

# MUMAX3-WORKSHOP

# SESSION 3

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# SCHEDULE

## **Monday 08/31, 6PM-8PM CET**

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Session 2: mumax3 ecosystem, workflow and a first simulation

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Session 3: basic examples

>homework

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# INTRODUCTION

## HOW TO RUN MUMAX3



### **Windows/linux PC with NVIDIA GPU**

Preferred option for small simulations and to learn about mumax3  
Web GUI should work out of the box



### **Windows/linux server with NVIDIA GPUs**

Preferred option for big simulations, or large batches of simulations  
Setting up the Web GUI might be possible but requires some knowledge on network ports



### **Google collaboratory session**

To fiddle around with mumax3 if you do not have access to an NVIDIA GPU  
Free for gmail users, no Web GUI

<https://colab.research.google.com/github/JeroenMulders/mumax3-tutorial/blob/master/mumax3.ipynb>

# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT THE EXAMPLES

- The examples can either be downloaded from:

<https://mumax.ugent.be/mumax3-workshop>

- The examples are written for mumax3.10
- Ordered from easy to hard
- Typical execution times for the examples are given for the  NVIDIA® Titan RTX 

# PHASE DIAGRAM: STANDARD PROBLEM 3

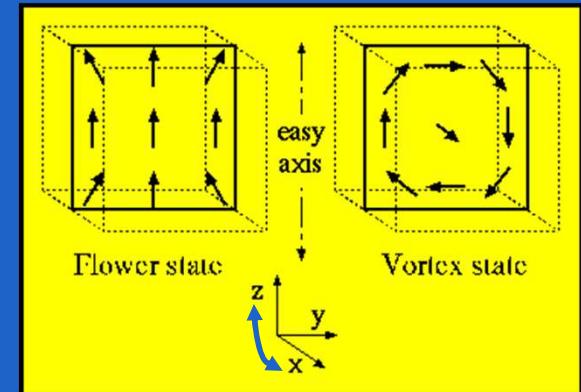
## System

Ferromagnetic cube with a uniaxial anisotropy

$$K_u = 0.1 K_m = 0.1 \frac{\mu_0 M_s^2}{2}$$

## Task

Calculate the quasi uniform domain limit of a cubic magnetic particle. This is the size  $L$  of equal energy for the flower state and the vortex state.



*Input file: session3\_example1a.txt*



Titan RTX: 52 s

*Input file: session3\_example1b.txt*

Titan RTX: 15 s

# STANDARD PROBLEM 3

## USING UNITLESS PARAMETERS

The total energy density of the ferromagnetic cube with an easy axis along the x direction and uniaxial anisotropy constant  $K_u = 0.1$   $K_m = 0.1$  ( $\mu_0 M_s^2 / 2$ )

$$\varepsilon = A(\nabla \mathbf{m})^2 - K_u m_x^2 - \frac{\mu_0 M_s^2}{2} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \int \tilde{N}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}') dV$$

Let's express energy density in terms of the magnetostatic energy density  $K_m = \mu_0 M_s / 2$   
and distances in terms of the exchange length  $l_{ex} = \sqrt{A/K_m}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\varepsilon}{K_m} &\rightarrow \varepsilon \\ l_{ex} \nabla &\rightarrow \nabla\end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon = (\nabla \mathbf{m})^2 - 0.1 m_x^2 - \int \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) \tilde{N}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}') dV$$

Now we can use the following values for the material parameters to solve the specified problem

$$A = 1 \quad K_u = 0.1 \quad M_s = \sqrt{2/\mu_0}$$

# STANDARD PROBLEM 3

```
N := 64
setgridsize(N,N,N)

Lmin := 8.0
Lmax := 9.0
Lstep := 0.05

L := Lmin
setcellsize(L/N,L/N,L/N)

Msat = sqrt(2/mu0)
Aex = 1.0
Ku1 = 0.1
anisU = vector(1,0,0)

m = vortex(1,-1)

tableadd(E_total)
tableaddvar(L,"L","")

for L=Lmin ; L<=Lmax; L+=Lstep {
    setcellsize(L/N,L/N,L/N)
    minimize()
    tablesav()
}
```

## Setting the grid size

```
N := 64
setgridsize(N,N,N)
```

### Notes:

- Total number of cells:  $64 \times 64 \times 64 = 262144$
- Grid dimension size  $64 = 2^6$  is optimal for the FFT algorithm
- Fixed grid dimensions, cell size will be used to vary the cube size

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    tablesav()
}
```

Defining the cube size range

```
Lmin := 8.0
Lmax := 9.0
Lstep := 0.05

L := Lmin
setcellsize(L/N,L/N,L/N)
```

Cell sizes small enough?

$$\frac{L}{N}: 0.125 l_{ex} \rightarrow 0.141 l_{ex} \quad \text{👍}$$

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    minimize()
    tablesav()
}
}
```

The unitless material parameters

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```

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for L=Lmin ; L<=Lmax; L+=Lstep {
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    minimize()
    tablesav()
}
```

Setting the initial state

```
m = vortex(1, -1)
```

To study the flower state, replace this with a uniform initial state with  $\vec{m}$  along the easy axis (but slightly canted to break symmetry)

```
m = uniform(1.0, 0, 0.01)
```

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Msat = sqrt(2/mu0)
Aex = 1.0
Ku1 = 0.1
anisU = vector(1,0,0)

m = vortex(1,-1)

tableadd(E_total)
tableaddvar(L,"L","")

for L=Lmin ; L<=Lmax; L+=Lstep {
    setcellsize(L/N,L/N,L/N)
    minimize()
    tablesave()
}
}
```

## Scheduling the output

```
tableadd(E_total)
tableaddvar(L,"L","")
```

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    tablesav()
}
```

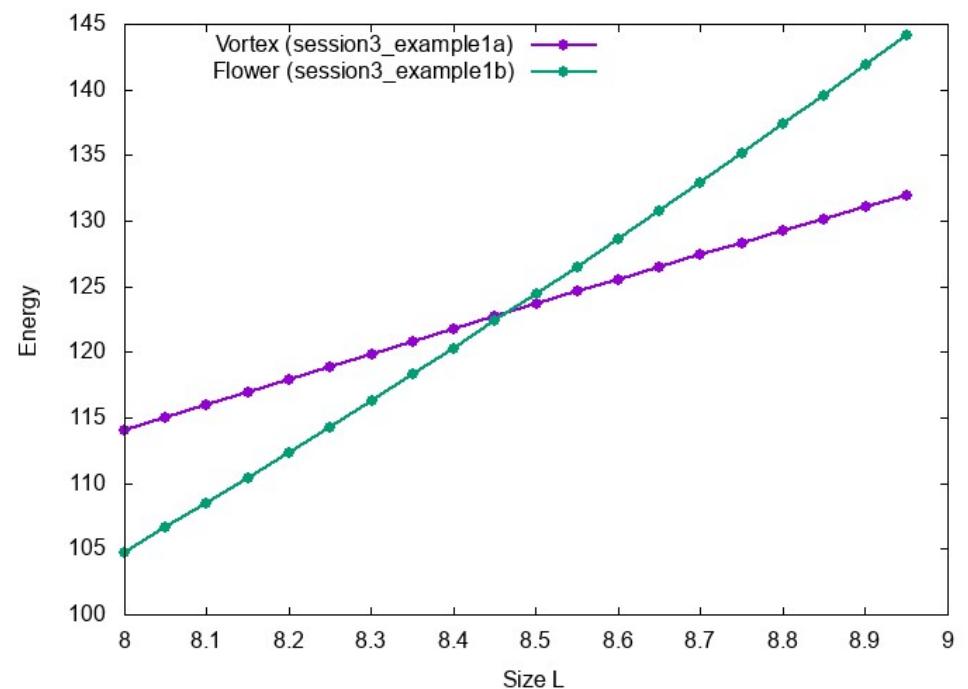
Sweeping the cube's size

