

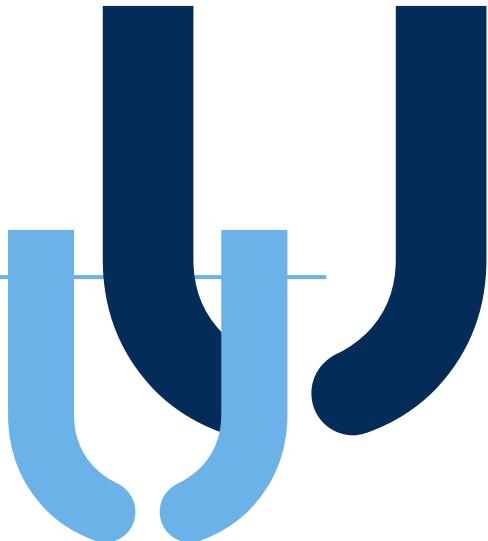


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Magnetic Anisotropy and Magnetostriiction

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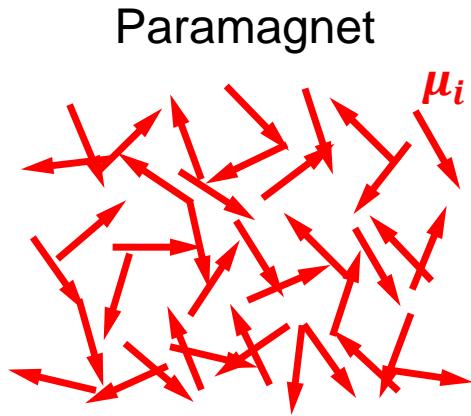
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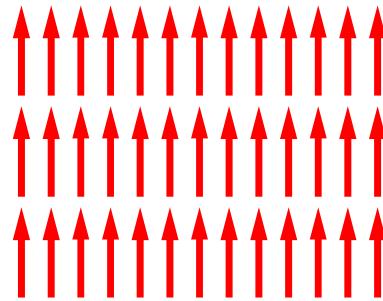
Magnetic Order



$$J_{\text{ex}} < k_B T$$

$$T < T_c$$

Ferromagnet



$$k_B T < J_{\text{ex}}$$

$$\mathbf{M}$$



Magnetization

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i$$

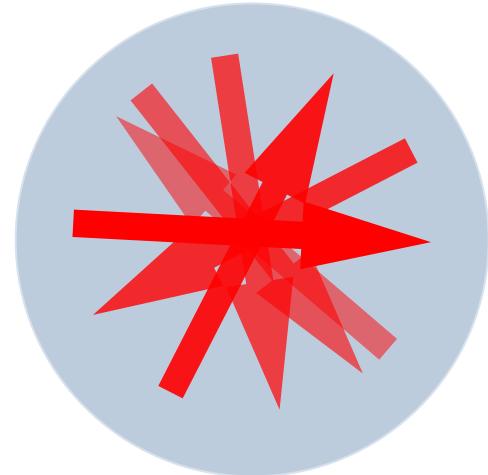
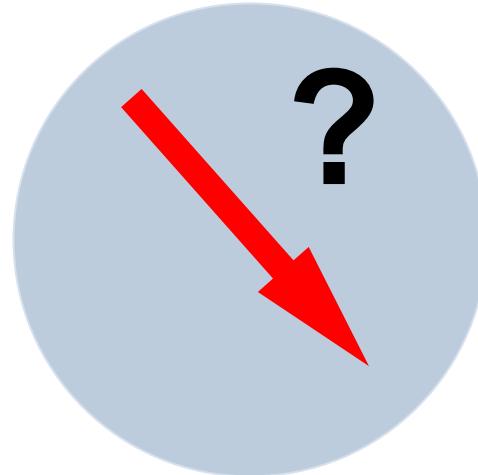
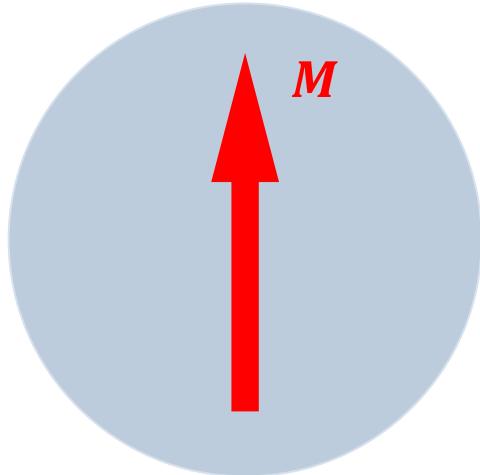
magnetic moment

$$\mu_i = g \mu_B J$$

Total angular momentum per atom: $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

- Phase transition
- Spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Spontaneous emergence of **macroscopic order parameter: Magnetization**

Anisotropy

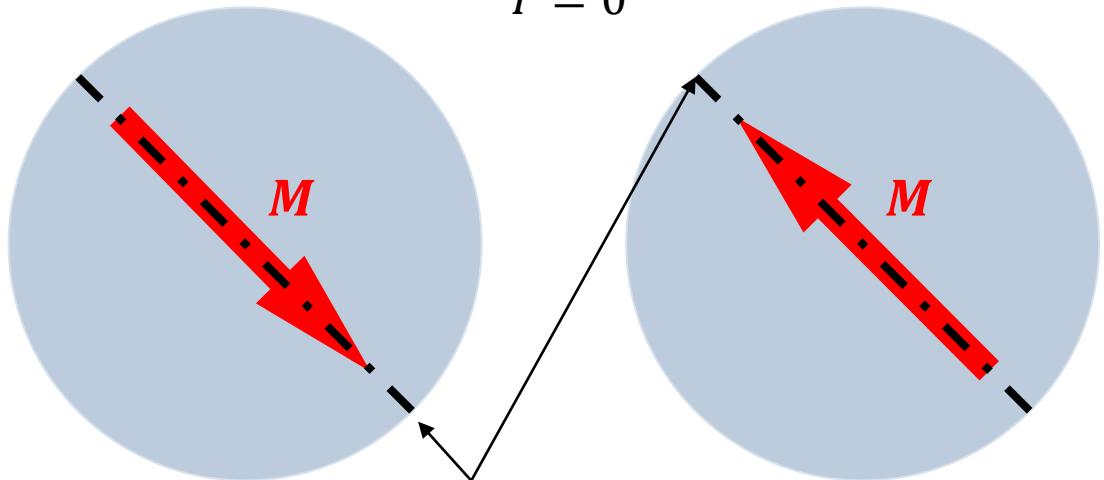


$$\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle = 0 !$$

Without anisotropy there is no macroscopic, time-averaged magnetization

Limiting cases and applications

$$T = 0$$



Preferred „easy“ axis

Thermal stability of magnetization direction:

$$k_B T \leq KV$$

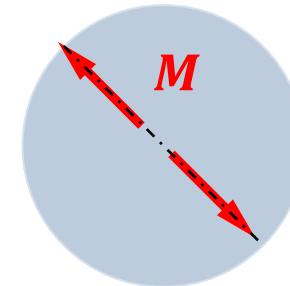
K : Anisotropy Constant

V : Volume

Anisotropy energy density / anisotropy constant: K

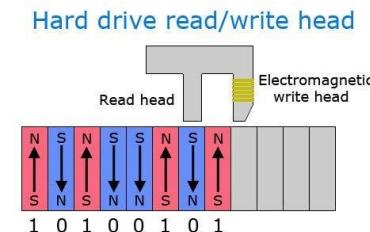
$$[K] = \frac{J}{m^3}$$

$$k_B T > KV$$



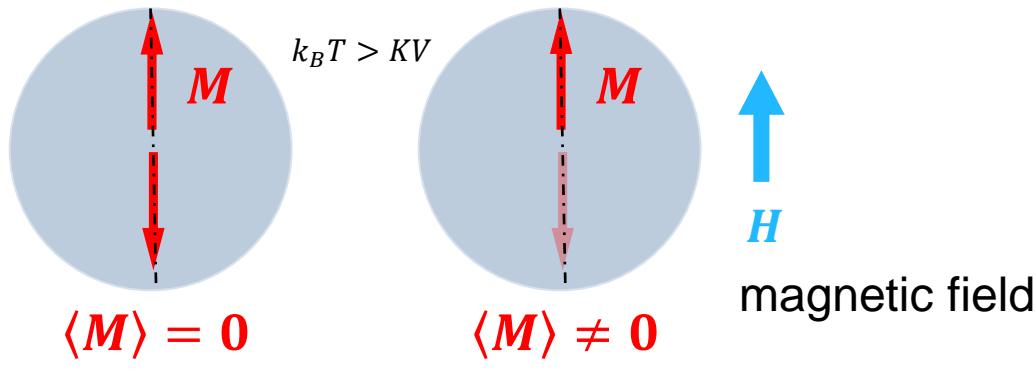
$$\langle M \rangle = 0$$

anisotropy limits HDD bit size



Example: Uniaxial anisotropy

\mathbf{u} : anisotropy axis direction (unit vector)

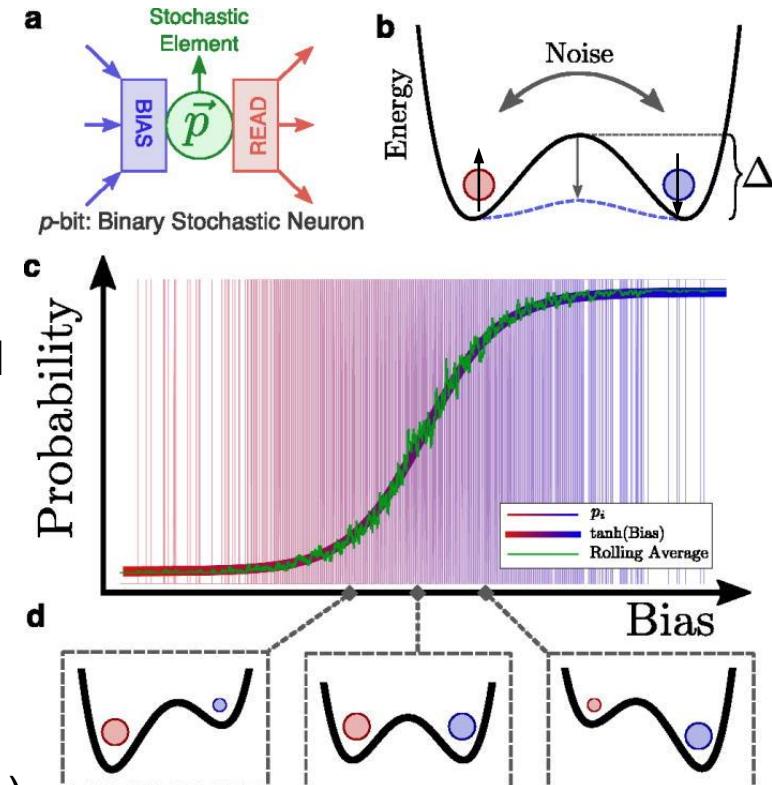


$$E_Z = -\mu_0 V \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H} \quad \text{Zeeman energy}$$

Magnetic free energy density

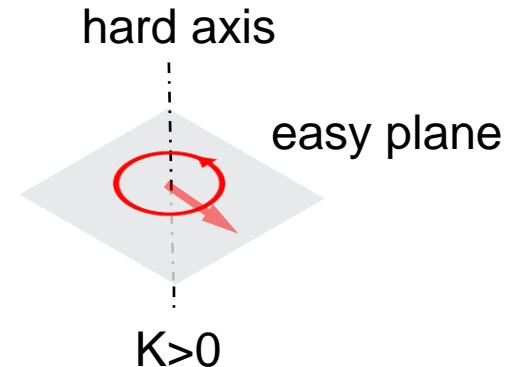
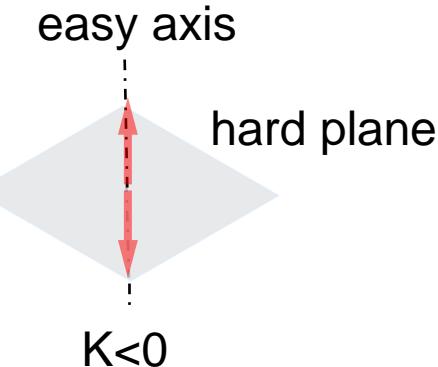
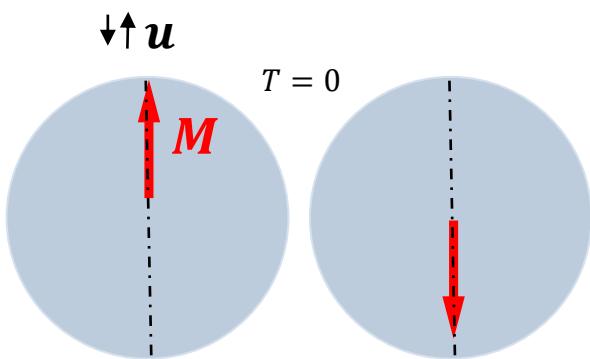
$$F = -\mu_0 \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H} + K (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{|\mathbf{M}|} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{M_s} \quad \text{magnetization direction (unit vector)}$$



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Hard and easy axis



$$F = -\mu_0 \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H} + K (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2$$

