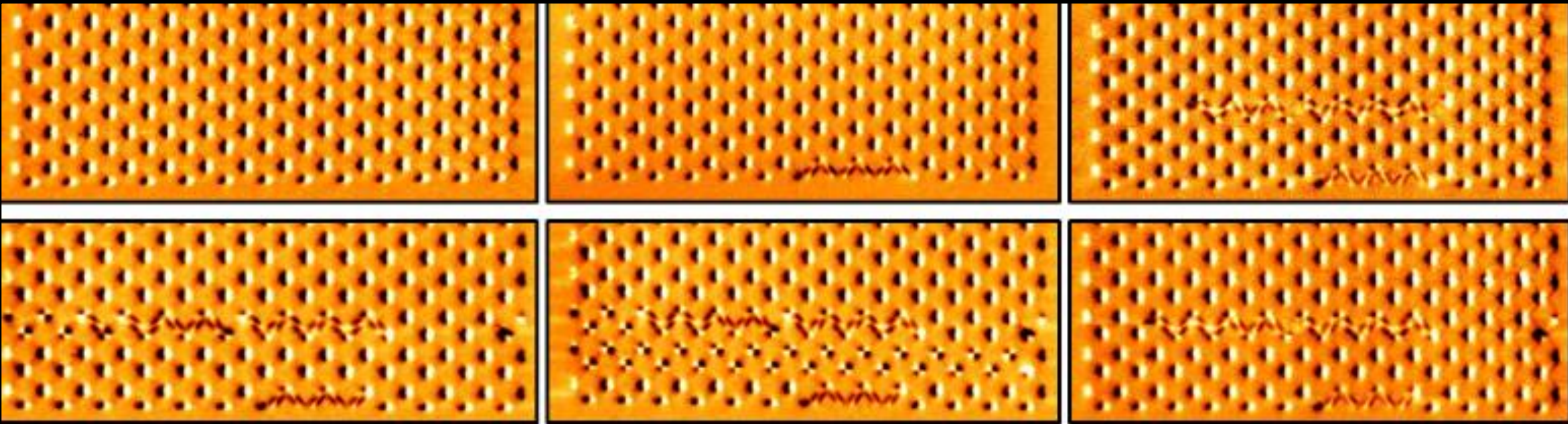


Second tip-write