```
for L=Lmin ; L<=Lmax; L+=Lstep {
    setcellsize(L/N,L/N,L/N)
    minimize()
    tablesav()
}
```

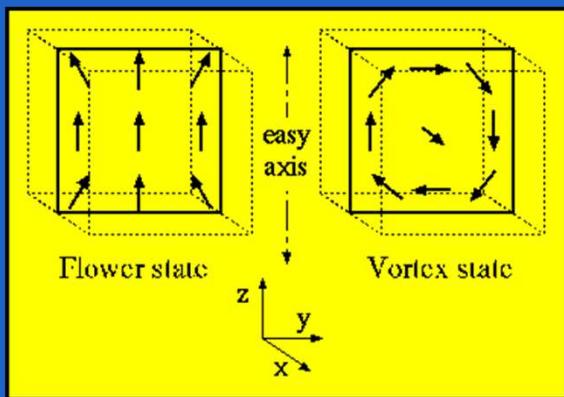
# STANDARD PROBLEM 3

table.txt

# t (s)	mx ()	my ()	mz ()	E_total (J)	L ()
0	-3.73E-09	-8.73E-10	-0.41020608	113.99219	8
0	-4.47E-08	-5.47E-09	-0.40383163	114.98763	8.05
0	-1.49E-08	-7.39E-09	-0.39705437	115.976906	8.1
0	-2.24E-08	-1.06E-08	-0.39031976	116.96014	8.15
0	-4.47E-08	-8.56E-09	-0.3839808	117.93747	8.2
0	-2.98E-08	-9.20E-09	-0.377673	118.90891	8.25
0	-1.30E-08	-1.14E-08	-0.37151143	119.87465	8.3
0	-1.49E-08	-1.09E-08	-0.36549017	120.834694	8.35
0	-3.35E-08	-4.19E-09	-0.35949343	121.78918	8.4
0	-2.98E-08	-6.29E-09	-0.3538565	122.73815	8.45
0	-2.61E-08	-4.37E-09	-0.34811968	123.68168	8.5
0	-2.42E-08	-3.38E-09	-0.3427369	124.619865	8.55
0	-7.45E-09	-3.55E-09	-0.33735725	125.55271	8.6
0	-3.73E-08	-4.66E-09	-0.33208716	126.48035	8.65
0	-2.61E-08	-4.07E-09	-0.32683557	127.40276	8.7
0	-7.45E-09	-5.24E-09	-0.32190114	128.32005	8.75
0	-2.42E-08	-3.61E-09	-0.31686217	129.23222	8.8
0	-3.73E-08	-5.88E-09	-0.3121314	130.1394	8.85
0	-3.73E-08	-4.07E-09	-0.307299	131.04153	8.9
0	-7.45E-09	-7.86E-09	-0.3026616	131.93867	8.95



# STANDARD PROBLEM 3



What have we learned?

- How to use for loops in mumax3 scripts
- How to study phase diagrams
- How to work with unitless parameters

# SKYRMION RACETRACK

Skymion driven by spin transfer torques (STT) in a chiral ferromagnetic strip [1]



System: Co/Pt strip

- Ferromagnetic
- Perpendicular Magnetic Anisotropy (PMA)
- Interfacially-induced Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction (iDMI)
- Uniform spin-polarized current along the length of the strip

 **Input file:** session3\_example2.txt  
**Titan RTX:** 139s

# SKYRMION RACETRACK

```
// Skyrmion racetrack

setgridsize(256,64,1)
setcellsize(1e-9,1e-9,1e-9)
setpbc(4,0,0)

Msat = 580e3
Aex = 15e-12
Dind = 3.0e-3
Ku1 = 0.8e6
AnisU = vector(0,0,1)
alpha = 0.1

m = neelskyrmion(-1, 1).transl(-40e-9,0,0)
minimize()

Pol = 0.4
xi = 0.2
j = vector(-1e12,0,0) // A/m2

autosave(m,4e-10)
tableAutosave(1e-11)
tableAdd(ext_bubblepos)

run(10e-9)
```

## Setting the mesh

```
setgridsize(256,64,1)
setcellsize(1e-9,1e-9,1e-9)
setpbc(4,0,0)
```

### Note on the cell size:

In chiral ferromagnets, the magnetization might vary on a much smaller length scale than the exchange length!

When choosing the cell size make sure that maxAngle is small enough during the simulation (let's say <0.35rad)

In this example `print(maxAngle)` returns 0.26rad → cell size OK

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## The material parameters<sup>[1]</sup>

```
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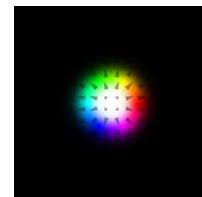
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```

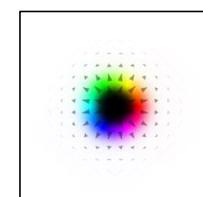
The initial state:

```
m = neelskyrmion(-1, 1).transl(-40e-9,0,0)
minimize()
```

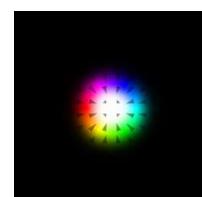
Neelskyrmion(1,1)



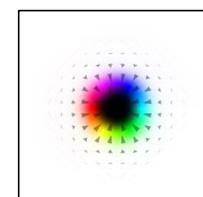
Neelskyrmion(1,-1)



Neelskyrmion(-1,1)



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Applying a spin polarized current:

```
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xi = 0.2
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```

# SKYRMION RACETRACK

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```

Output scheduling:

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tableAdd(ext_bubblepos)
```