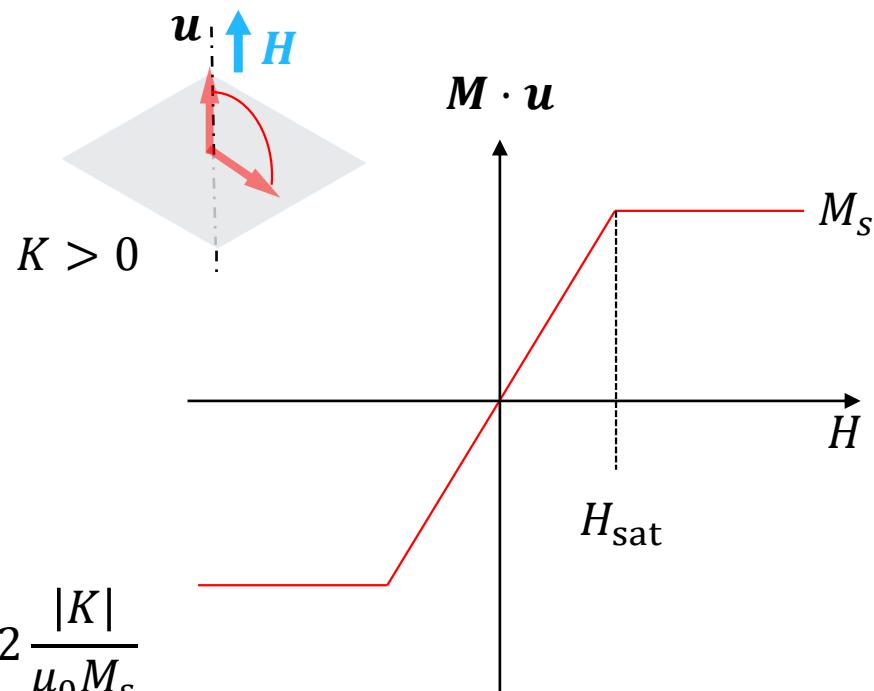
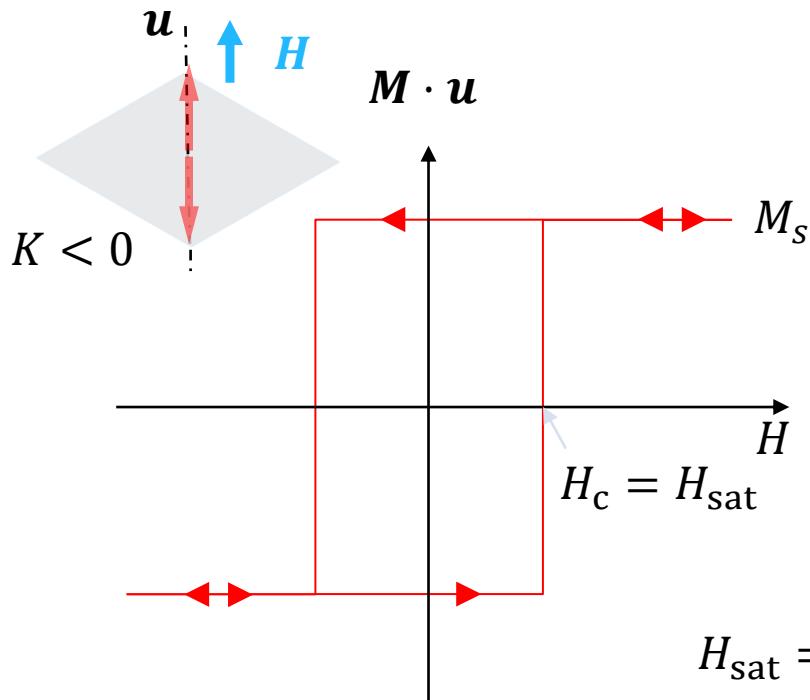
$K < 0$: easy axis

$K > 0$: hard axis

Stoner-Wohlfarth Model

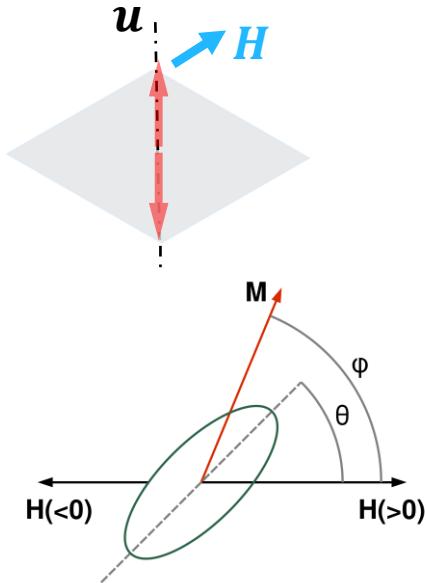
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The equilibrium \mathbf{m} orientation minimizes F



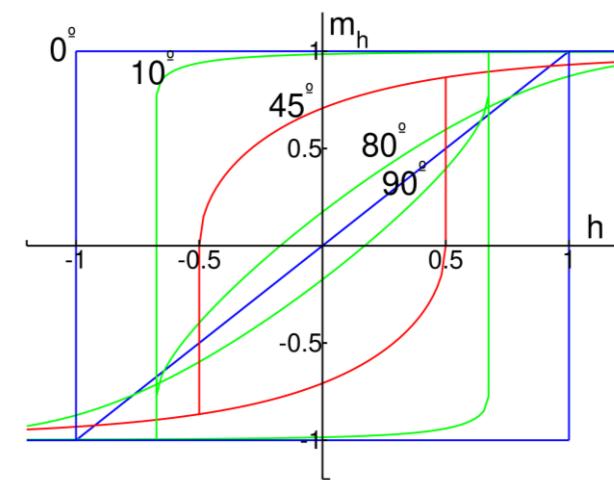
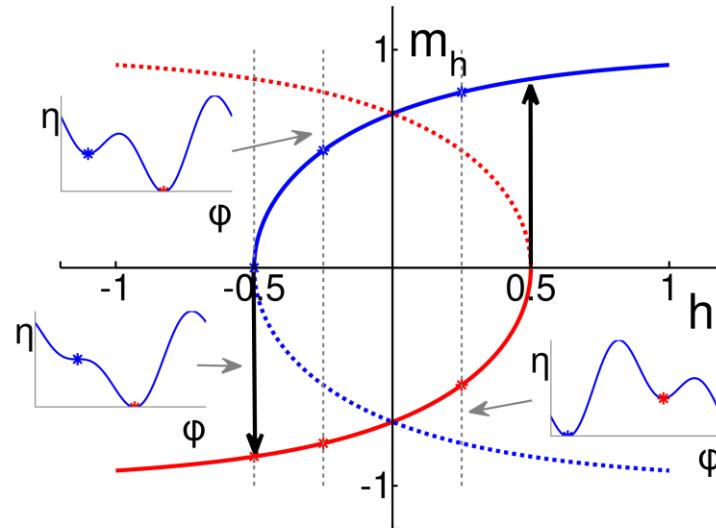
$$H_{\text{sat}} = 2 \frac{|K|}{\mu_0 M_s}$$

Stoner-Wohlfarth Model



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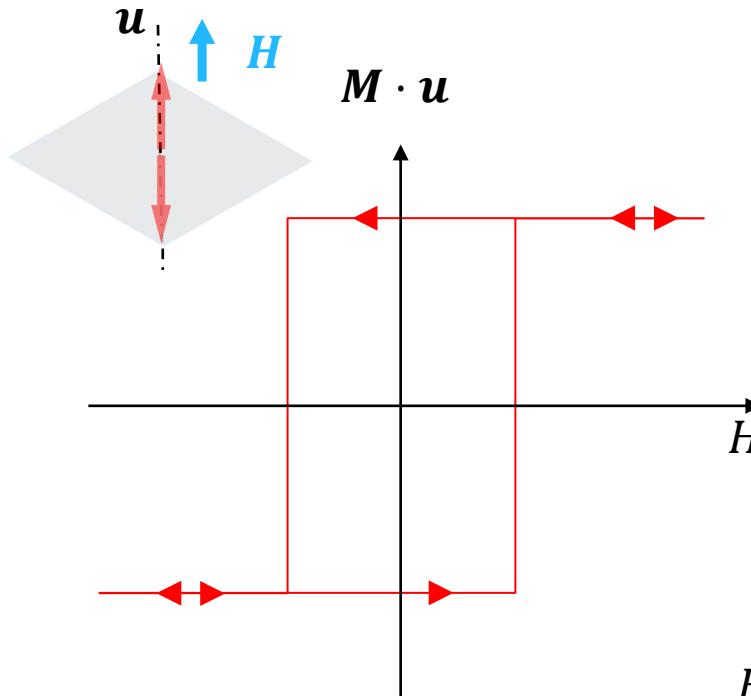
The equilibrium \mathbf{m} orientation minimizes F



$$h = H/H_{\text{sat}}$$

$$H_{\text{sat}} = 2 \frac{|K|}{\mu_0 M_s}$$

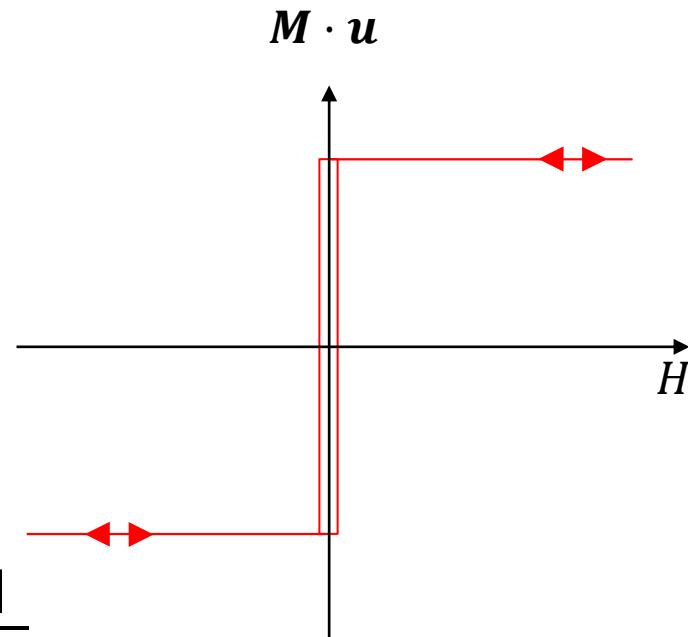
Soft and hard magnets



large K : hard magnet

e.g. permanent magnets

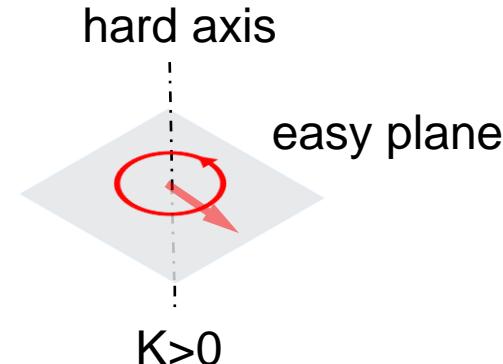
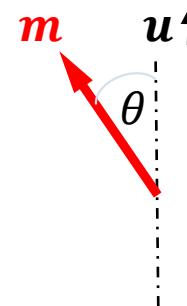
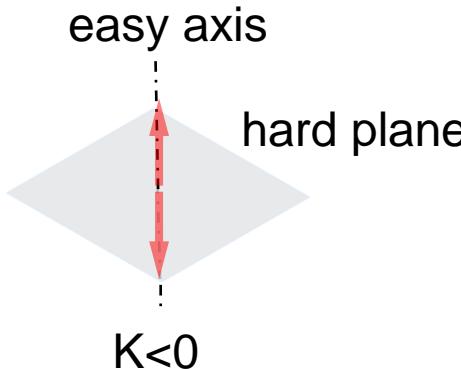
$$H_c = 2 \frac{|K|}{\mu_0 M_s}$$



small K : soft magnet

e.g. transformer cores

Effective field



$$F = -\mu_0 \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H} + K (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2$$

$K < 0$: easy axis

$K > 0$: hard axis

Effective field: $\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G$

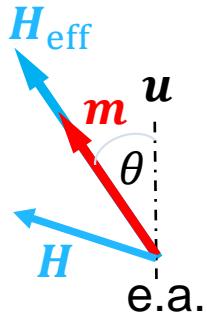
In equilibrium: $\mathbf{m} \parallel \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$

$$G \equiv \frac{F}{M} = -\mu_0 \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H} + \frac{K}{M_s} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2$$

$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} - \frac{2K}{M_s} \mathbf{u} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{B}_u \cos(\theta)$$

With uniaxial anisotropy field: $\mathbf{B}_u = -\frac{2K}{M_s} \mathbf{u}$

Equation of motion



$$G = -\mu_0 \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H} + \frac{K}{M_s} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2 \quad \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G$$

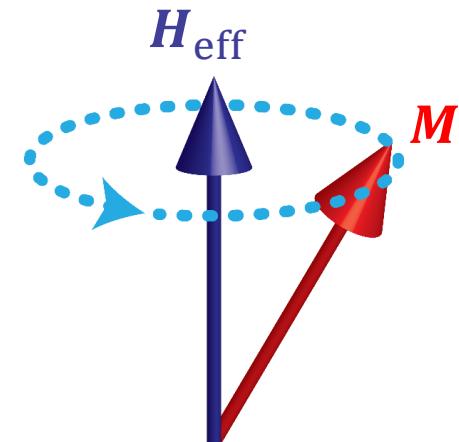
In equilibrium: $\mathbf{m} \parallel \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$

Torque: $\mathbf{T} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$ with angular momentum $\mathbf{L} = -\frac{1}{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\mu}$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = -\frac{d\boldsymbol{\mu}}{dt} \frac{1}{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{m} M_s V \\ \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$$



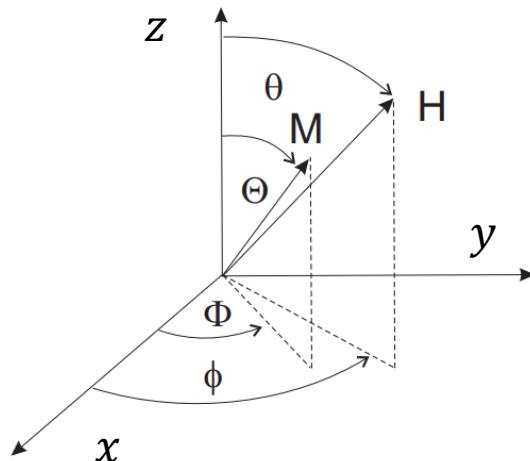
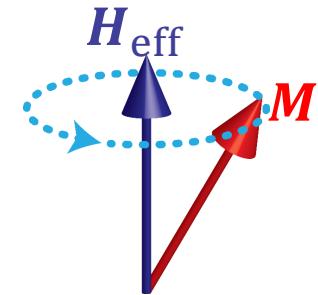
Attention: $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{m})!$