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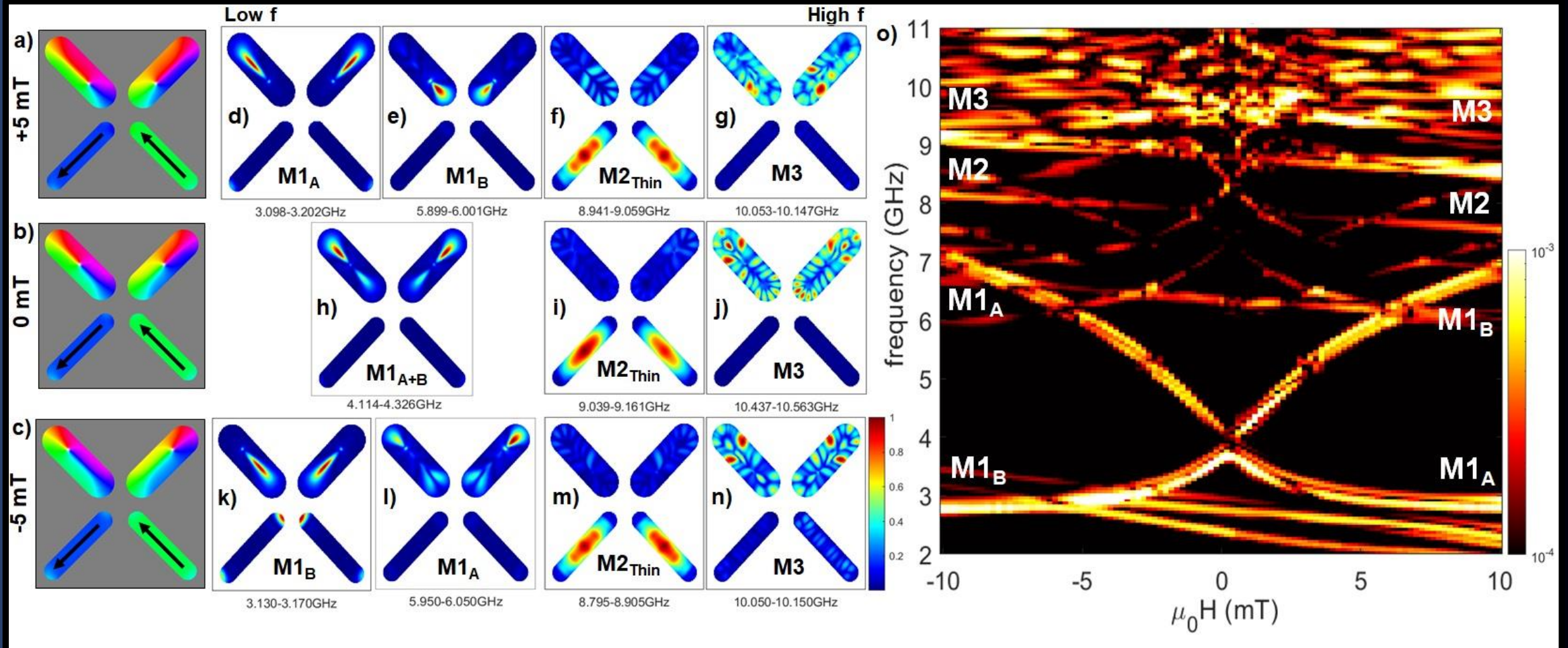