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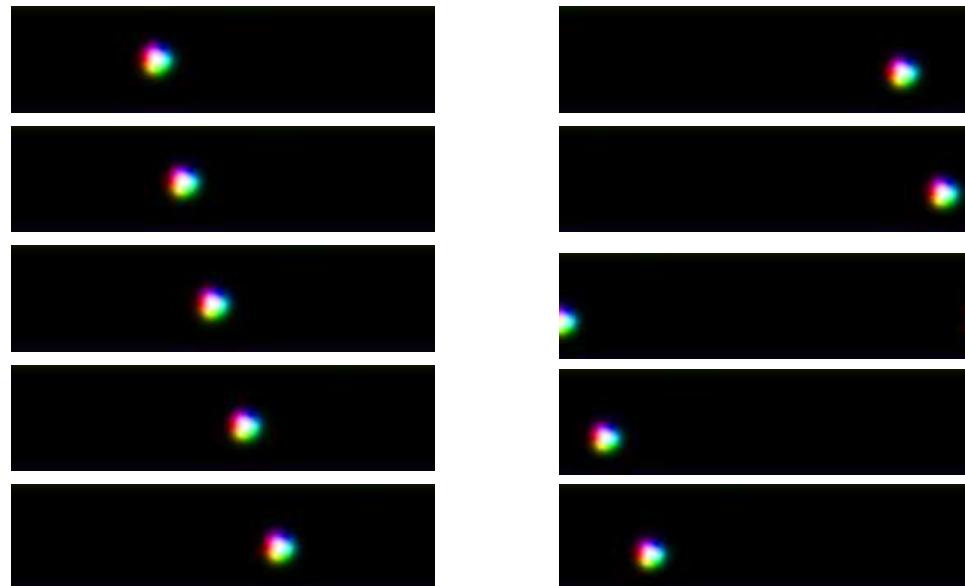
run(10e-9)
```

Solving the LLG equation

**Run(10e-9)**

# SKYRMION RACETRACK

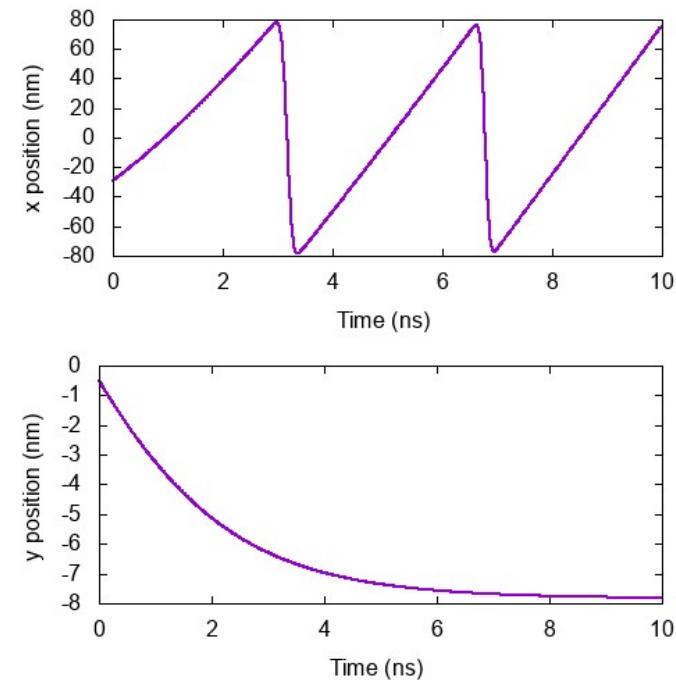
```
mumax3-convert -png skyrmionracetrack.out/* .ovf
```



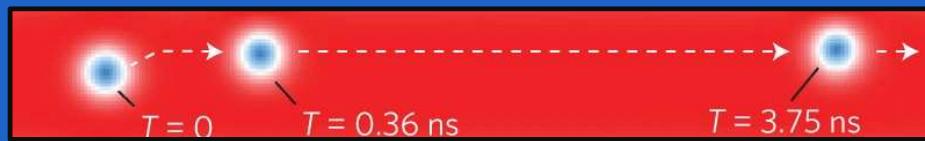
# SKYRMION RACETRACK

table.txt

#	t (s)	mx ()	my ()	mz ()	ext_bubbleposx (m)	ext_bubbleposy (m)	ext_bubbleposz (m)
	0	1.46E-11	1.86E-09	-0.96588	-2.90E-08	-4.99E-10	0
	1.00E-11	-0.00011191	-2.78E-05	-0.96588	-2.88E-08	-5.31E-10	0
	2.00E-11	-1.95E-05	5.34E-06	-0.96587	-2.85E-08	-5.61E-10	0
	3.00E-11	-9.36E-05	-1.93E-05	-0.96587	-2.82E-08	-5.93E-10	0
	4.00E-11	-3.82E-05	-7.81E-06	-0.96587	-2.79E-08	-6.25E-10	0
	5.00E-11	-7.69E-05	-1.55E-05	-0.96587	-2.76E-08	-6.56E-10	0
	6.00E-11	-4.99E-05	-1.33E-05	-0.96587	-2.74E-08	-6.88E-10	0
	7.00E-11	-6.81E-05	-1.61E-05	-0.96588	-2.71E-08	-7.19E-10	0
	8.00E-11	-5.55E-05	-1.68E-05	-0.96588	-2.68E-08	-7.50E-10	0
	9.00E-11	-6.35E-05	-1.79E-05	-0.96588	-2.65E-08	-7.82E-10	0
	1.00E-10	-5.81E-05	-1.91E-05	-0.96588	-2.62E-08	-8.13E-10	0
	1.10E-10	-6.13E-05	-2.03E-05	-0.96588	-2.60E-08	-8.44E-10	0
	1.20E-10	-5.89E-05	-2.13E-05	-0.96588	-2.57E-08	-8.74E-10	0
	1.30E-10	-6.03E-05	-2.26E-05	-0.96588	-2.54E-08	-9.05E-10	0
	1.40E-10	-5.90E-05	-2.36E-05	-0.96589	-2.51E-08	-9.36E-10	0
	1.50E-10	-5.96E-05	-2.49E-05	-0.96589	-2.48E-08	-9.67E-10	0
	1.60E-10	-5.89E-05	-2.59E-05	-0.96589	-2.45E-08	-9.97E-10	0
	1.70E-10	-5.91E-05	-2.71E-05	-0.96589	-2.42E-08	-1.03E-09	0
	1.80E-10	-5.87E-05	-2.82E-05	-0.96589	-2.39E-08	-1.06E-09	0
	1.90E-10	-5.87E-05	-2.94E-05	-0.9659	-2.37E-08	-1.09E-09	0
	2.00E-10	-5.84E-05	-3.05E-05	-0.9659	-2.34E-08	-1.12E-09	0



# SKYRMION RACETRACK



What have we learned?

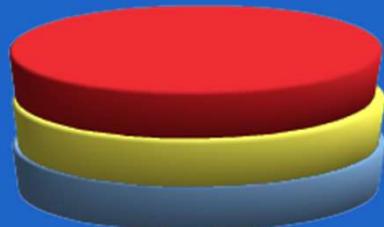
- How to simulate spin transfer torques (Zhang-Li model)
- How to simulate chiral ferromagnets (iDMI)

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# SŁONCZEWSKI SPIN TRANSFER TORQUE

Fixed layer  
Spacer layer  
Free layer



**Input file:** session3\_example3.txt  
 *Titan RTX:* 7 s

## System

ellipse-shaped spin-torque MRAM stack

## Task

Switching the MRAM bit using a spin polarized current

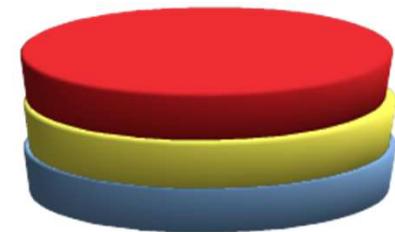
# SLONCZEWSKI STT

```
// geometry  
sizeX := 160e-9  
sizeY := 80e-9  
sizeZ := 5e-9  
  
Nx := 64  
Ny := 32  
Nz := 1  
  
setgridsize(Nx, Ny, Nz)  
setcellsize(sizeX/Nx, sizeY/Ny, sizeZ/Nz)  
setGeom(ellipse(sizeX, sizeY))
```

```
// set up free layer  
Msat = 800e3  
Aex = 13e-12  
alpha = 0.01  
m = uniform(1, 0, 0)
```

Ellipse-shaped spin-torque MRAM stack consisting of a fixed layer, spacer and free layer.  
Only the free layer magnetization is explicitly modeled, so we use a 2D grid.

Fixed layer  
Spacer layer  
Free layer



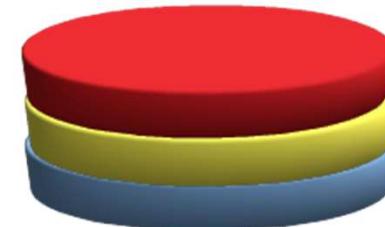
# SŁONCZEWSKI STT

```
// set up fixed and spacer layer parameters
lambda      = 1
Pol          = 0.5669
epsilonprime = 0

angle := 20 * pi/180
px := cos(angle)
py := sin(angle)
fixedlayer = vector(-px, -py, 0)

// send current
Jtot := 0.008           // total current in A
area := sizeX*sizeY*pi/4
jc   := Jtot / area     // current density in A/m2
J = vector(0, 0, jc)
```

Fixed layer  
Spacer layer  
Free layer



## SŁONCZEWSKI STT

Slonczewski spin-transfer torque

$$\tau = \beta \frac{\epsilon - \alpha e'}{1 + \alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m}_P \times \mathbf{m}) - \beta \frac{\epsilon' - \alpha e}{1 + \alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{m}_P$$

with

$$\beta = \frac{j_z \hbar}{M_s e d}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{P \Lambda^2}{(\Lambda^2 + 1) + (\Lambda^2 - 1)(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{m}_P)}$$

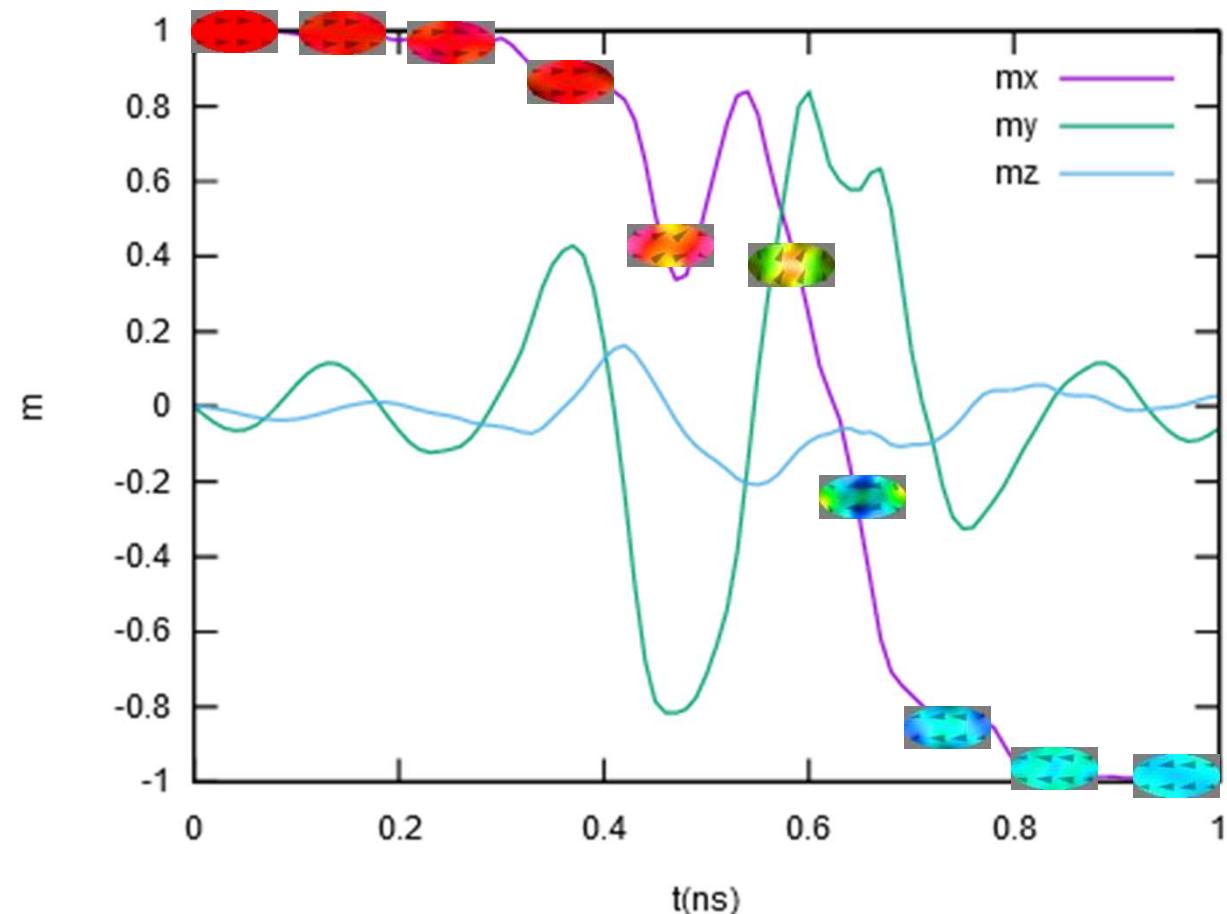


J is the current density, along the z-axis in this case.

Regional Material Parameters	
Pol	Electrical current polarization
Lambda	Slonczewski $\Lambda$ parameter
EpsilonPrime	Slonczewski secondary STT term $\epsilon'$
alpha	Damping parameter
Msat	Saturation magnetization (A/m)
FreeLayerThickness	Slonczewski free layer thickness (if set to zero (default), then the thickness will be deduced from the mesh size) (m)
Excitation	
J	Electrical current density (A/m <sup>2</sup> )
FixedLayer	Slonczewski fixed layer polarization
Output Quantities	
STTorque	Spin-transfer torque/ $\gamma_0$ (T)
Other functionalities	
DisableSlonczewskiTorque	Disables Slonczewski torque (default=false)
FixedLayerPosition	Position of the fixed layer: FIXEDLAYER_TOP, FIXEDLAYER_BOTTOM (default=FIXEDLAYER_TOP)

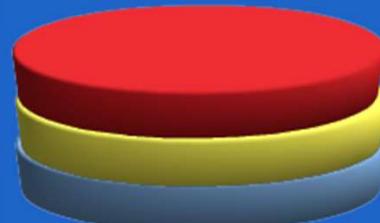
# SLONCZEWSKI STT