Equation of motion - solution

$$G = -\mu_0 \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H} + \frac{K}{M_s} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2 \quad \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G$$

In equilibrium: $\mathbf{m} \parallel \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$



Solution in general only numerically possible!

$$\left(\frac{\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2\Theta} \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\Phi^2} G \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\Theta^2} G \right) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\Phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial\Theta} G \right)^2 \right]_{\Phi_0, \Theta_0}$$

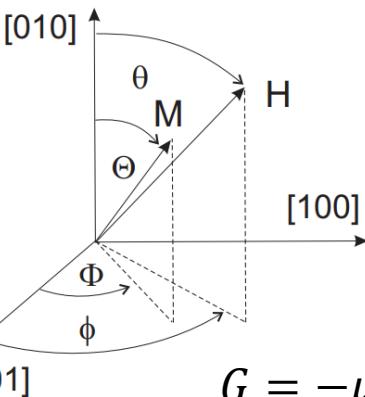
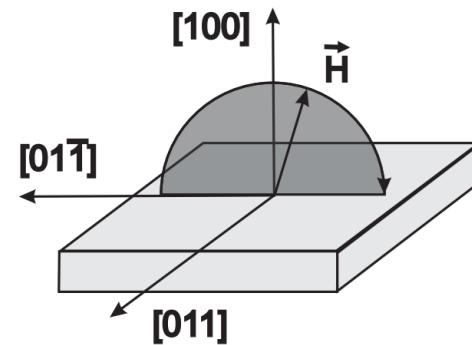
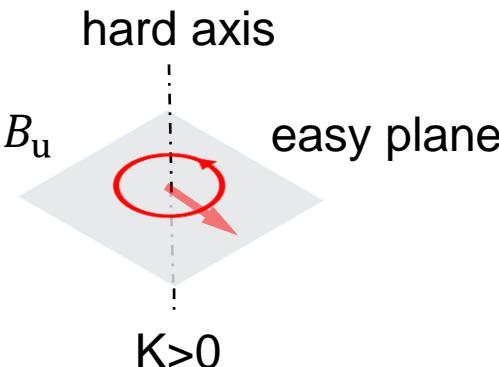
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**Ferromagnetic resonance (FMR)
is a direct measure of anisotropy**

FMR measures anisotropy

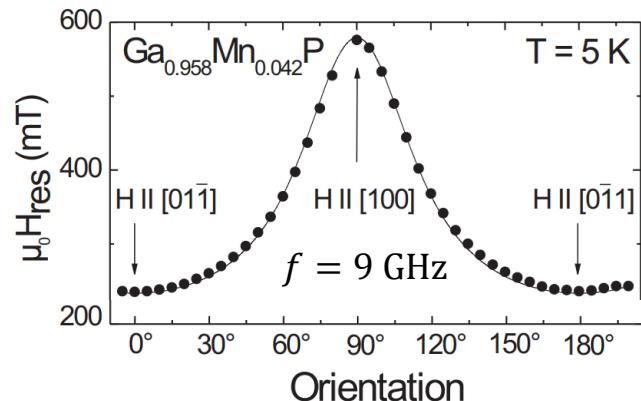
$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$

$$\mu_0 H_{\text{eff}}(\theta = \Theta = 0) = \frac{\omega}{\gamma} = \mu_0 H - B_u$$



$$G = -\mu_0 \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H} + \frac{K}{M_S} (\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{m})^2$$

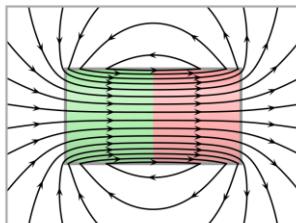
$$\left(\frac{2\pi f}{\gamma} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \Theta} \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \Phi^2} G \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \Theta^2} G \right) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta} G \right)^2 \right]_{\Phi_0, \Theta_0}$$



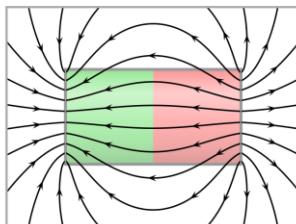
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Origins of anisotropy

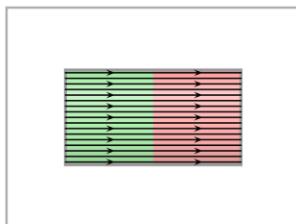
Shape anisotropy:



B



H_D



M

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H}_D + \mathbf{M})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}_D = 0$$

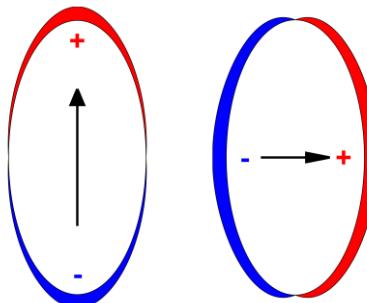
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

See lecture by Olivier Fruchart

Inside magnet: Demagnetizing field \mathbf{H}_D

Outside magnet: Stray field $\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_D = \mathbf{B}$

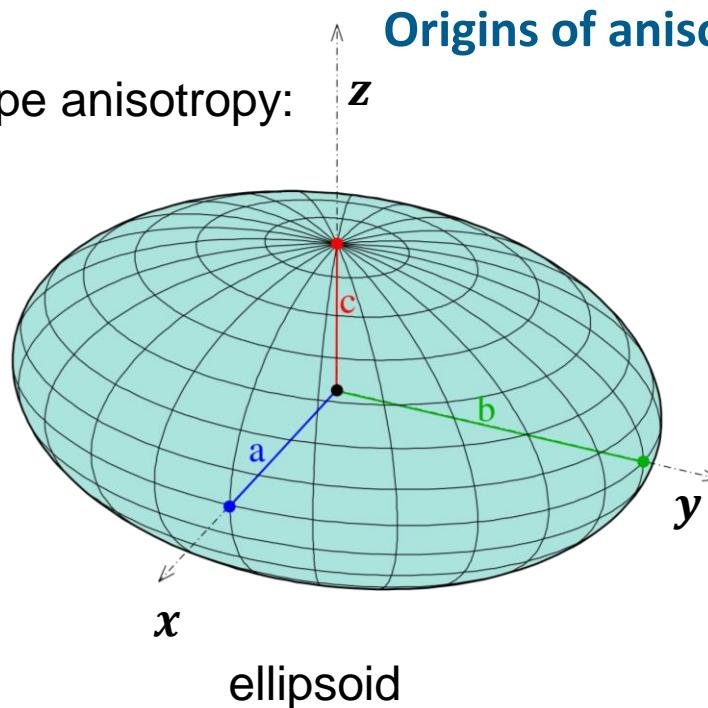
H_D : field generated from (virtual) magnetic surface charges



Surface charges & H_D reduced for \mathbf{M} along long(er) axis.

Origins of anisotropy

Shape anisotropy:



Demagnetization energy:

$$E = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} \int \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}_D dV$$

$$\mathbf{H}_D = -M_s \tilde{\mathbf{N}} \mathbf{m}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{N}} \approx \begin{pmatrix} N_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & N_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & N_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Only valid for ellipsoids!

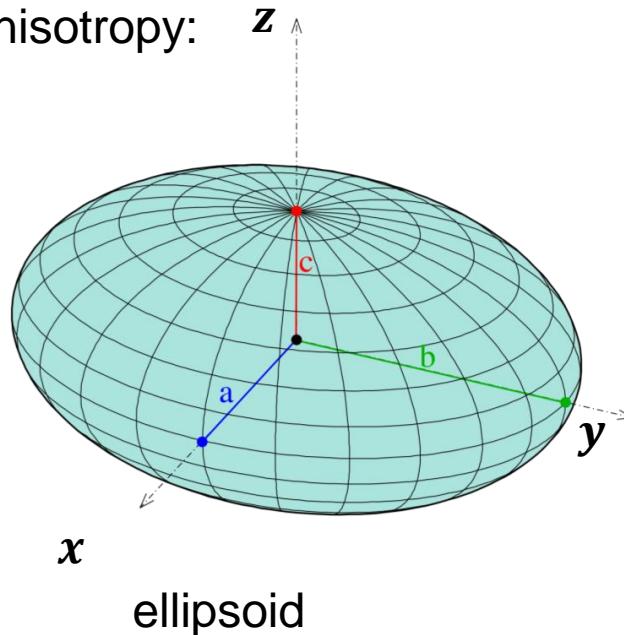
$$N_x + N_y + N_z = 1$$

Uniaxial anisotropy: $\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{B}_u (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{m})$

General shape anisotropy: $\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} + \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_D = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} - \mu_0 M_s \tilde{\mathbf{N}} \mathbf{m}$

FMR of the general ellipsoid

Shape anisotropy:



$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$

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General shape anisotropy:

$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} - \mu_0 M_s \tilde{\mathbf{N}} \mathbf{m}$$

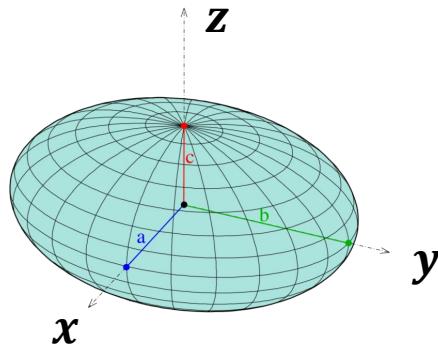
For $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} \parallel \mathbf{z}$

$$\omega_{FMR} = \mu_0 \gamma \sqrt{[H + M_s(N_x - N_z)][H + M_s(N_y - N_z)]}$$

Kittel equation (derivation in spin wave lecture)

FMR of the general ellipsoid

Shape anisotropy:



For $H_{\text{eff}} \parallel z$

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$$N_x + N_y + N_z = 1$$

Sphere: $N_x = N_y = N_z = \frac{1}{3}$

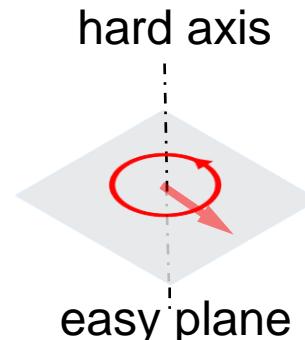
$$\omega_{\text{sphere}} = \mu_0 \gamma H$$

Out-of-plane magnetized thin film: $N_z = 1$

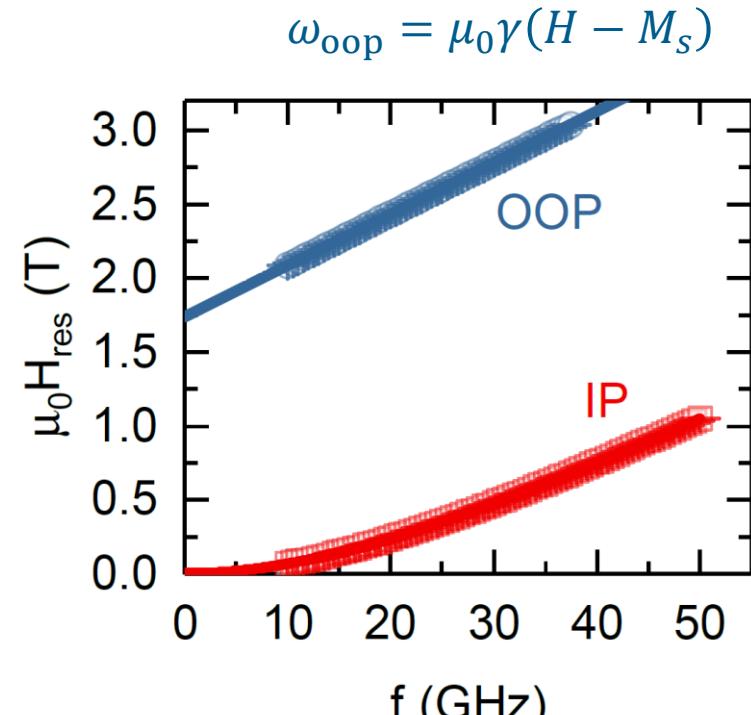
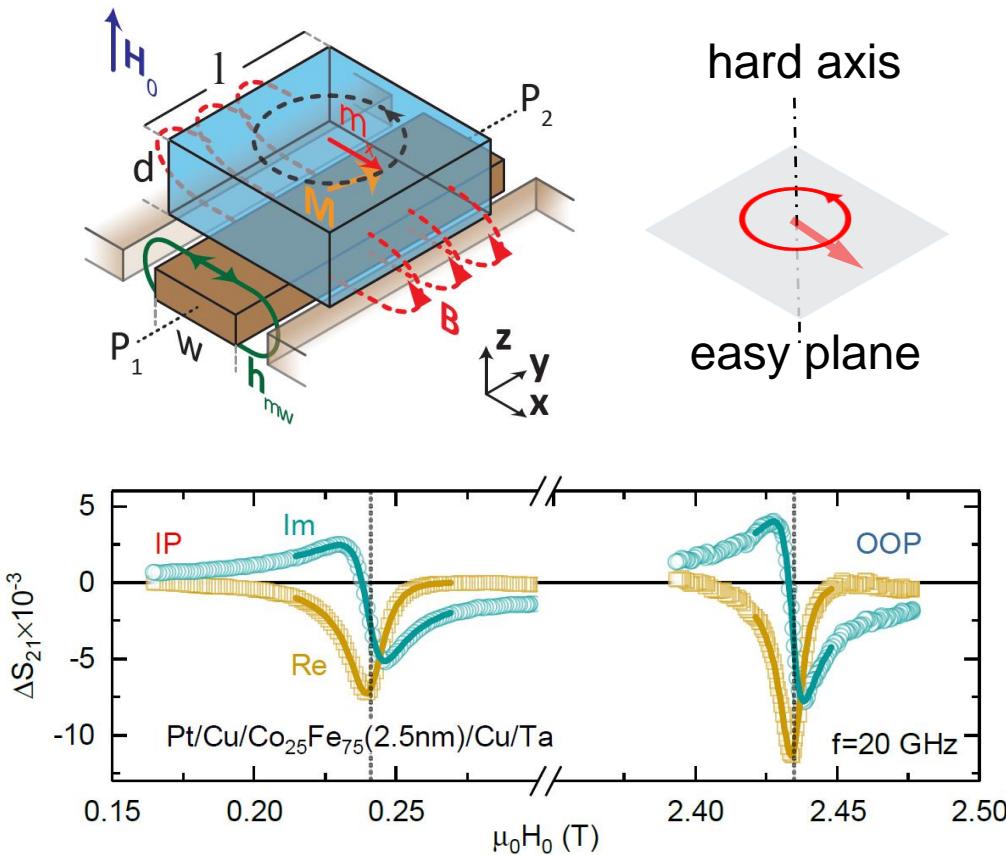
$$\omega_{\text{oop}} = \mu_0 \gamma (H - M_s)$$