Bottom Frames (4-6):

Field looping of vortex line states at 13 mT ($H_c = 16-17$ mT)

Extremely Reconfigurable! 🐱

Micromagnetic simulation of spatial/frequency FMR response: T. Dion



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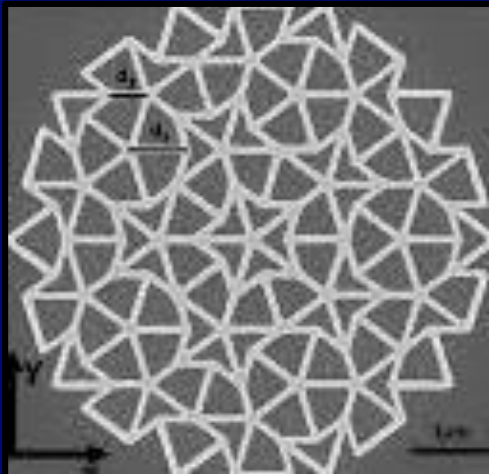
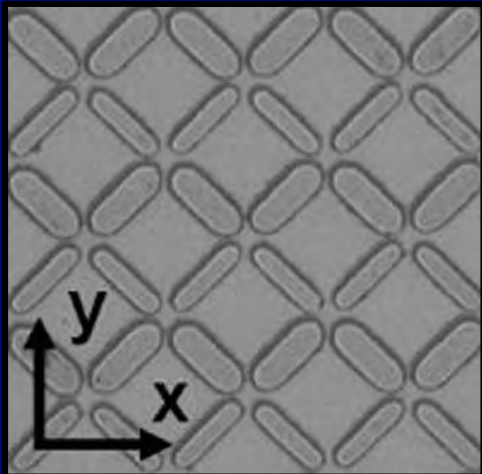
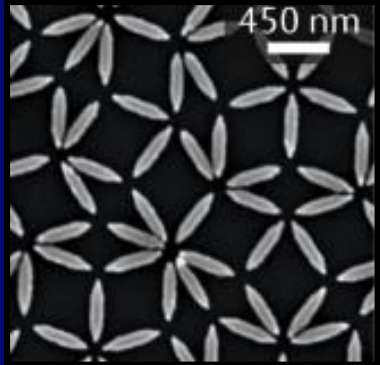
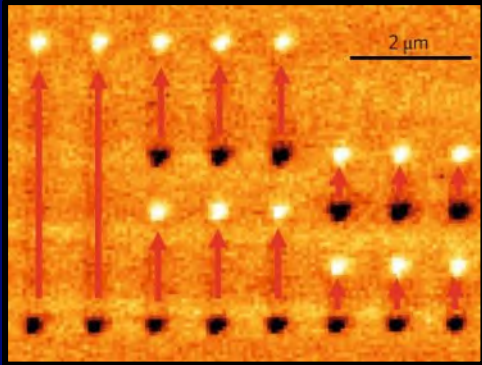
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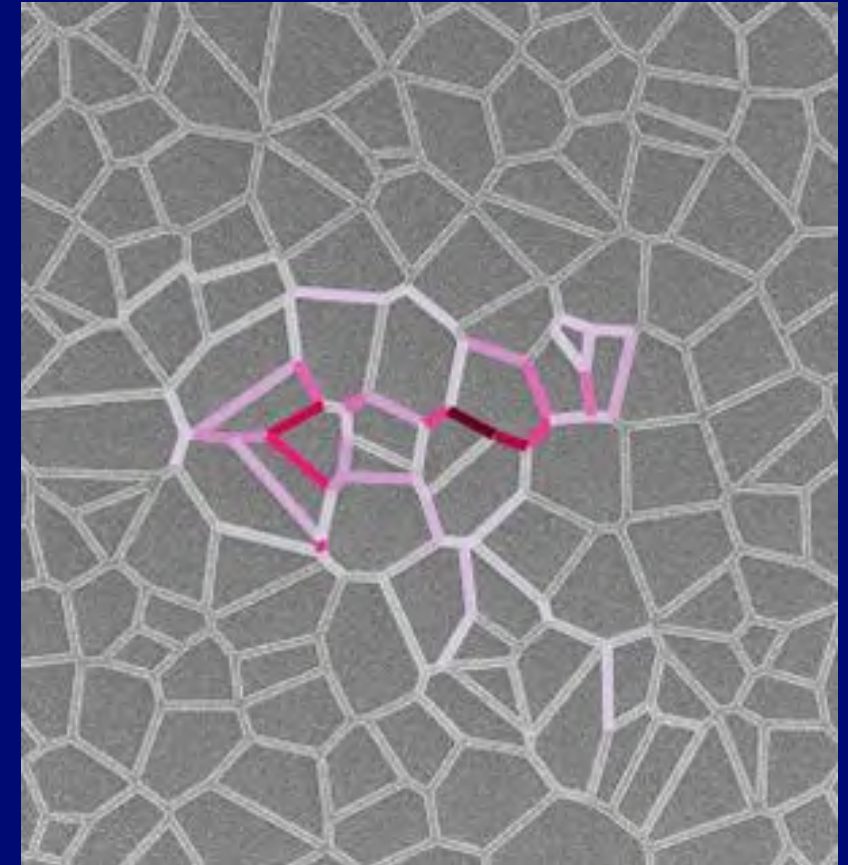
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Magnetic