```
// schedule output & run
autosave(m, 100e-12)
autosnapshot(m, 100e-12)
tableautosave(10e-12)
run(1e-9)
```



# SŁONCZEWSKI SPIN TRANSFER TORQUE

Fixed layer  
Spacer layer  
Free layer



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- How to use Skonczewski spin transfer torques
- Mumax3 only explicitly models the free layer

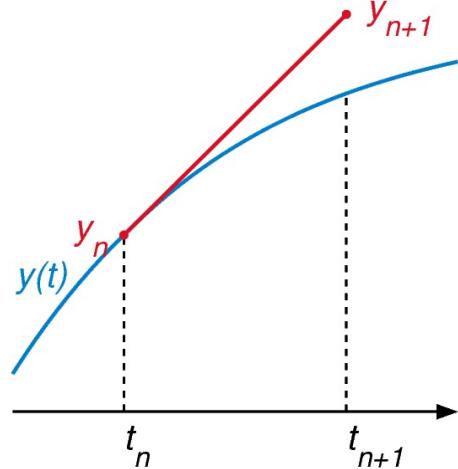
# INTERMEZZO



# UNDER THE HOOD: SOLVERS

# HOW DOES A SOLVER WORK?

Simple example: Euler method



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

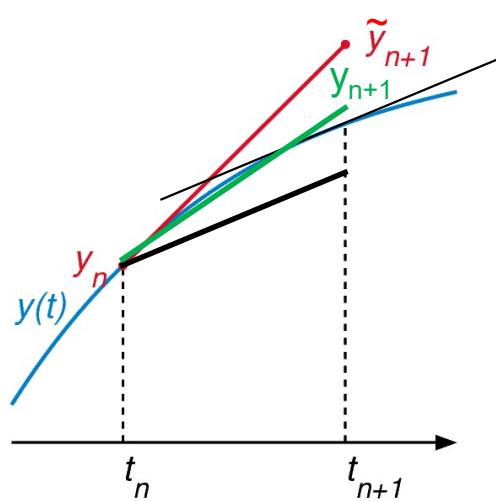
LLG equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{m}} = -\frac{\gamma}{1 + \alpha^2} [\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{eff} + \alpha \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{eff})]$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$$

# HOW DOES A SOLVER WORK?

Second example: Heun method



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} \left( f(t, y_n) + f(t + h, \tilde{y}_{n+1}) \right)$$

# RUNGE-KUTTA METHODS

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i,$$

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n),$$

$$k_2 = f(t_n + c_2 h, y_n + h(a_{21} k_1)),$$

$$k_3 = f(t_n + c_3 h, y_n + h(a_{31} k_1 + a_{32} k_2)),$$

⋮

$$k_s = f(t_n + c_s h, y_n + h(a_{s1} k_1 + a_{s2} k_2 + \cdots + a_{s,s-1} k_{s-1})).$$

0					
$c_2$	$a_{21}$				
$c_3$	$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$			
$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$		
$c_s$	$a_{s1}$	$a_{s2}$	$\cdots$	$a_{s,s-1}$	
	$b_1$	$b_2$	$\cdots$	$b_{s-1}$	$b_s$

# NOTATION: BUTCHER TABLEAU

Euler method

First order convergence

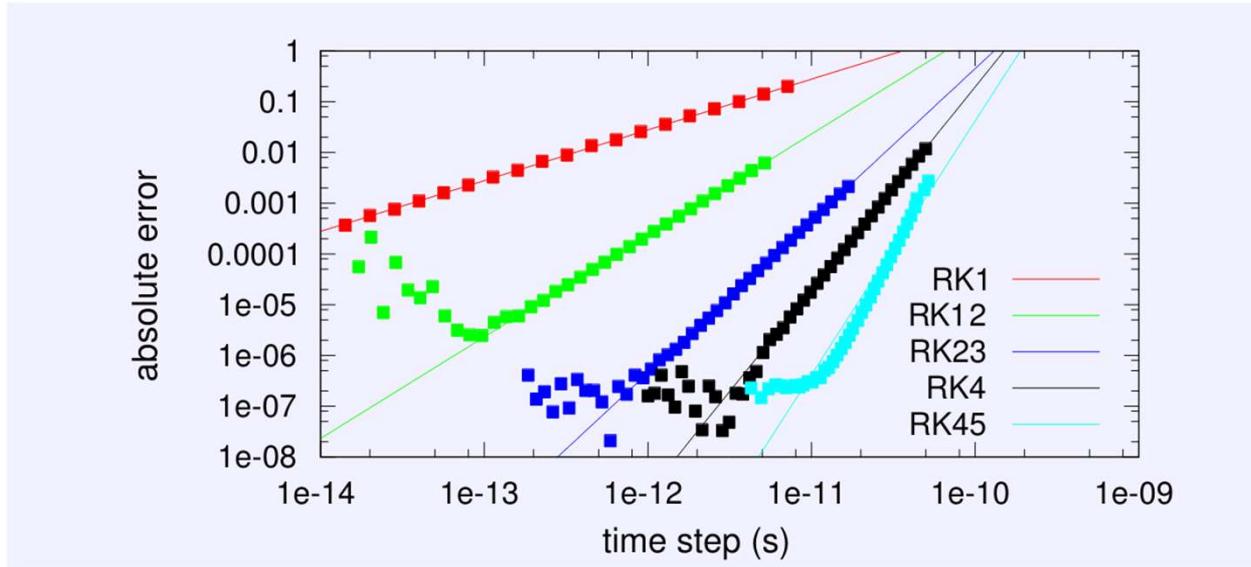
0	$y_n$
1	$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$

Heun method

Second order convergence

0	$y_n$
1	$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} \left( f(t, y_n) + f(t + h, \tilde{y}_{n+1}) \right)$

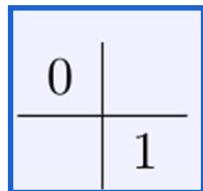
# ERROR CONVERGENCE



# ADAPTIVE TIME STEPPING

Euler method

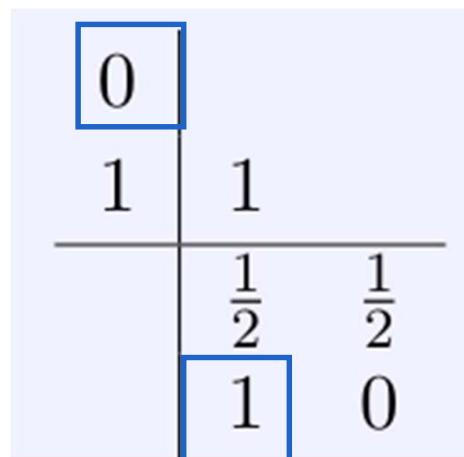
First order convergence



$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$$

Heun method

Second order convergence



$y_n$

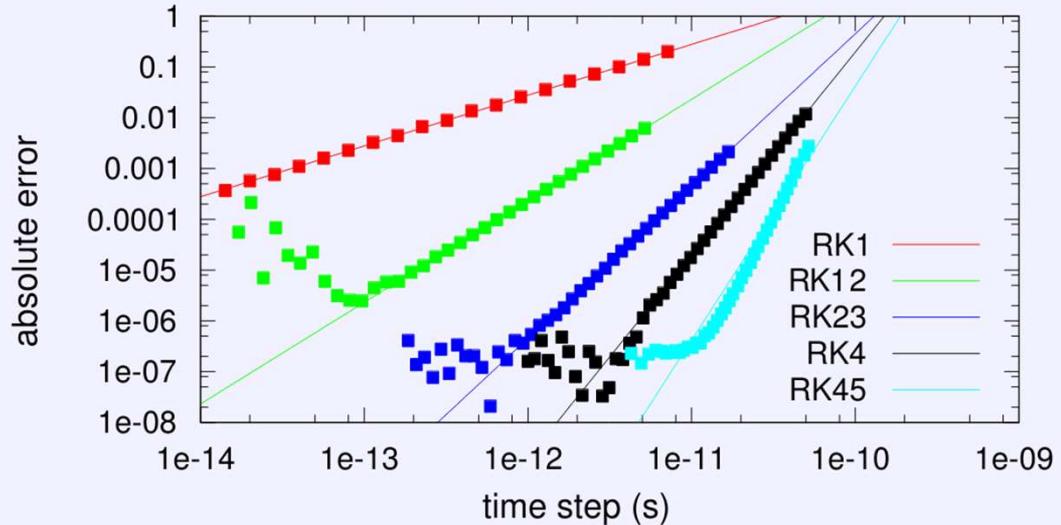
$$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} \left( f(t, y_n) + f(t + h, \tilde{y}_{n+1}) \right)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t, y_n)$$

Difference between both solutions is measure for the error!

# PERFORMANCE



solver	Euler	Heun	RK3	RK4	Dormand- Prince	Fehl- berg56	Fehl- berg67
#evaluations step	1	2	3	4	6	8	13

# IMPORTANT MUMAX SOLVERS

## Bogacki-Shampine solver