In-plane magnetized thin film: $N_y = 1$
(y: oop)

$$\omega_{\text{ip}} = \mu_0 \gamma \sqrt{H[H + M_s]}$$



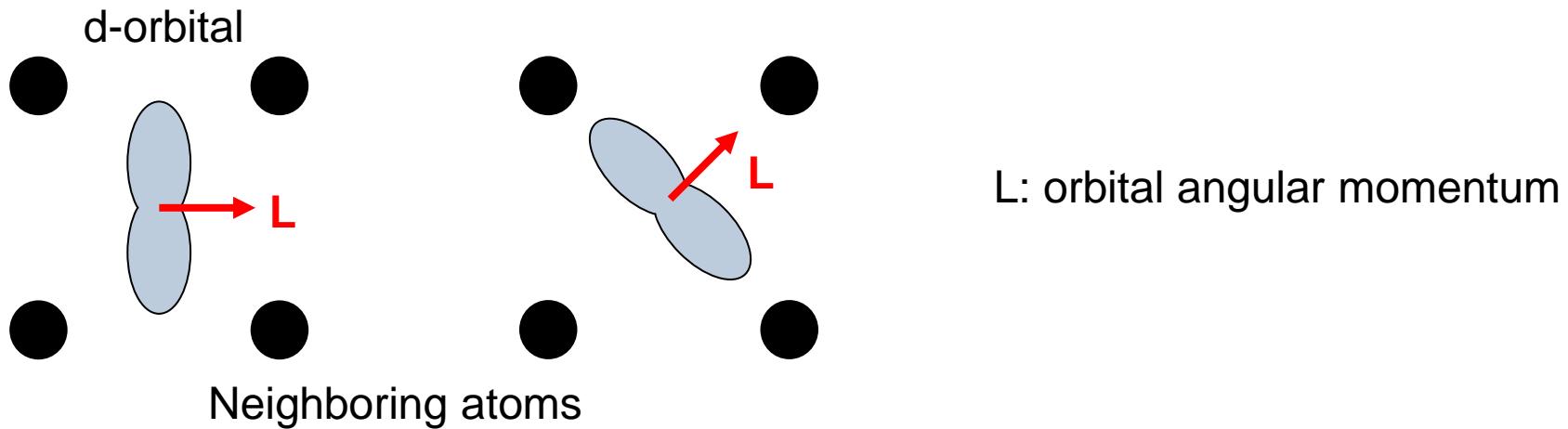
FMR of the general ellipsoid



$$\omega_{\text{oop}} = \mu_0 \gamma (H - M_s)$$

$$\omega_{\text{ip}} = \mu_0 \gamma \sqrt{H[H + M_s]}$$

Crystalline anisotropy:

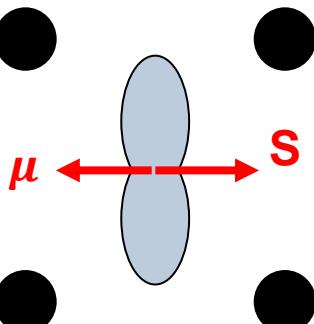
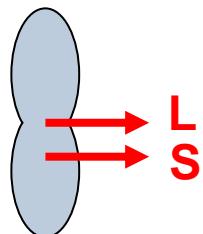


Crystal field splitting: d-orbital orientation matters due to Coulomb repulsion

Origins of anisotropy

Crystalline anisotropy:

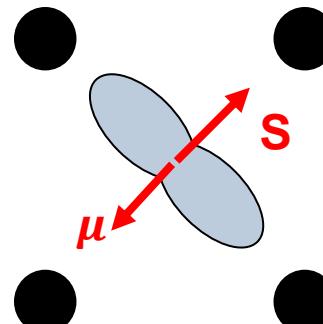
d-orbital



Easy axis

Spin-orbit coupling:

$$H_{so} = \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} \quad \Rightarrow \mathbf{L} \parallel \pm \mathbf{S}$$



hard axis

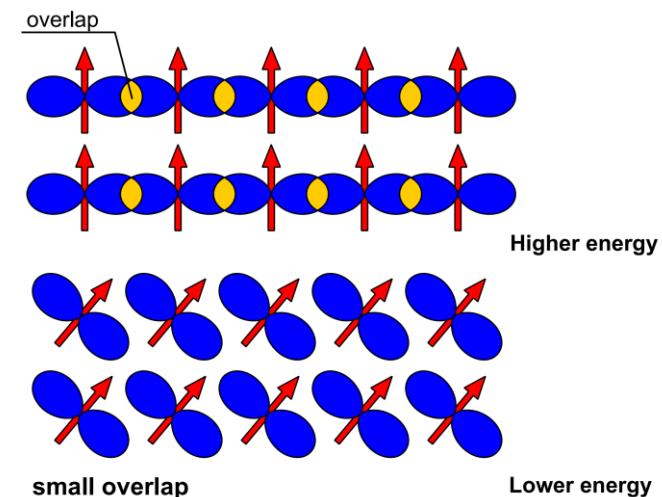
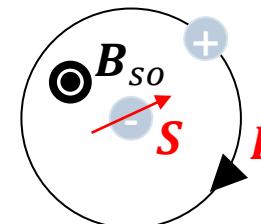
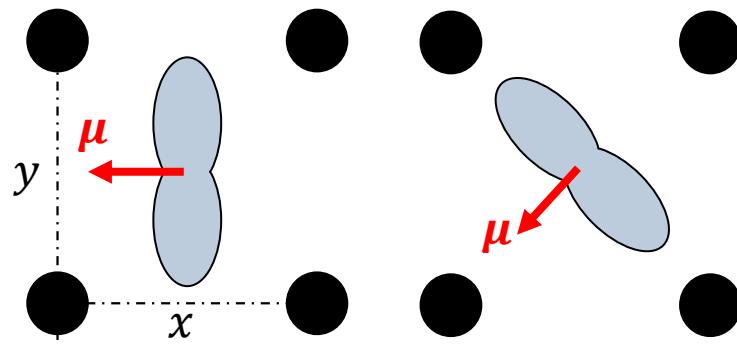


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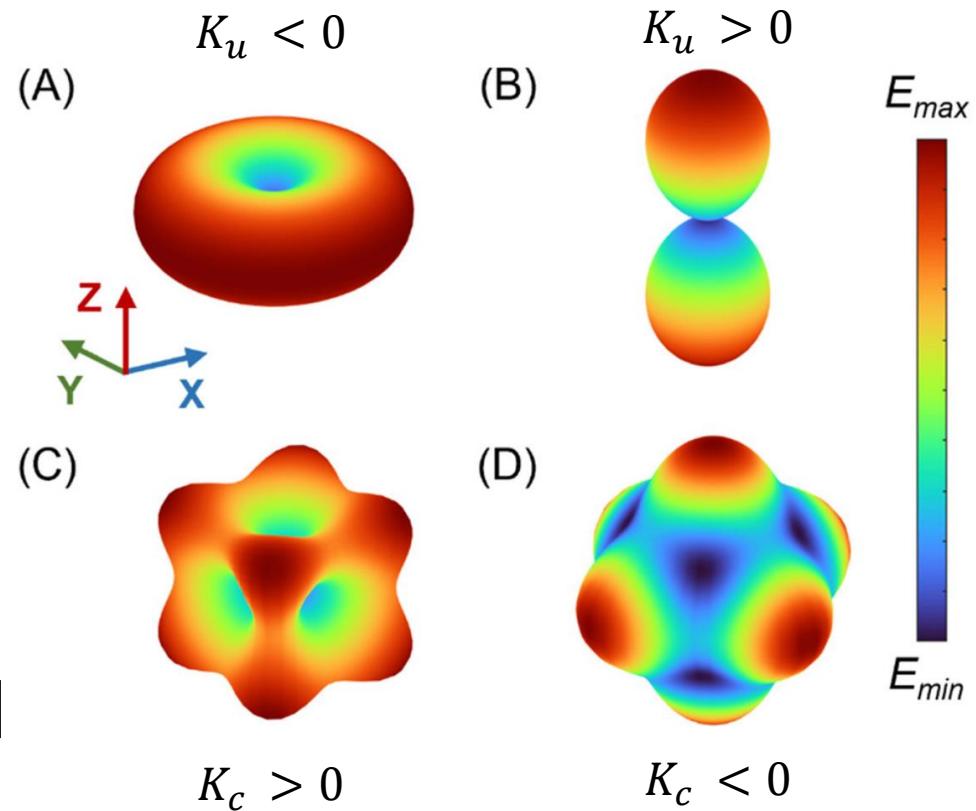


Easy direction

hard direction

$$F_{\text{uniax}} = K_u m_z^2$$

$$F_{\text{cubic}} = K_c [m_x^2 m_y^2 + m_y^2 m_z^2 + m_x^2 m_z^2]$$



Total magnetic free energy density of the general ellipsoid

$$F_{\text{demag}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} M_s^2 [N_x m_x^2 + N_y m_y^2 + N_z m_z^2]$$

$$F_{\text{uniax}} = K_u m_u^2$$

$$F_{\text{cubic}} = K_c [m_a^2 m_b^2 + m_b^2 m_c^2 + m_a^2 m_c^2]$$

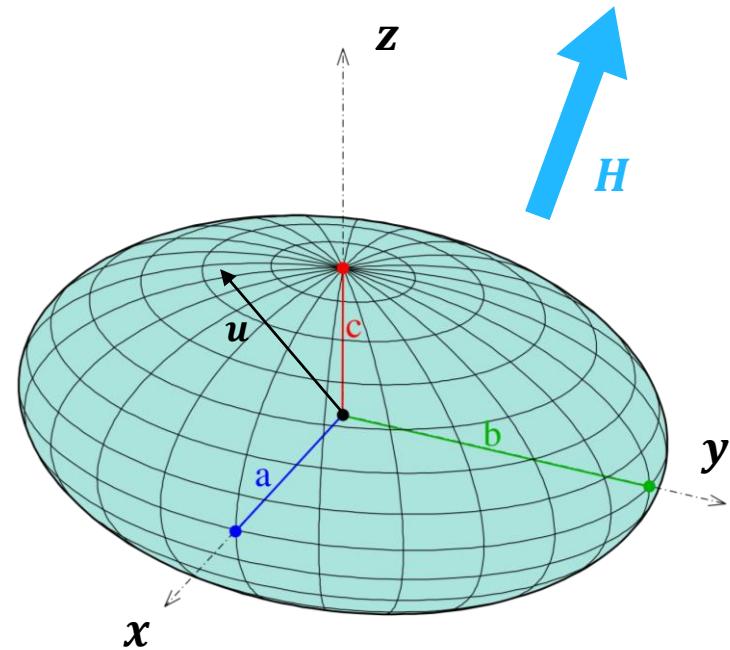
$$F_Z = -\mu_0 \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}$$

$$F_{\text{tot}} = F_{\text{demag}} + F_{\text{uniax}} + F_{\text{cubic}} + F_Z$$

$$G = \frac{F_{\text{tot}}}{M_s}$$

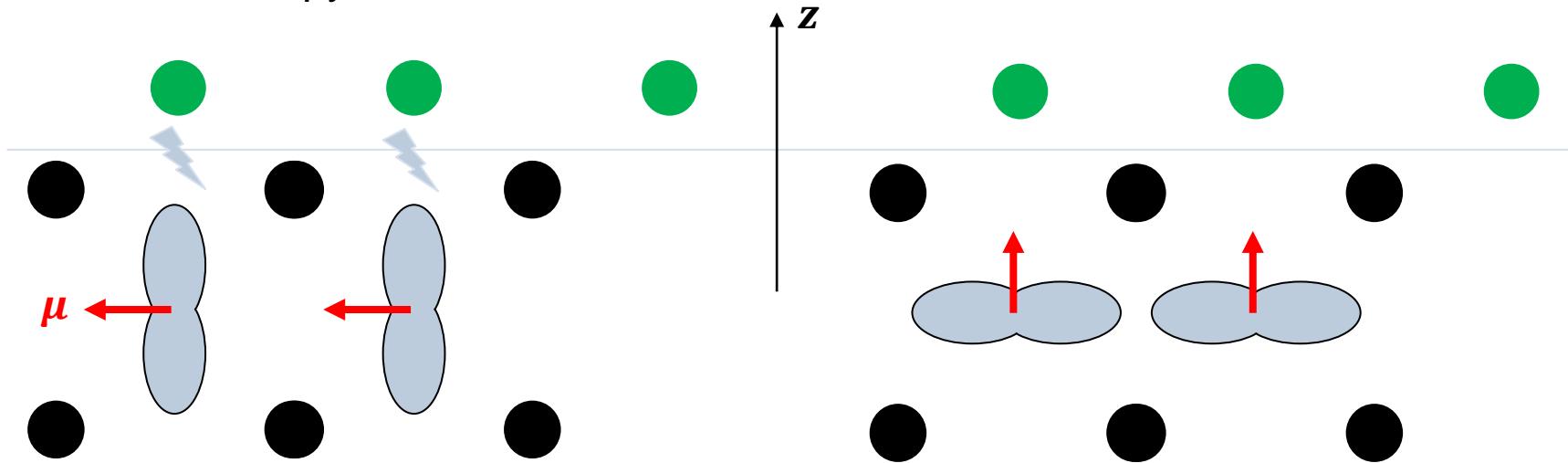
$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \mu_0 (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$