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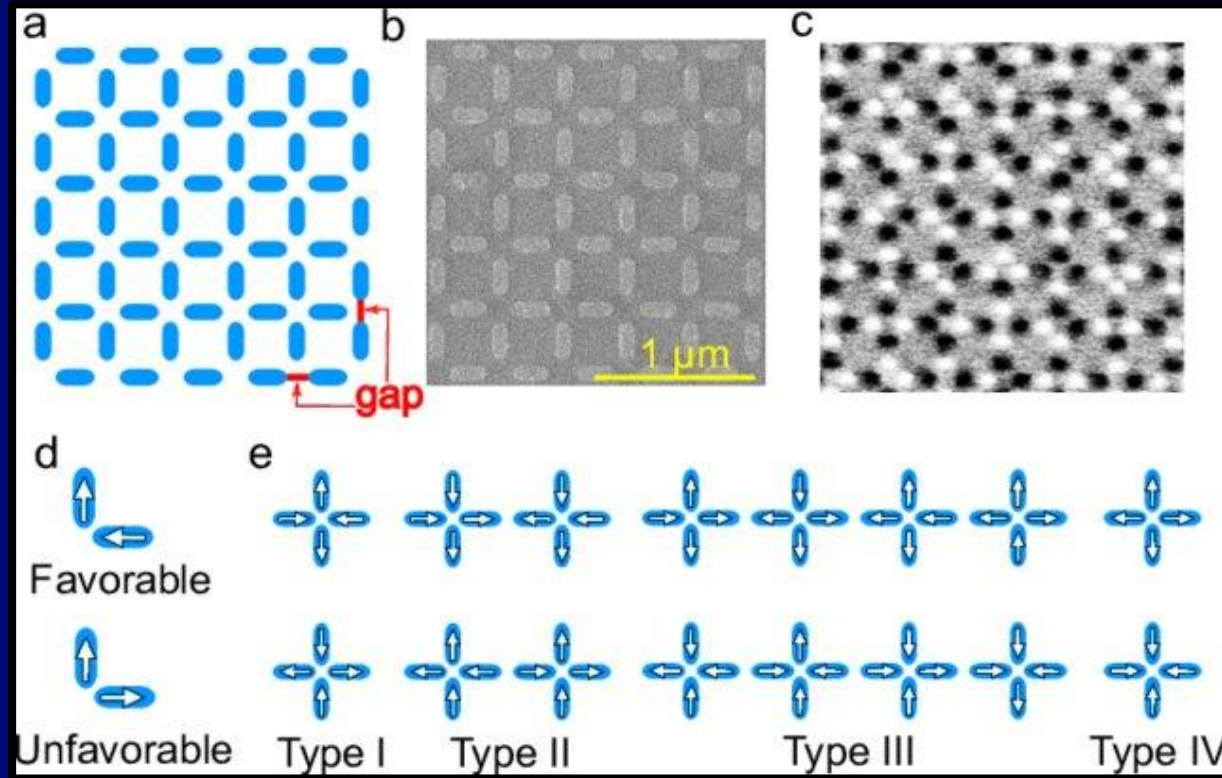
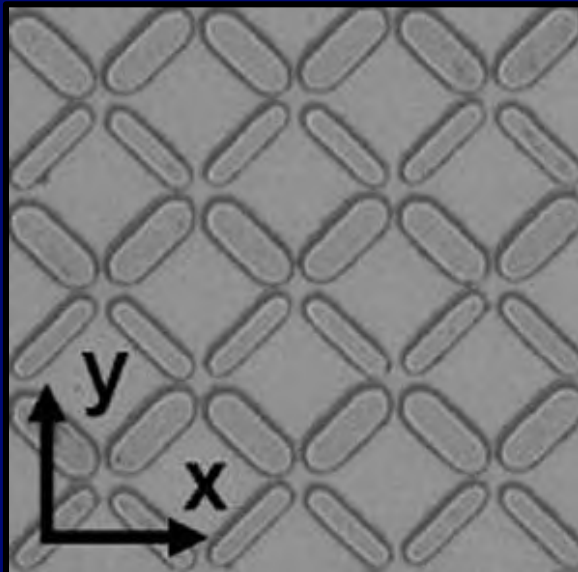
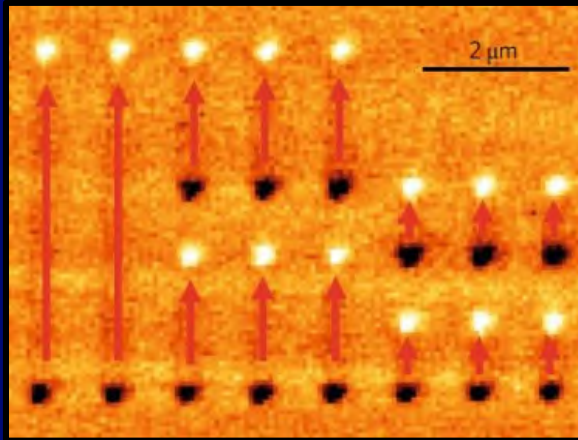


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Huge number of states!
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Increasing Energy