```
Setsolver(3)
//used during relax()
//Third order convergence with
//embedded second order method
```

First-same-as-last (FSAL)	
0	
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{3}{4}$	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
1	$\frac{2}{9}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{4}{9}$
	$\frac{2}{9}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{4}{9}$ 0
	$\frac{7}{24}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}$

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	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	0
	$\frac{7}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

First-same-as-last (FSAL)

## Dormand-Prince solver

```
Setsolver(5)
//default for dynamics
//Fifth order convergence with
//embedded fourth order method
```

0								
$\frac{1}{5}$		$\frac{1}{5}$						
$\frac{3}{10}$		$\frac{3}{40}$		$\frac{9}{40}$				
$\frac{4}{5}$		$\frac{44}{45}$		$-\frac{56}{15}$		$\frac{32}{9}$		
$\frac{8}{9}$	$\frac{19372}{6561}$		$-\frac{25360}{2187}$	$\frac{64448}{6561}$		$-\frac{212}{729}$		
$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{9017}{3168}$		$-\frac{355}{33}$	$\frac{46732}{5247}$		$\frac{49}{176}$		$-\frac{5103}{18656}$
1	$\frac{35}{384}$		0	$\frac{500}{1113}$		$\frac{125}{192}$		$-\frac{2187}{6784}$
	$\frac{35}{384}$		0	$\frac{500}{1113}$		$\frac{125}{192}$		$-\frac{2187}{6784}$
	$\frac{5179}{57600}$		0	$\frac{7571}{16695}$		$\frac{393}{640}$		$-\frac{9209}{339200}$
								$\frac{187}{2100}$
								$\frac{1}{40}$

solver	Euler	Heun	RK3	RK4	Dormand- Prince	Fehl- berg56	Fehl- berg67
#evaluations step	1	2	3 =4-1	4	6 =7-1	8	13

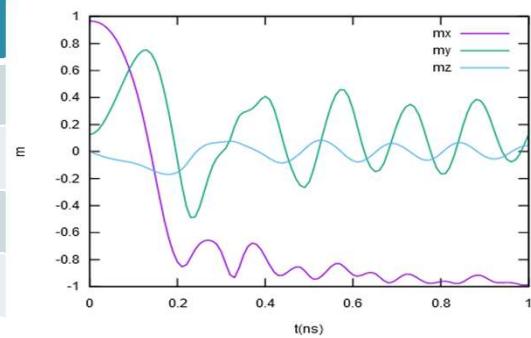
# WHICH ONE IS BEST?

```
//Standard problem 4 with tiny cellsize
SetGridsize(512, 128, 1)
SetCellsize(500e-9/512, 125e-9/128, 3e-9)
Msat = 800e3
Aex = 13e-12
alpha = 0.02

m = uniform(1, .1, 0)
relax()

B_ext = vector(-24.6E-3, 4.3E-3, 0)
run(1e-9)
```

solver	#steps	Time (s)
2	120740	83.4
<b>3</b>	<b>62148</b>	<b>39.27</b>
5	59912	69.61
6	54123	78.17



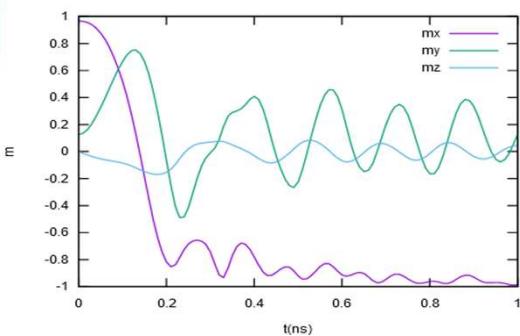
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IT DEPENDS,  
BUT THE DEFAULTS ARE GOOD

```
SetGridsize(512, 128, 1)
SetCellsize(500e-9/512, 125e-9/128, 3e-9)
Msat = 800e3
Aex = 13e-12
alpha = 0.02

m = randommag()

B_ext = vector(-24.6E-3, 4.3E-3, 0)
run(2e-10)
```

solver	#steps	Time (s)
2	460177	451
3	26573	42.26
<b>5</b>	<b>7785</b>	<b>24.58</b>
6	7004	32



# UNDER THE HOOD: SOLVERS



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- Basics of Runge-Kutta methods
- How does adaptive time stepping work
- Default mumax3 solvers offer good performance

# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL

## System

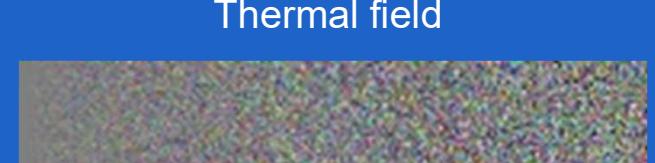
Transverse domain wall in permalloy nanostrip

## Task

Calculate the motion of the domain wall driven by a thermal gradient over the nanostrip

***Input file: session3\_example4.txt***

 *Titan RTX: 28 min*



# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL

```
SetMesh(256, 16, 1, 5e-09, 5e-09, 20e-09, 0, 0, 0)
Msat = 800e3
Aex = 1e-11
alpha = 0.1
```

```
SetGridsize(256, 16, 1)
SetCellsize(5e-9, 5e-9, 20e-9)
SetPBC(0,0,0)
```

```
//define regions
for i :=1;i<198;i++{
    defregion(i,xrange(-640e-9+(i+1)*6.4e-9,-640e-9+(i+2)*6.4e-9))
}
```

regions

```
//define thermal gradient and set thermal seed
for i :=1;i<200;i++{
    temp.setregion(i,200+i)
}
Thermseed(12345)
```

temperature

0K | 200K

----->

400K | 0K

## Slide 46

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**JM1**      [@Jonathan Leliaert] eerste keer dat setmesh expliciet gebruikt wordt in de workshop. Dus je zal tijdens het presenteren hier wel een woordje uitleg bij moeten geven

Jeroen Mulkers, 9/6/2020

**JL1**      doe ik

Jonathan Leliaert, 9/6/2020

# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL

```
SetMesh(256, 16, 1, 5e-09, 5.e-09, 20e-09, 0, 0, 0)
Msat = 800e3
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alpha = 0.1
```