Origins of anisotropy

Interfacial anisotropy in thin films:



Spin-orbit coupling can lead to anisotropy from a preferred orbital orientation at interfaces

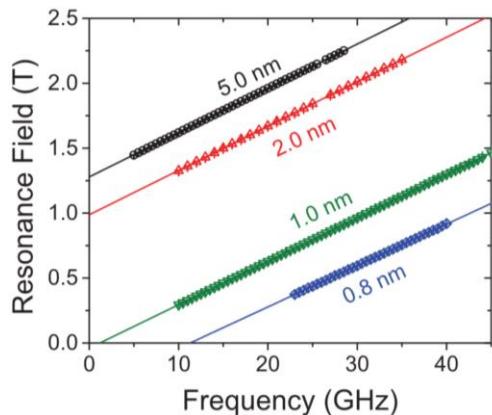
$$F_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{d} K_{\text{int}} m_z^2$$

Origins of anisotropy

$$F_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{d} K_{\text{int}} m_z^2$$

$$M_{\text{eff}} = M_s - H_k$$

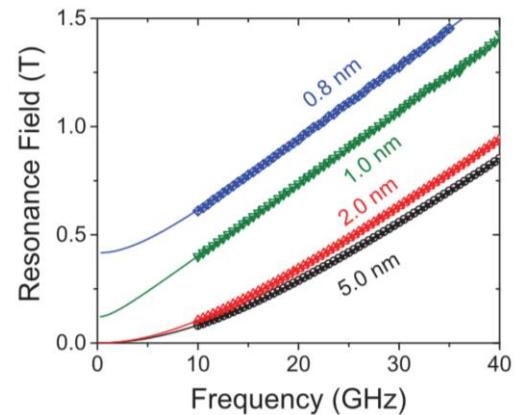
$$\omega_{\text{oop}} = \mu_0 \gamma (H - M_{\text{eff}})$$



$$F_{\text{demag}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} M_s^2 m_z^2$$

$$\mu_0 H_k = \frac{2K_{\text{int}}}{d M_s}$$

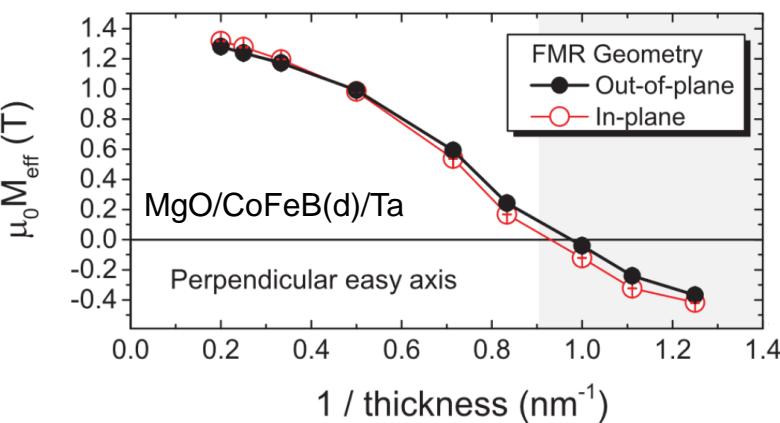
$$\omega_{\text{ip}} = \mu_0 \gamma \sqrt{H[H + M_{\text{eff}}]}$$



easy axis

hard plane

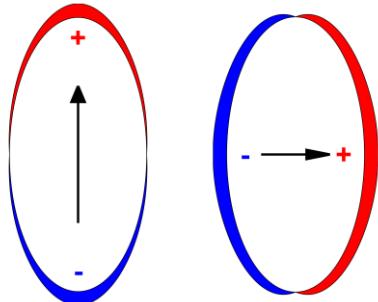
$M_{\text{eff}} < 0$: Perpendicular magnetic anisotropy



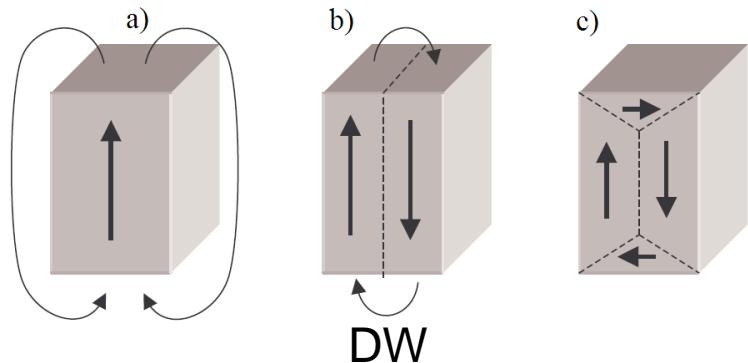
Interfacial anisotropy in thin films

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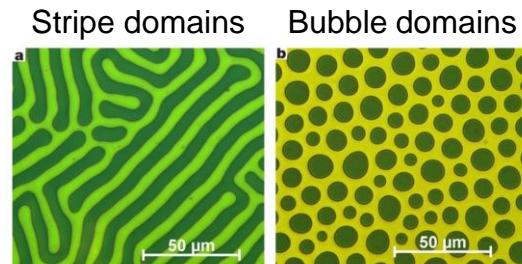
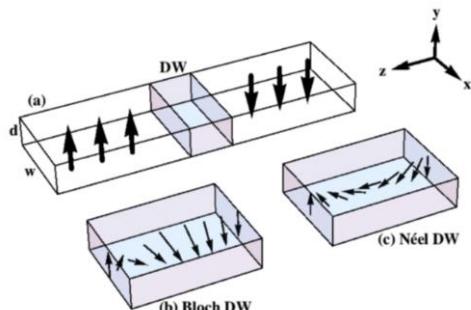
Magnetic Domains

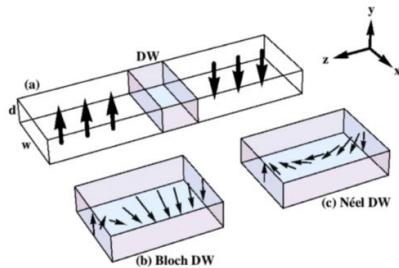


$$E = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} \int \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}_D \, dV$$

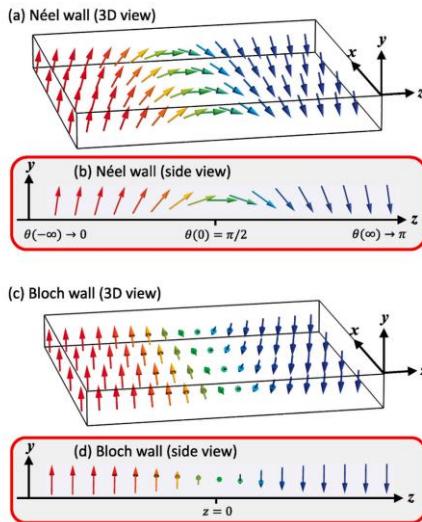


Demagnetization fields can be further reduced by domain formation

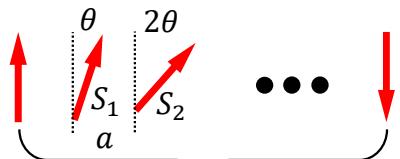




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Magnetic Domains



$$\delta = N a \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{N}$$

$$H_{\text{ex}} = -2 J \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{S}_2 = -2 J S^2 \cos \theta \approx -2 J S^2 \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{ex}} = N J S^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{N} \right)^2 = \frac{J S^2 \pi^2}{N}; \text{ minimized for } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$E_0 = K_u^V \sin^2 \phi$$

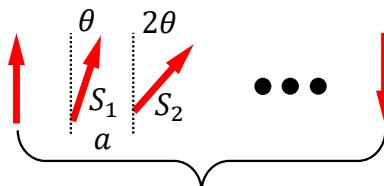
$$\Delta E_a = \frac{N}{\pi} \int_0^\pi E_0 d\phi = \frac{N K_u^V}{2}; \text{ minimized for } N \rightarrow 0$$

e.a.



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Magnetic Domains



$$\delta = N a \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{N}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{ex}} = \frac{JS^2\pi^2}{N}; \text{ minimized for } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Delta E_a = \frac{NK_u}{2}; \text{ minimized for } N \rightarrow 0$$

$$\delta = N a \approx 300 \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{for } J = 1 \text{ eV}, K_u^V = 10^{-23} \text{ J}, a = 1 \text{ nm}, S = \frac{1}{2}$$

e.a.

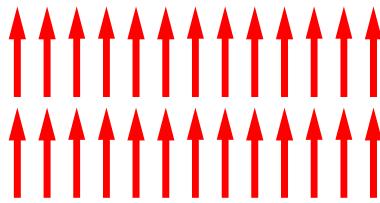


$$\Delta E_{\text{tot}} = \Delta E_{\text{ex}} + \Delta E_a = \frac{JS^2\pi^2}{N} + \frac{NK_u^V}{2}$$

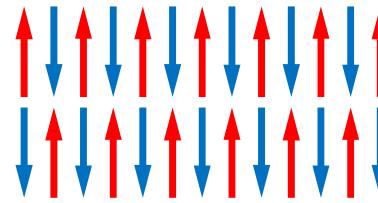
$$\text{Energy minimization} \Rightarrow N = \pi S \sqrt{\frac{2J}{K_u^V}}$$

Without external magnetic field, ferromagnetic particles larger than some micrometers feature magnetic domains

Anisotropy in Ferromagnets and Antiferromagnets

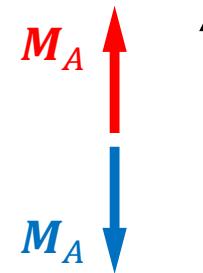


Ferromagnet



Antiferromagnet

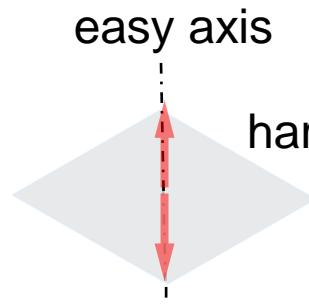
$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_A + \mathbf{M}_B = 0$$



$N = M_A - M_B$
Néel Vector

For many purposes, it is practical to model AFMs as two antiferromagnetically coupled ferromagnetic sub-lattices

Anisotropy in Antiferromagnets



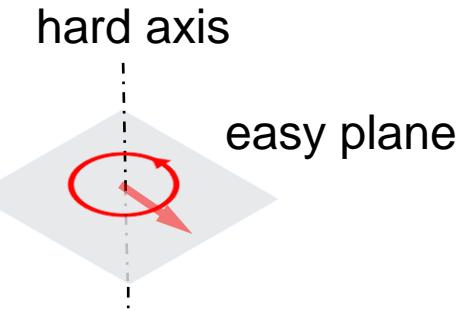
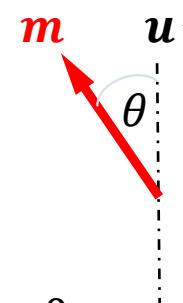
$$K < 0$$

$$\mathbf{M}_s = \mathbf{M}_A + \mathbf{M}_B = 0$$

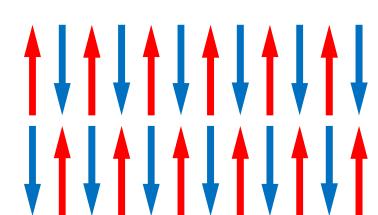
$$F_{\text{demag}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} M_s^2 [N_x m_x^2 + N_y m_y^2 + N_z m_z^2] = 0$$

$$F_{\text{uniax}} = K_u m_u^2$$

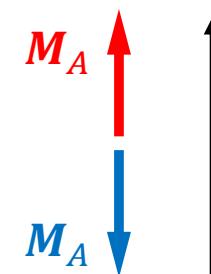
$$F_{\text{cubic}} = K_c [m_a^2 m_b^2 + m_b^2 m_c^2 + m_a^2 m_c^2]$$



$$K > 0$$



Antiferromagnet



$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{M}_A - \mathbf{M}_B$$

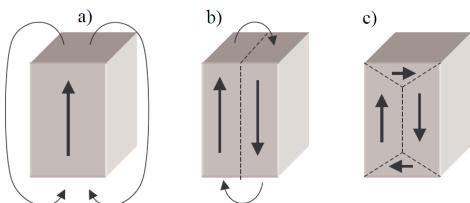
Other than demag, anisotropies still work the same in AFM!