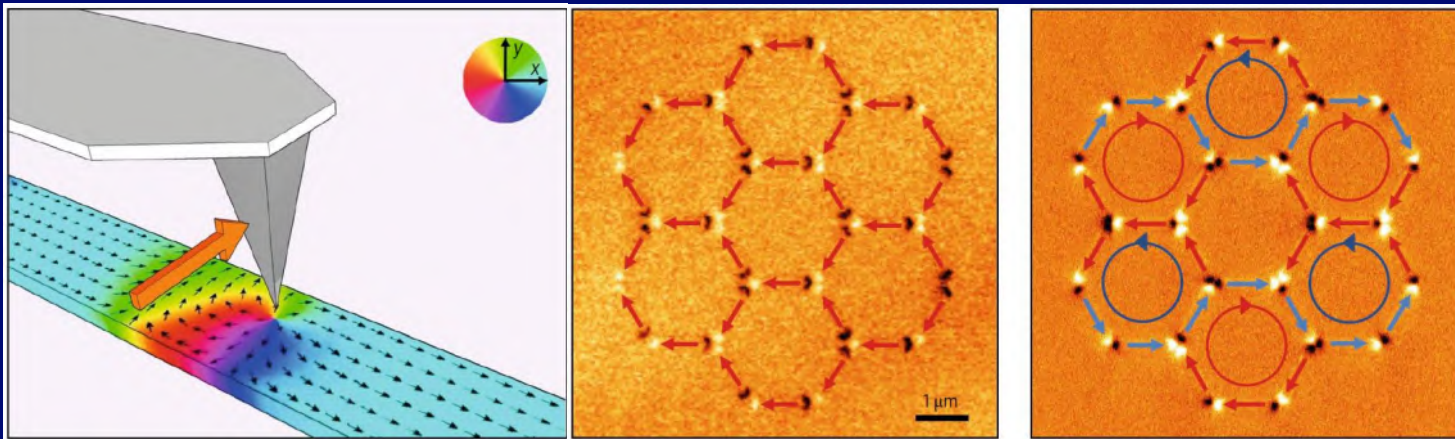
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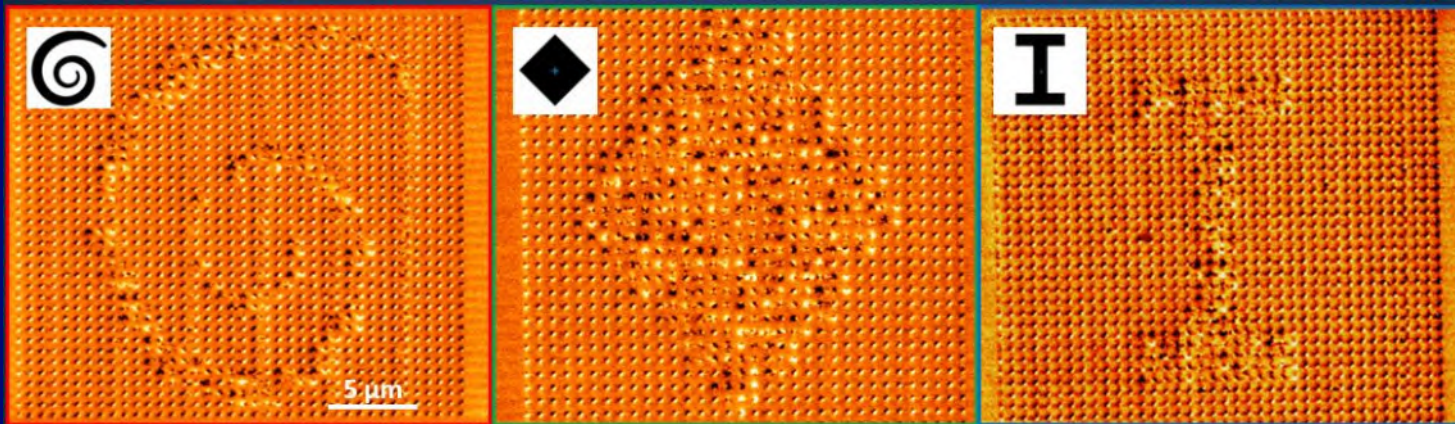
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My work: How to access these states? Nanomagnetic writing