```
//define regions
for i :=1;i<198;i++{
    defregion(i,xrange(-640e-9+(i+1)*6.4e-9,-640e-9+(i+2)*6.4e-9))
}
```

regions

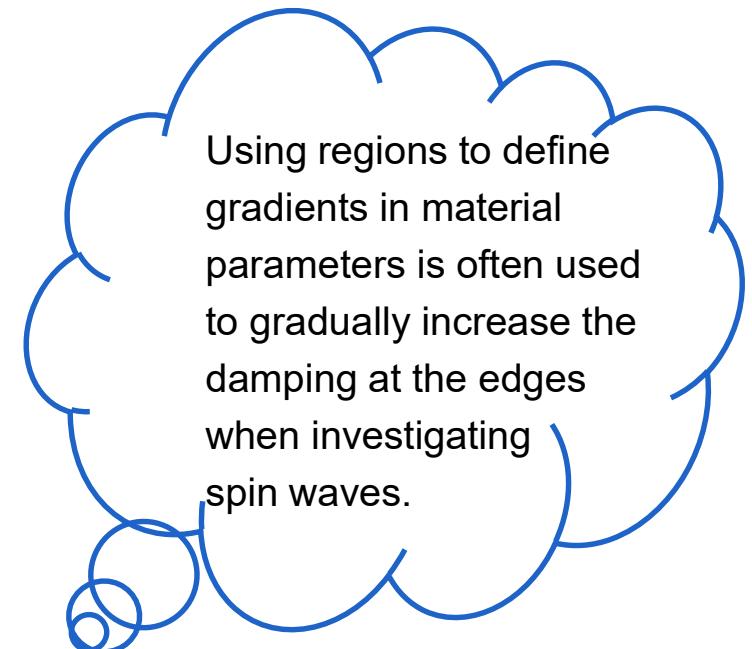
```
//define thermal gradient and set thermal seed
for i :=1;i<200;i++{
    temp.setregion(i,200+i)
}
Thermseed(12345)
```

temperature

0K | 200K

----->

400K | 0K



# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL

```
m=twodomain(1,0,0, 0,1,0, -1,0,0)  
relax()
```

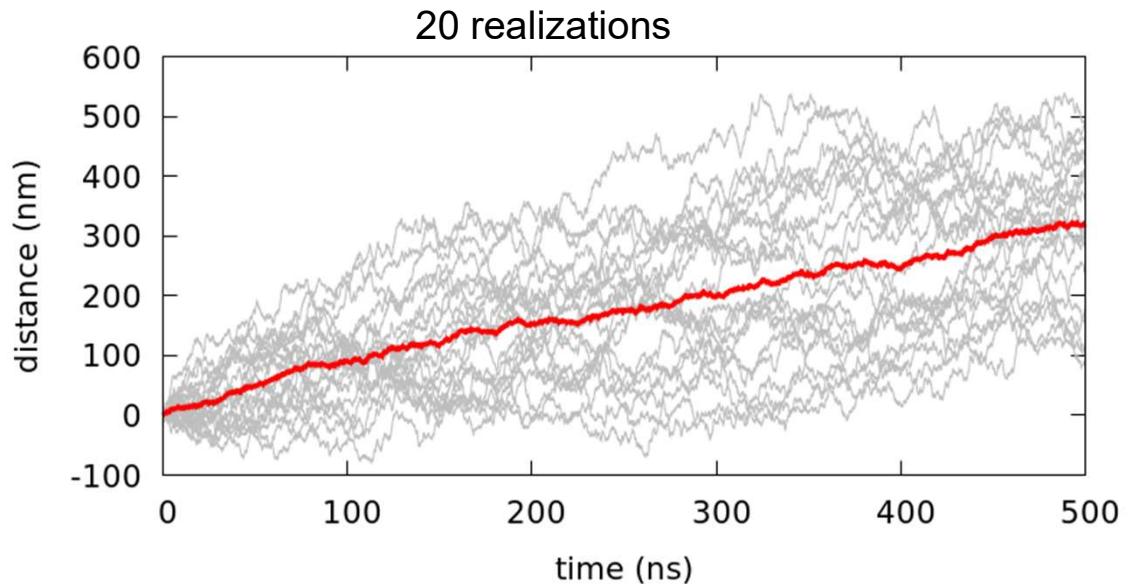


```
//remove edge charges  
BoundaryRegion := 0  
MagLeft      := 1  
MagRight     := -1  
ext_rmSurfaceCharge(BoundaryRegion, MagLeft, MagRight)  
relax()
```



# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL

```
//schedule output  
tableadd(ext_dwxpos)  
tableautosave(1e-10)  
  
//set solver with adaptive timestepping  
setsolver(5)  
fixdt=0  
  
run(5e-7)
```



[Adaptively time stepping the stochastic Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation at nonzero temperature:  
Implementation and validation in MuMax<sup>3</sup>](#)

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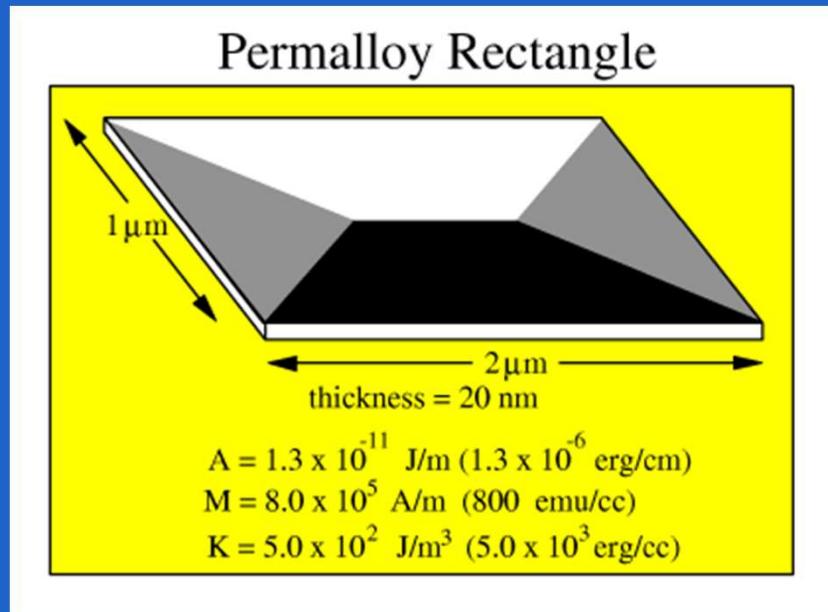
# THERMAL GRADIENT DRIVEN DOMAIN WALL



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- SetMesh(...) command
- How to construct gradients in parameters
- How to remove edge charges
- Adaptive time stepping at nonzero temperature

# HYSERESIS: STANDARD PROBLEM 1



*Input file: Session3\_example5a.txt*

⌚ *Titan RTX: 46 min*

## System

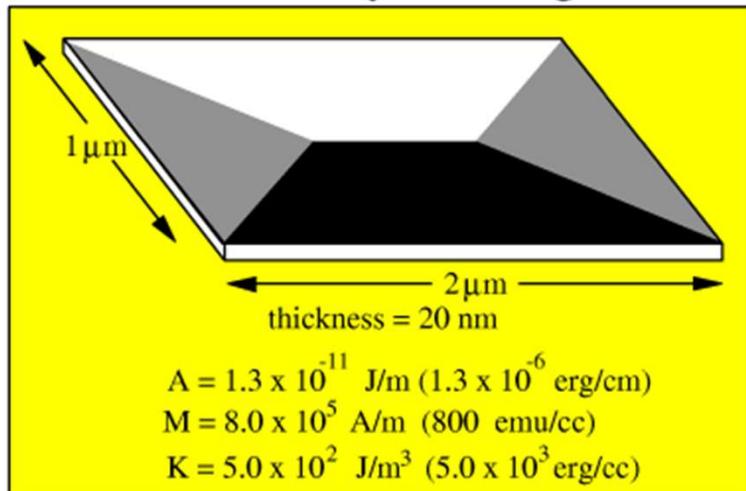
Permalloy rectangle

## Task

Calculate the hysteresis loop for an external field parallel to the long axis.

# HYSTERESIS:STANDARD PROBLEM 1

Permalloy Rectangle

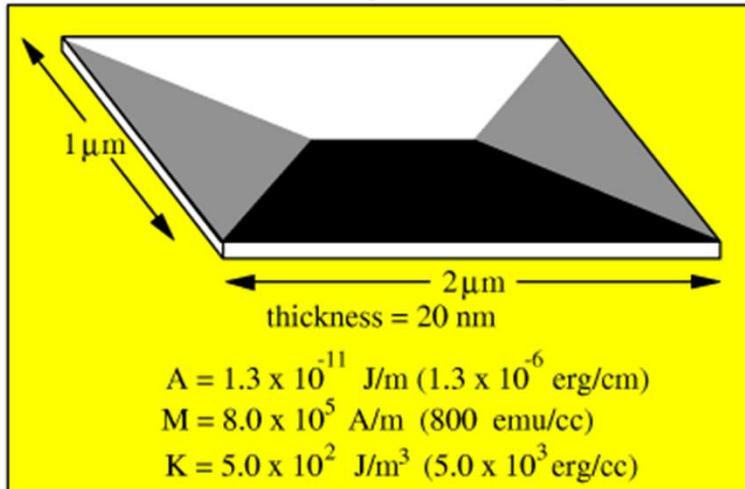