Néel Vector

Anisotropy in Antiferromagnets and Ferromagnets

$$M_s = M_A + M_B = 0$$

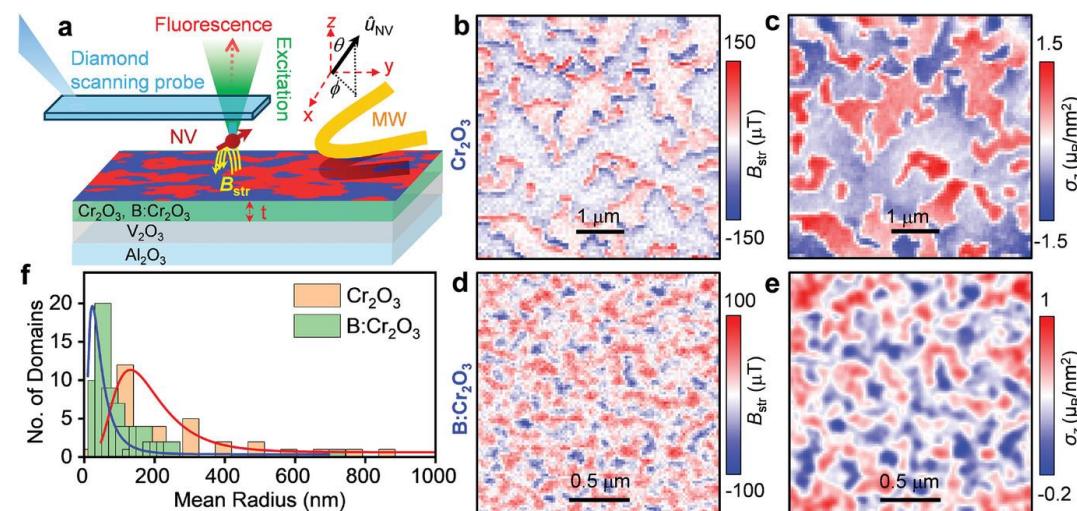
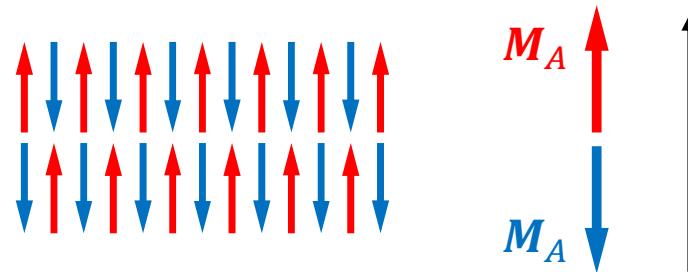
$$F_{\text{demag}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} M_s^2 [N_x m_x^2 + N_y m_y^2 + N_z m_z^2] = 0$$



$$M_s = 0 \rightarrow H_D = 0$$

$$E_{\text{demag, AFM}} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} \int \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}_D dV = 0$$

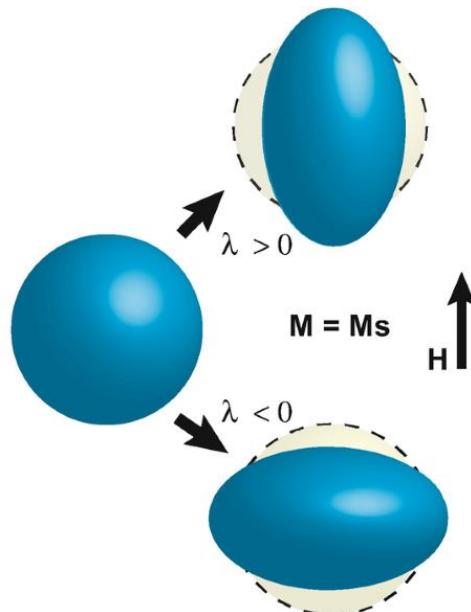
- Experimental observation : AFM have small domains – why?



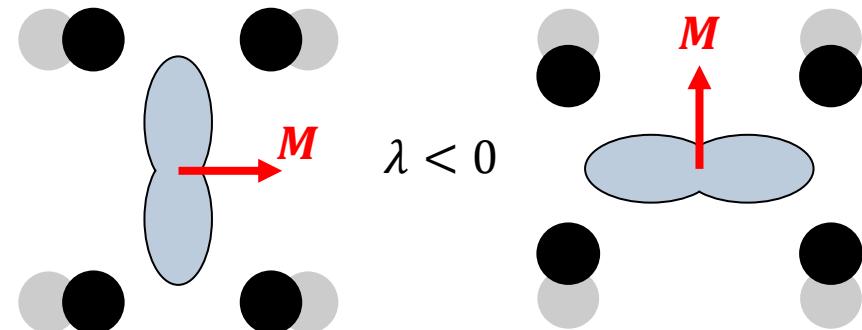
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Magnetostriction

- We have so far ignored one important contribution to anisotropy: magnetostriction



Spin-orbit interaction + crystal field

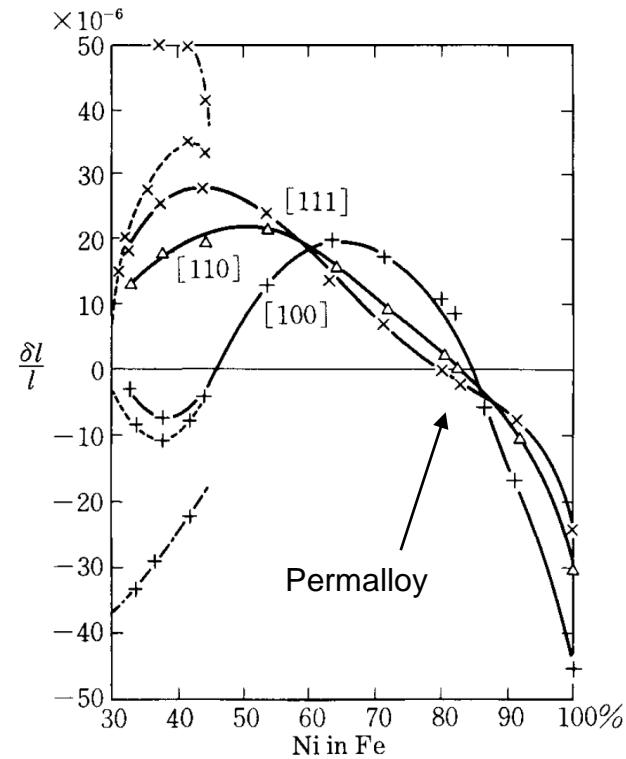
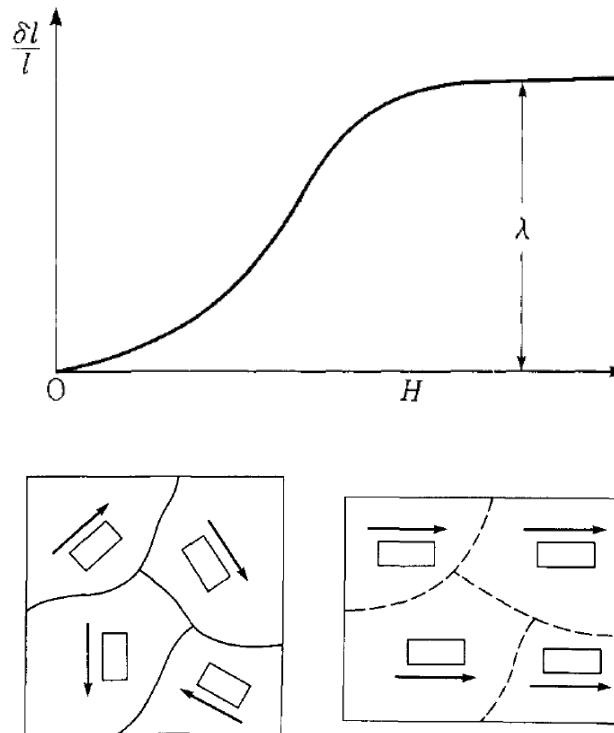
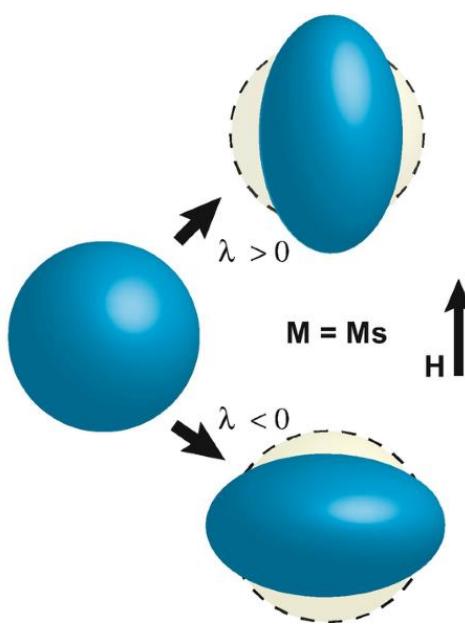


Magnetized bodies change their shape:
Magnetostriction

Strain modifies magnetization orientation:
Magnetoelasticity

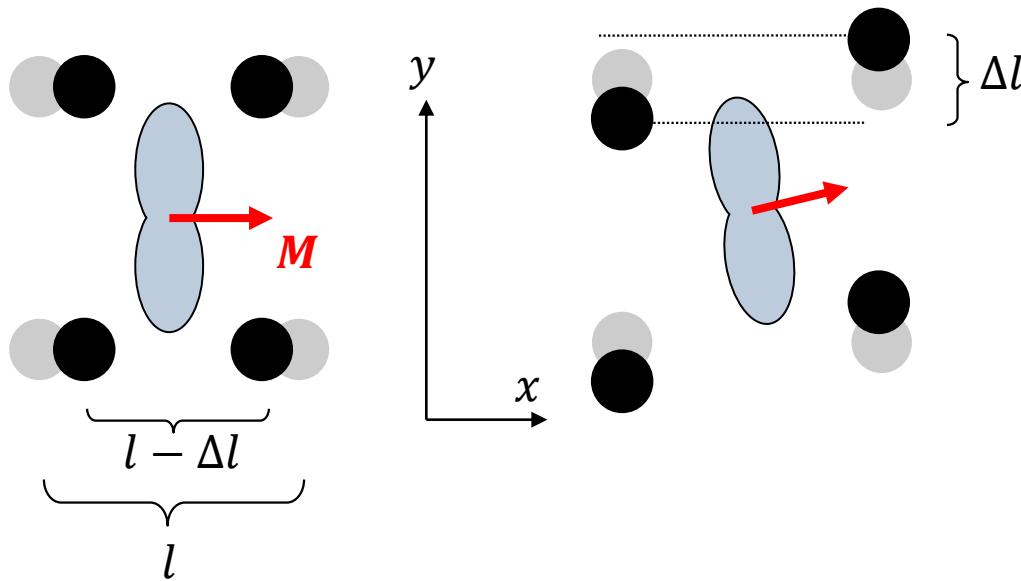
Image: Handbook of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials

Magnetostriction



Chikazumi: Physics of Ferromagnetism

Magnetoelastic free energy density



pure strain: $\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\Delta l_x}{l_x}$ shear strain: $\varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{\Delta l_y}{l_x}$

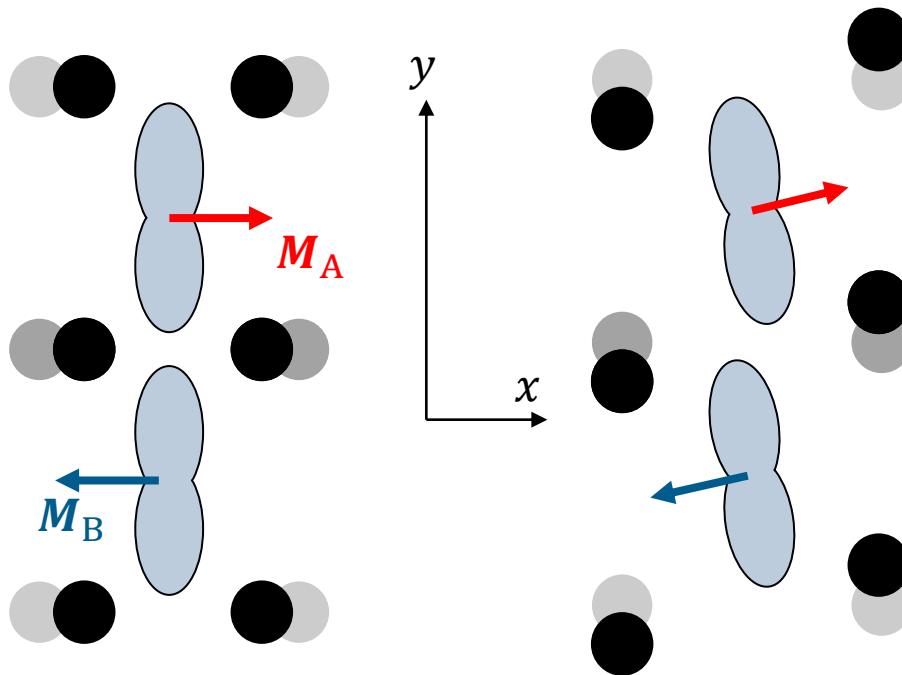
$$G_{\text{ME}} = b_1 [\varepsilon_{xx} m_x^2 + \varepsilon_{yy} m_y^2 + \varepsilon_{zz} m_z^2] + 2b_2 [\varepsilon_{xy} m_x m_y + \varepsilon_{xz} m_x m_z + \varepsilon_{yz} m_y m_z]$$

$$G_{\text{tot}} = G_{\text{demag}} + G_{\text{uniax}} + G_{\text{cubic}} + G_{\text{ME}} + G_{\text{Z}}$$

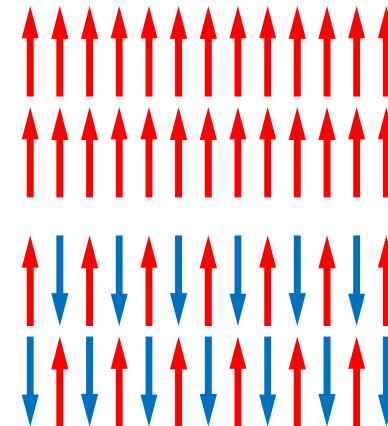
$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G_{\text{tot}}$$

$$b_1, b_2 \approx 10 \text{ T}$$

Magnetoelastic ferromagnets and antiferromagnets



Magnetostriction and magnetoelasticity work for FM and AFM!