MFM tip

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Picosecond laser

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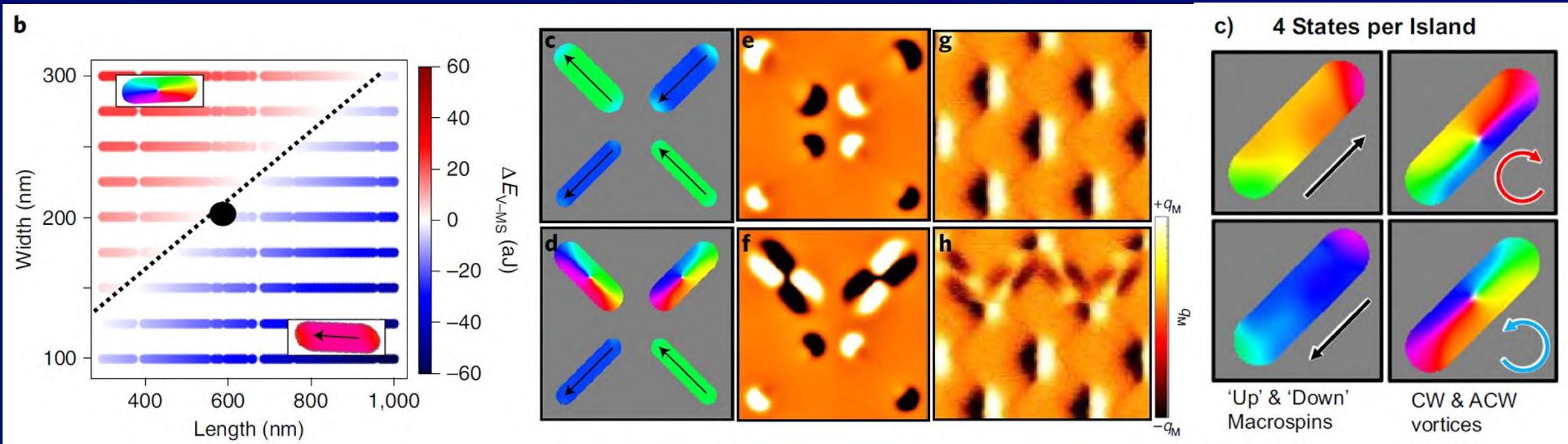
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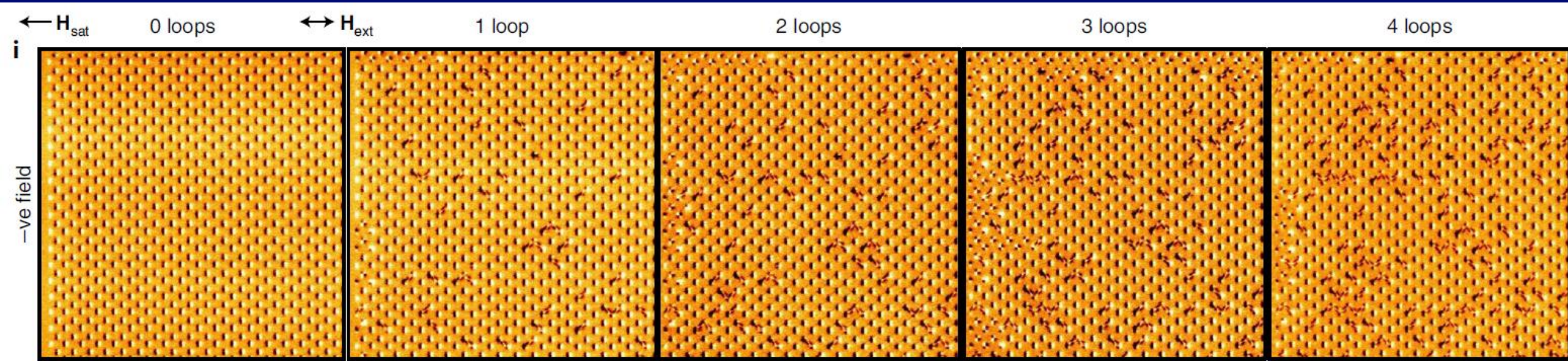