```
SetGridsize(192,384, 1)
SetCellsize(1000e-9/192,2000e-9/384, 20e-9)
```

```
Msat  = 800e3
Aex   = 13e-12
alpha = 0.02
Ku1=5e2
anisu=vector(0,1,0)
m=uniform(-0.1,-1,0)
```

# HYSTERESIS:STANDARD PROBLEM 1

Permalloy Rectangle



## Task

Calculate the hysteresis loop for an external field parallel to the long axis.

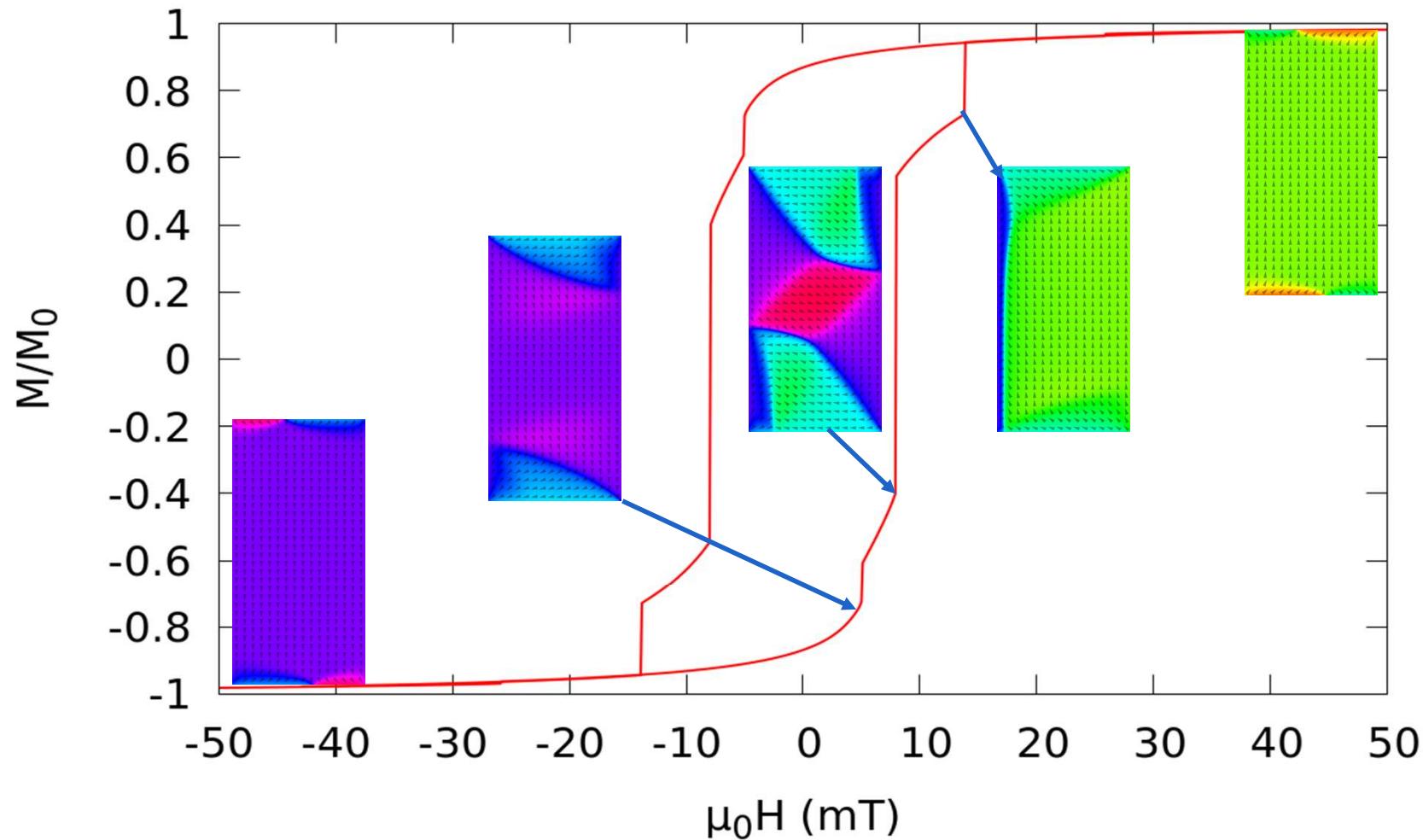
```
angle := pi/180 //1 degree
B_ext = vector( -0.05*sin(angle) , -0.05*cos(angle) , 0)
tableadd(B_ext)
relax()
```

```
B_min := -0.05
B_max := 0.05
B_step := 0.0005
```

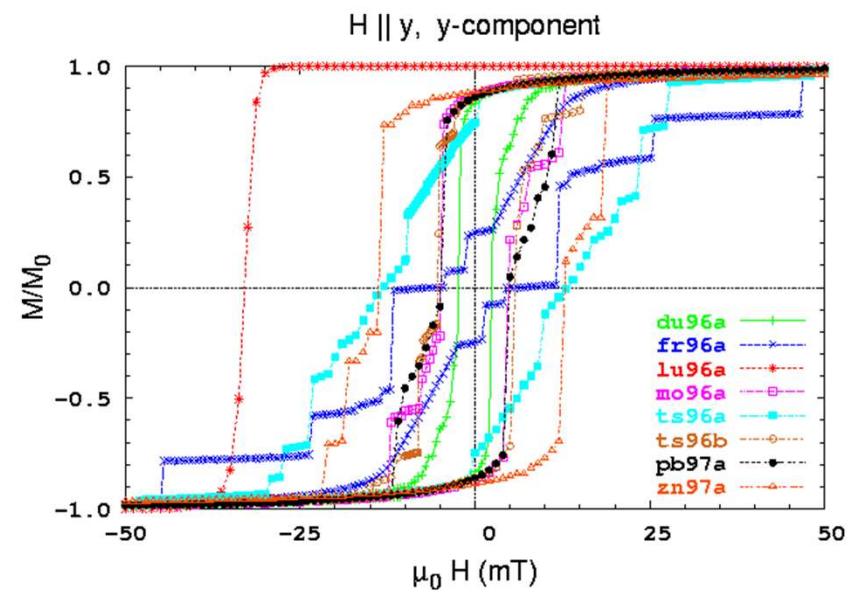
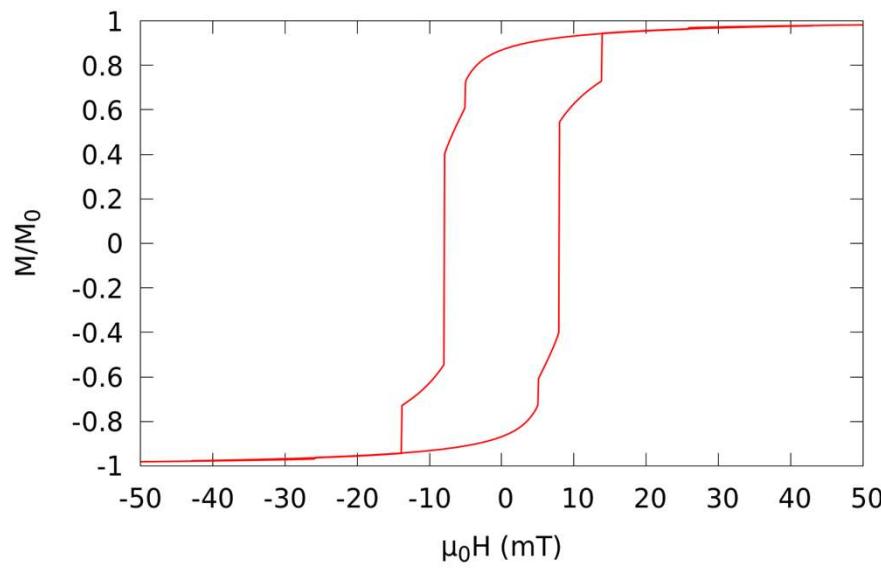
```
//ramp the field up
for B:=B_min;B<=B_max;B+=B_step{
    B_ext = vector(B*sin(angle),B*cos(angle), 0)
    minimize()
    tablesave()
    snapshot(m)
}
```