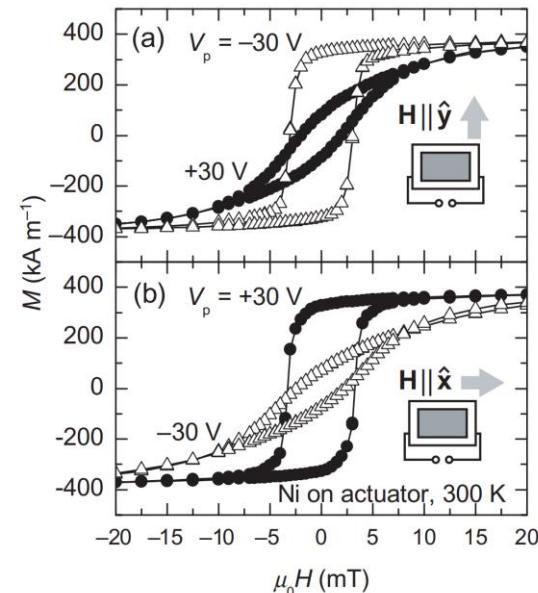
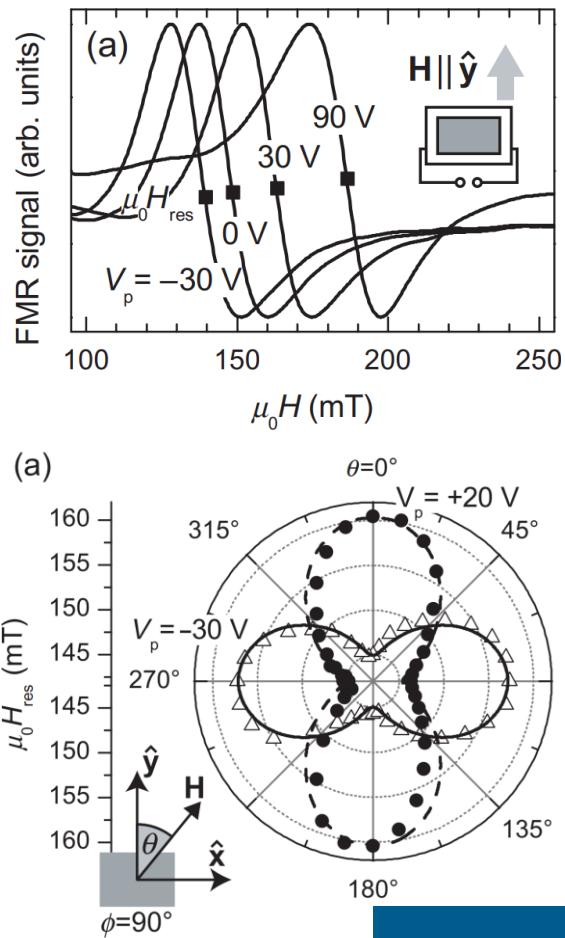
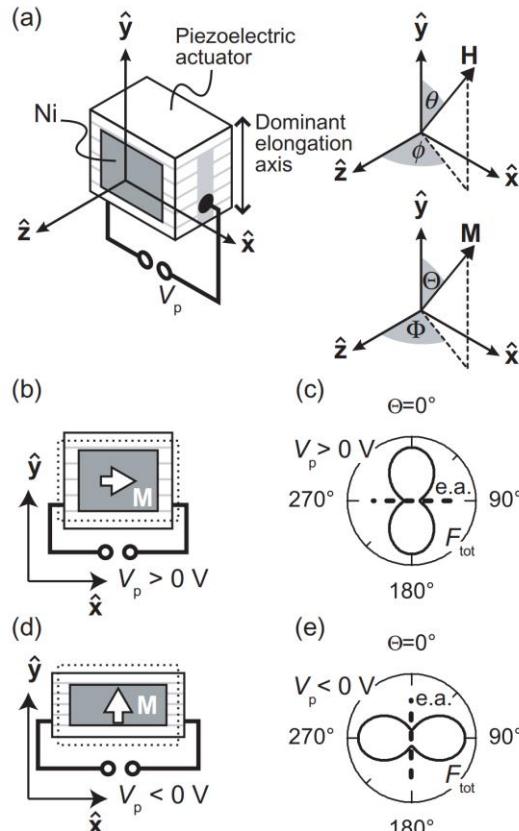


$$G_{\text{ME}}^A = b_1 [\varepsilon_{xx} m_{Ax}^2 + \varepsilon_{yy} m_{Ay}^2 + \varepsilon_{zz} m_{Az}^2] + 2b_2 [\varepsilon_{xy} m_{Ax} m_{Ay} + \varepsilon_{xz} m_{Ax} m_{Az} + \varepsilon_{yz} m_{Ay} m_{Az}]$$

$$G_{\text{ME}} = G_{\text{ME}}^A + G_{\text{ME}}^B = 2G_{\text{ME}}^A$$

Balancing elastic energy and magnetoelastic energy: Domains in AFM

Magnetoelastic control of anisotropy



Strain controls anisotropy

New J. Phys. 11, 013021 (2009)

Mathias Weiler

Interaction of sound and spin

Interaction of Spin Waves and Ultrasonic Waves in Ferromagnetic Crystals*

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Department of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, California

(Received January 9, 1958)

Phys. Rev. **110**, 836 (1958)

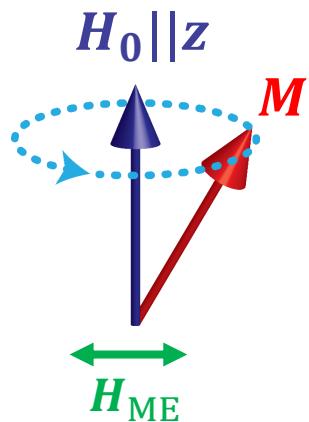
Magnetoelastic free energy contribution:

$$m_z \approx 1 \gg m_x, m_y$$

$$G_{\text{ME}} = b_1 [\varepsilon_{xx} m_x^2 + \varepsilon_{yy} m_y^2 + \varepsilon_{zz} m_z^2] + 2b_2 [\varepsilon_{xy} m_x m_y + \varepsilon_{xz} m_x m_z + \varepsilon_{yz} m_y m_z]$$

Compressional strain

Shear strain



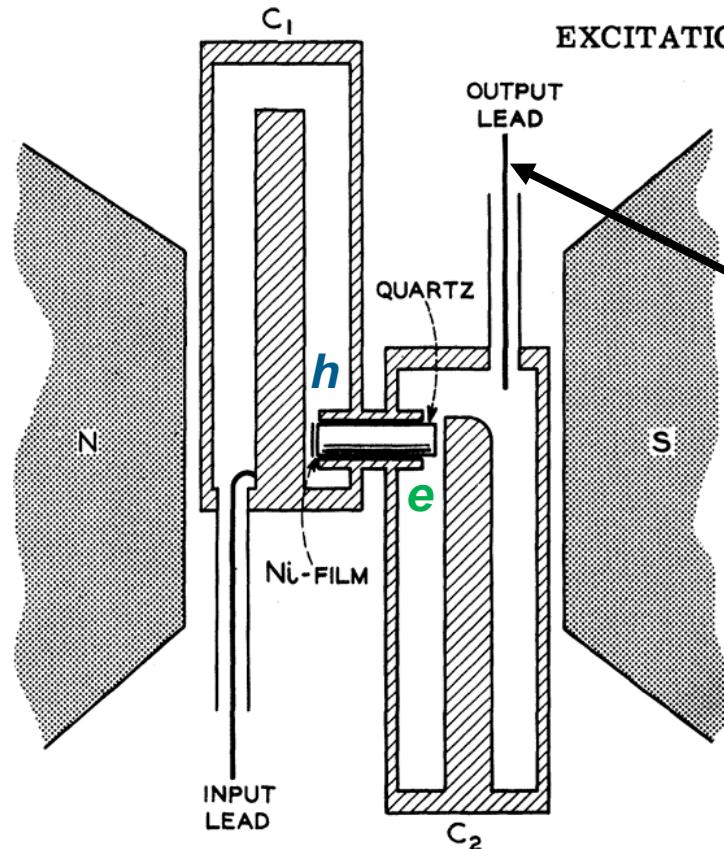
$$\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{ME}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} G_{\text{ME}} \approx 2b_2 \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{yz} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &\approx 10 \text{ T} \\ \varepsilon &\approx 10^{-3} \\ \mu_0 H_{\text{ME}} &\approx 10 \text{ mT} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} = -\gamma \mu_0 \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{H}_{\text{ME}} + \dots$$

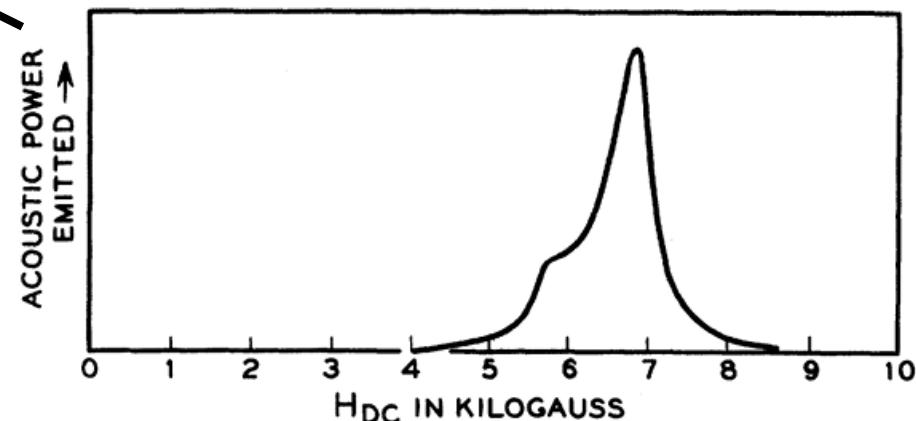
Interaction of sound and spin



EXCITATION OF HYPERSONIC WAVES BY FERROMAGNETIC RESONANCE

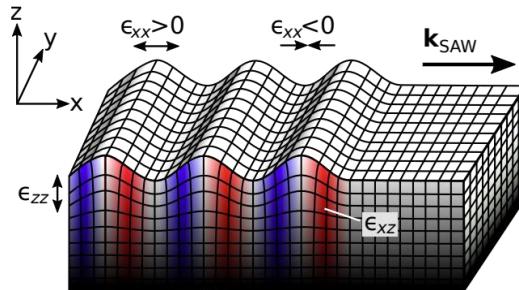
H. Bömmel and K. Dransfeld
 Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey
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FMR \leftrightarrow Soundwave \leftrightarrow E-Field

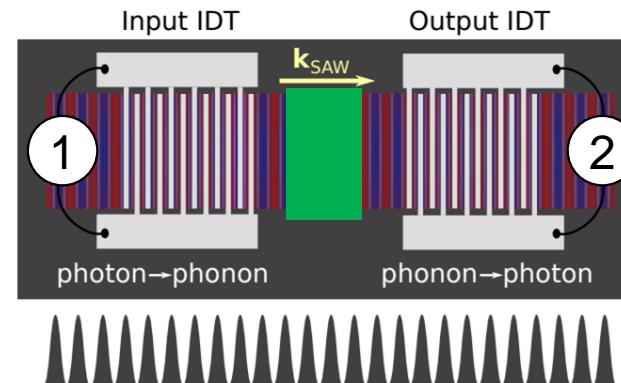
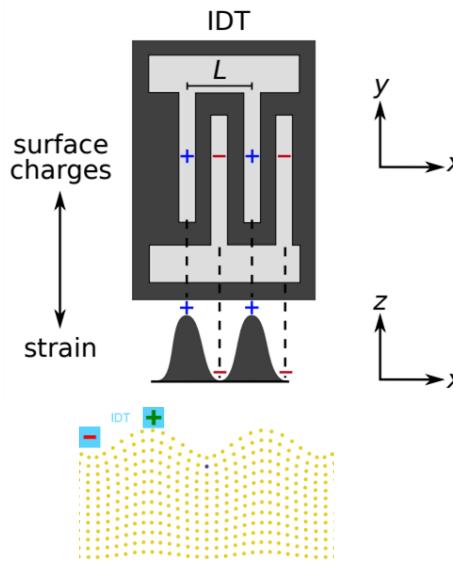
Surface Acoustic Wave + Magnetic thin films



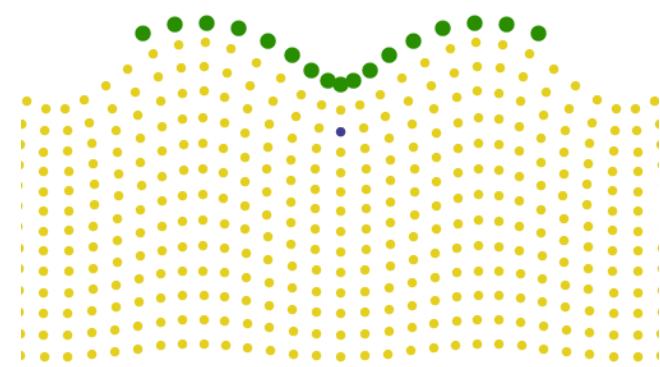
Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW)