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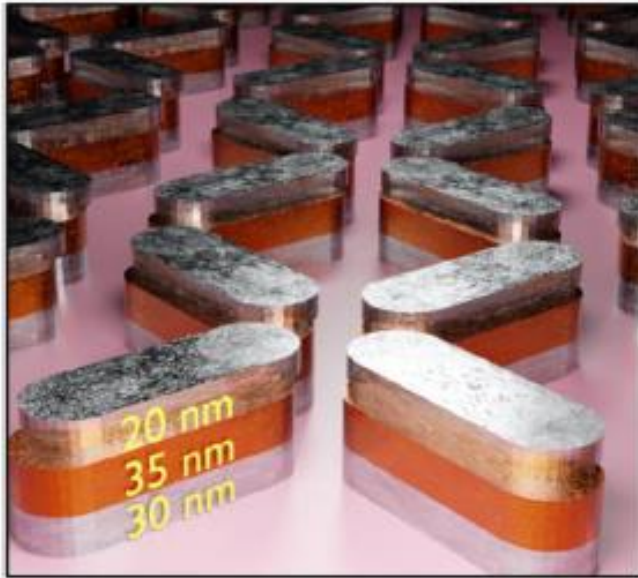
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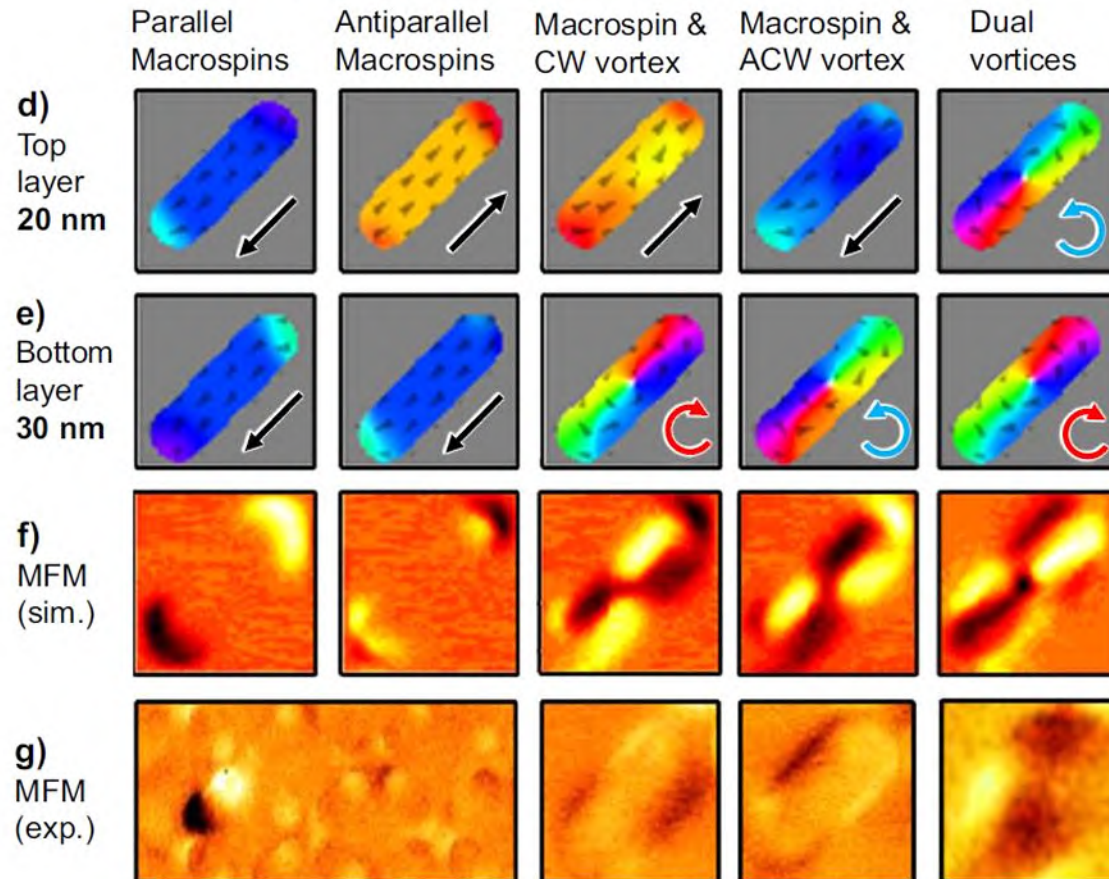
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‘Multistable’ Nanostructures – 2.5D/3D