Macroscopic: Earthquake

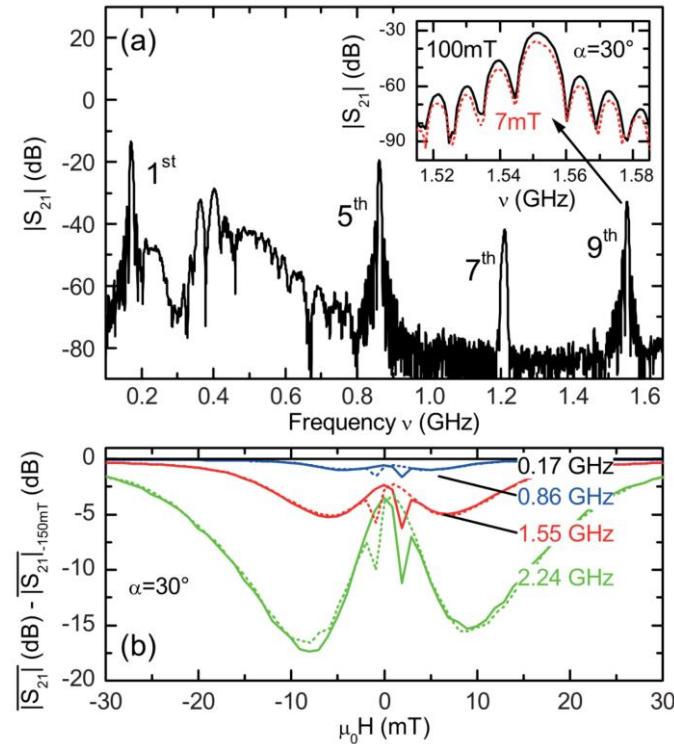
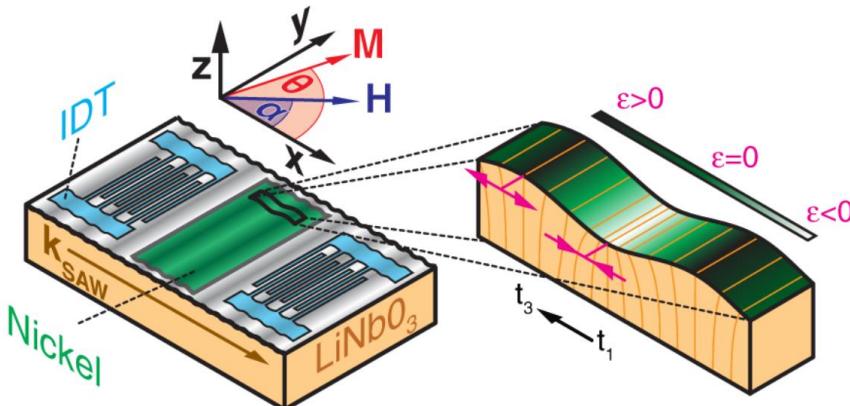
Microscopic: Mobile communication



Interdigital transducer (IDT)



Interaction of sound and spin

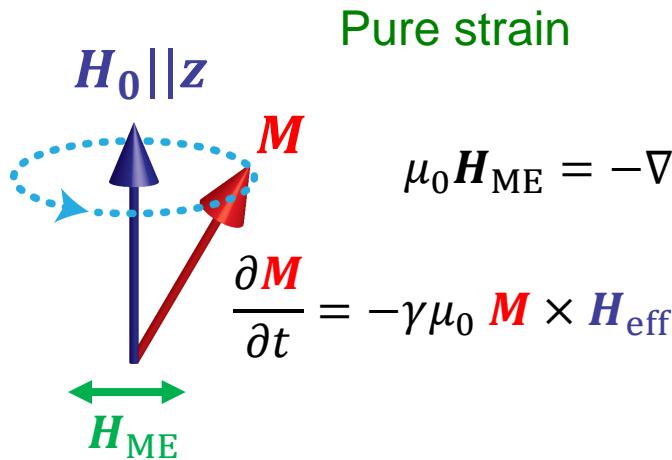


Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 117601 (2011)

Symmetry of the magneto-acoustic interaction

Magnetoelastic free energy contribution:

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$$\mu_0 H_{\text{ME}} = -\nabla_m G_{\text{ME}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} = -\gamma \mu_0 \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$$

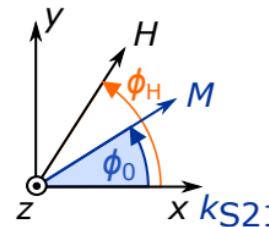
Pure strain

Shear strain

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_0 + H_{\text{ME}} + \dots$$

$$b_{1,2} \approx 10 \text{ T}$$

$$\mu_0 H_{\text{ME}} \approx 10 \text{ mT}$$

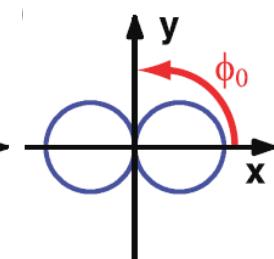
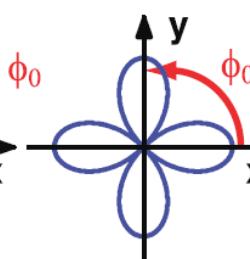
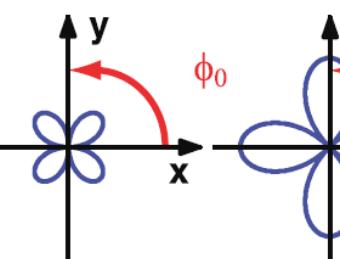


IP

$$\varepsilon_{xx} \neq 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{xy} \neq$$

$$\varepsilon_{xz} \neq 0$$

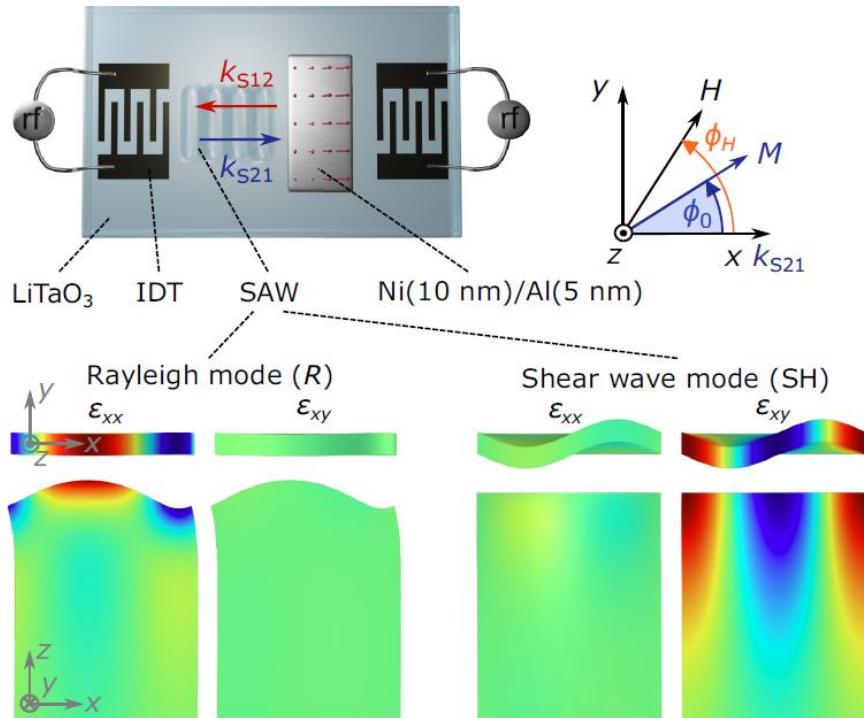


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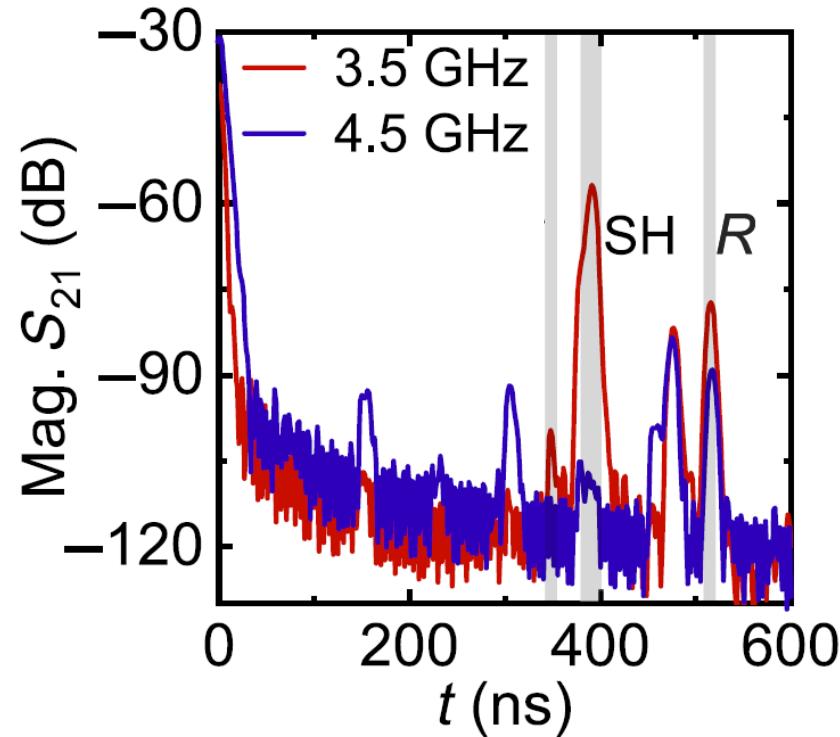
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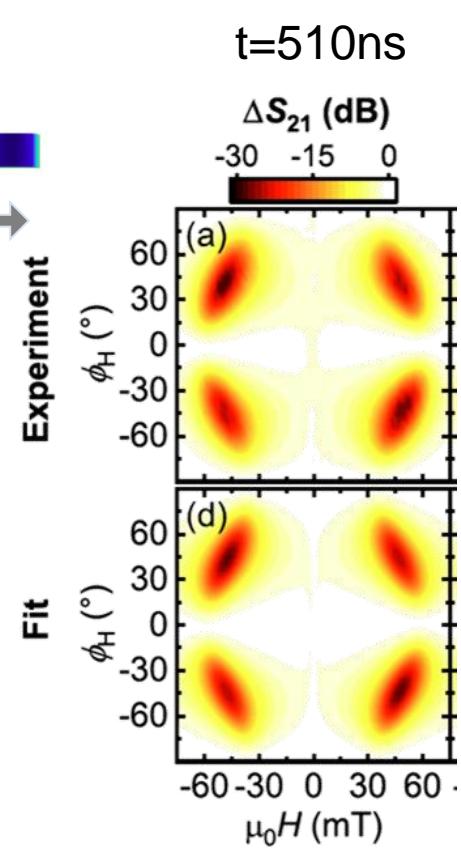
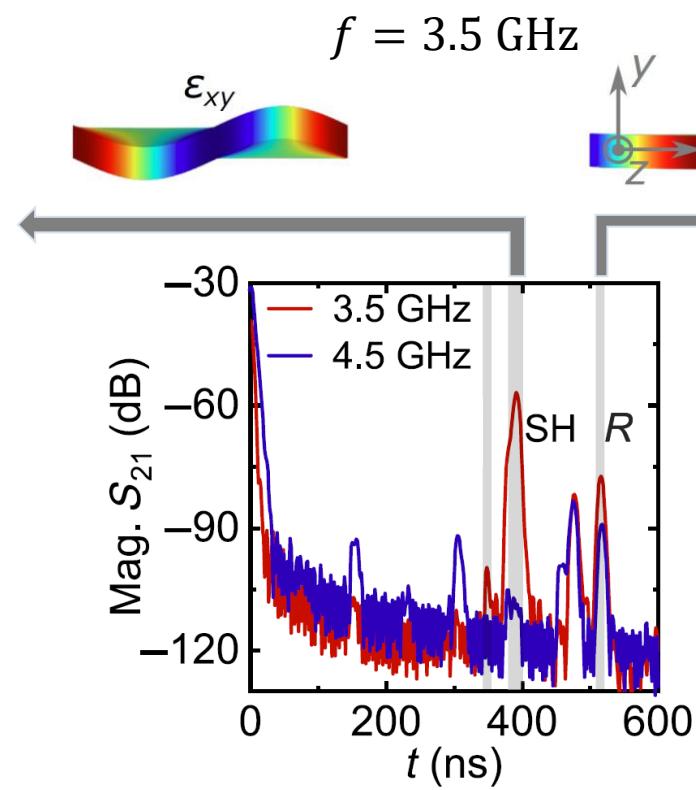
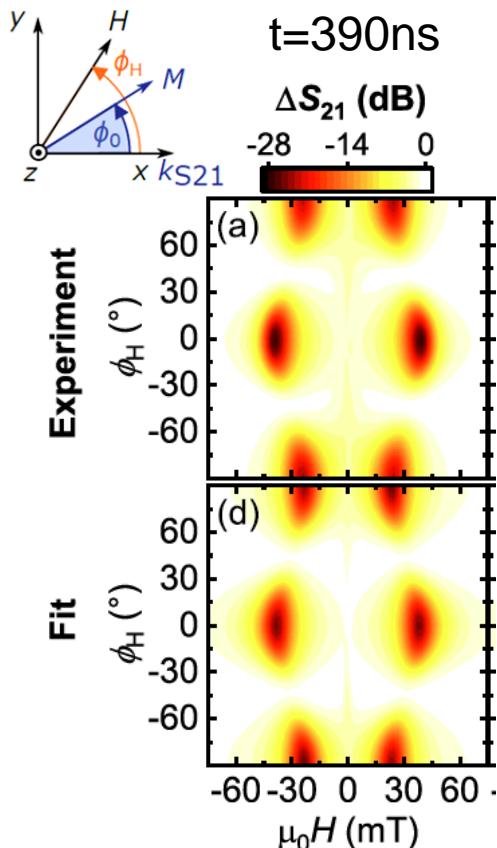


$$v_R = 3105 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{\text{SH}} = 4075 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$



Symmetry of the magneto-acoustic interaction

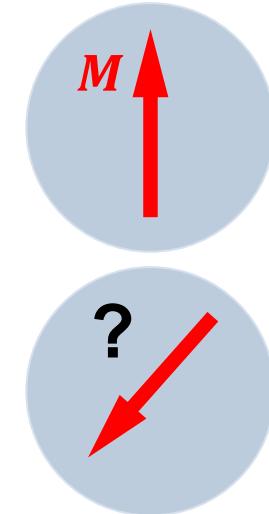


$$\mu_0 h \propto \epsilon_{xz} \cos(2\phi_0)$$

$$\mu_0 h \propto \epsilon_{xx} \sin\phi_0 \cos\phi_0$$

Magnetic anisotropy

- Required for stable net magnetic moment
- Originates from shape (stray fields), or spin-orbit interaction
- Described by magnetic free energy density or effective fields
- Impacts magnetization dynamics



Magnetostriction & Magnetoelasticity

- Strain controls magnetization direction and vice versa
- Strain generates effective magnetic fields
- Alternating strain can drive magnetization dynamics