a) 3D ASVI Schematic



3D Inter-layer State Combinations



**16 states
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The states can program magnon responses, which can be

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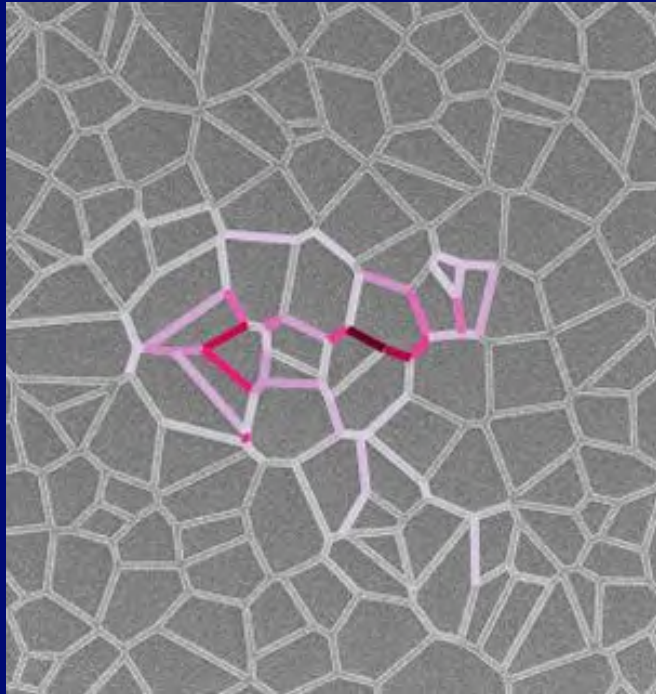
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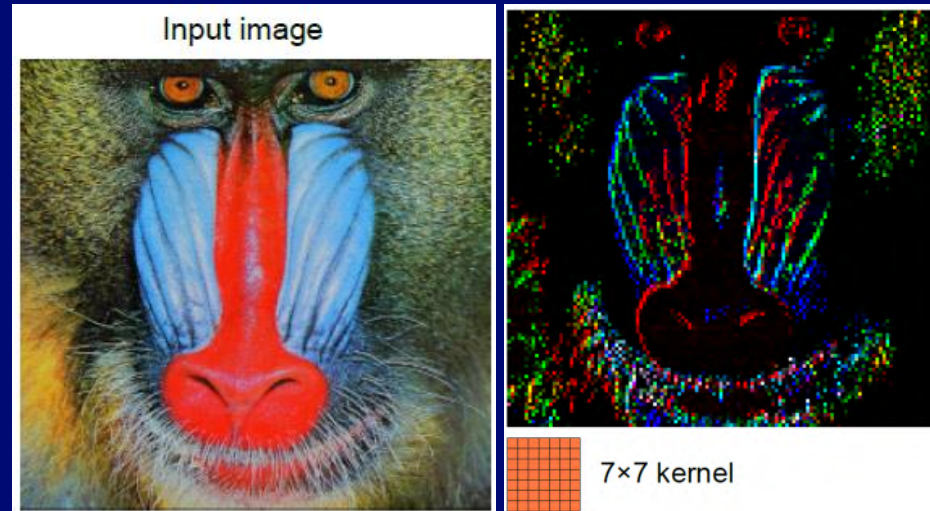
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Detect image features



Biomedical diagnosis – 93.4% accuracy