```
//ramp the field down
for B:=B_max;B>=B_min;B-=B_step{
    B_ext = vector( B*sin(angle),B*cos(angle), 0)
    minimize()
    tablesave()
    snapshot(m)
}
```

# HYSTeresis: STANDARD PROBLEM 1

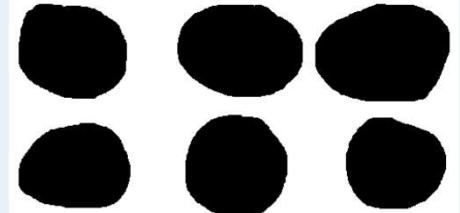


# HYSTERESIS: STANDARD PROBLEM 1

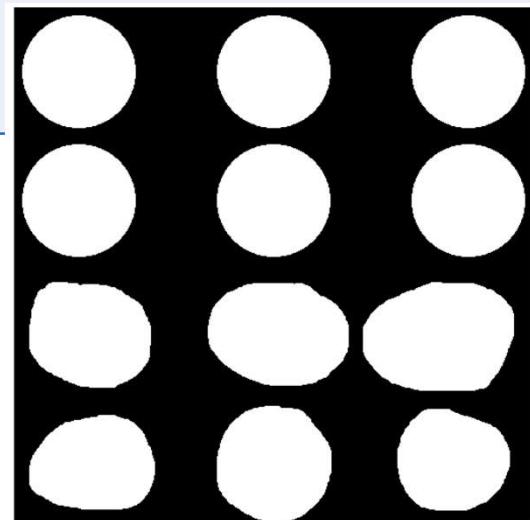


# HYSTERESIS: COMPLEX GEOMETRY

```
//square thin-film mesh with 1600 nm side length  
SetMesh(512, 512, 1, 3.125e-09, 3.125e-09, 20e-09, 0, 0, 0)  
  
//permalloy like material parameters  
Msat = 800e3  
Aex = 1e-11  
alpha = 0.01  
  
//add drawing of real sample  
real:= imageShape("drawing.png").scale(1, 0.5, 1.).transl(0, -400e-9, 0)  
  
//define 6 perfect circles  
perfect := circle(350e-9).repeat(600e-9, 400e-9, 0).transl(0, 200e-9, 0).intersect(yrange(0, inf))  
  
//set the geometry  
setgeom(perfect.add(real))
```



drawing.png



geometry

***Input file: session3\_example5b.txt***

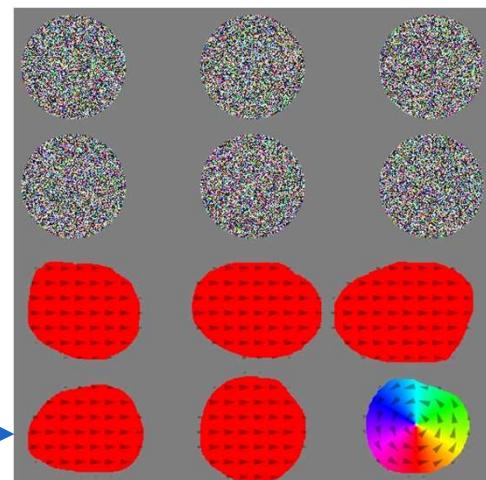
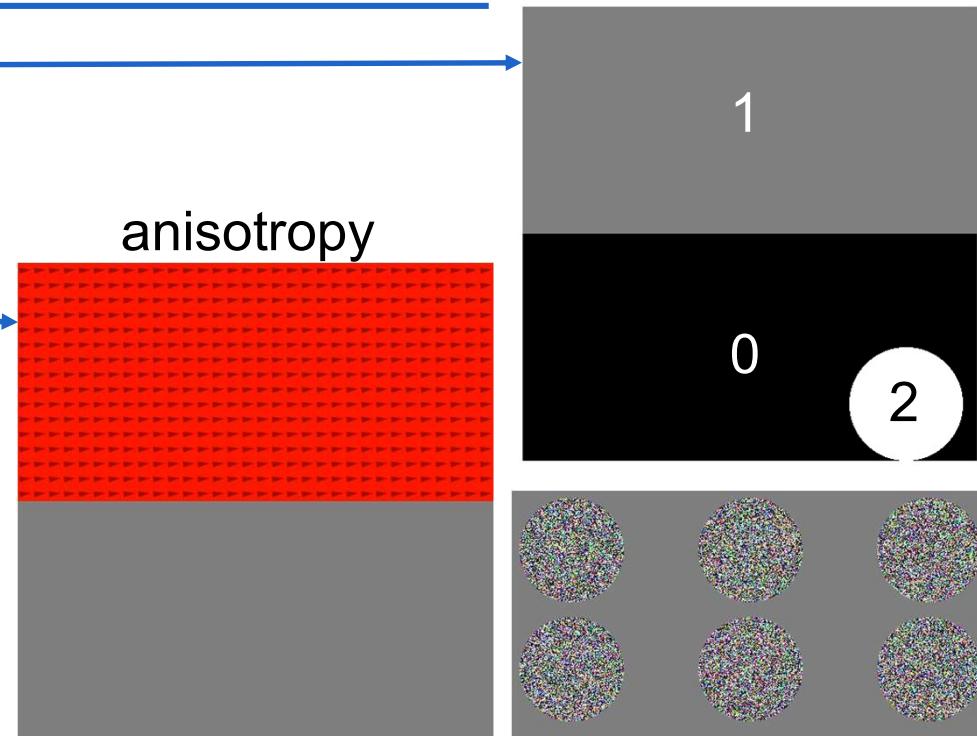
 *Titan RTX: 23 min*

# HYSTERESIS: COMPLEX GEOMETRY

```
//define 2 regions, default region =0  
defregion(1, yrange(0,inf))  
defregion(2, circle(400e-9).transl(550e-9, -600e-9, 0))  
  
//set material parameters in regions  
Ku1.setregion(1,2e4)  
anisu.setregion(1,vector(1,0.1,0))  
  
Aex.setregion(2,2e-11)  
msat.setregion(2,400e3)  
  
//set initial magnetization in regions or shapes  
//default = randommag  
m.setinshape(real, uniform(1, 0, 0))  
m.setregion(2, vortex(1, 1).transl(550e-9, -600e-9, 0))
```

anisotropy

regions

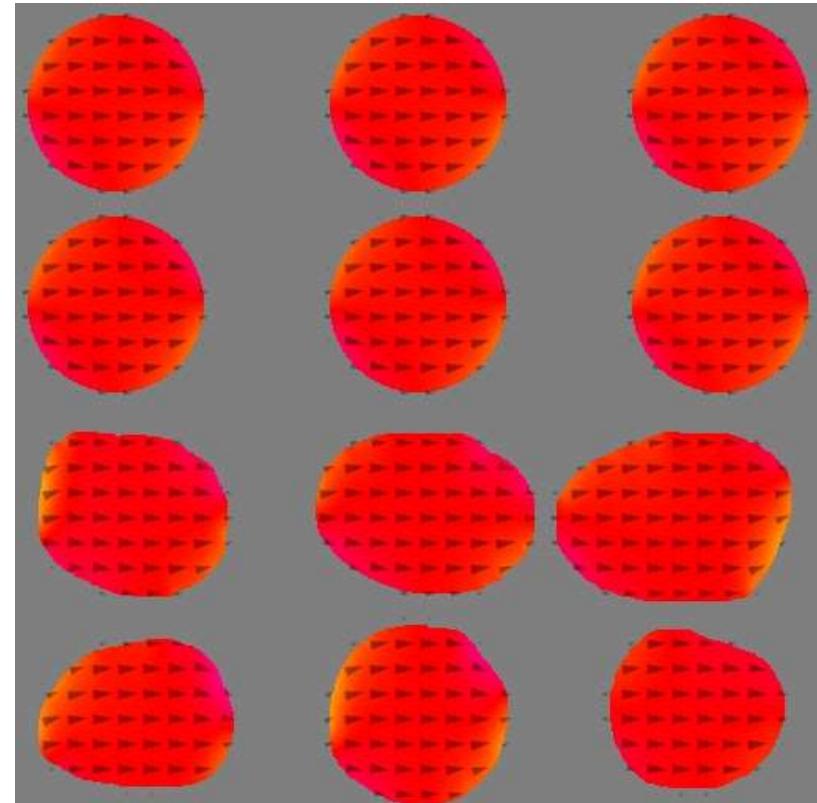


magnetization<sup>57</sup>

# HYSTERESIS: COMPLEX GEOMETRY

```
//relax the magnetization in saturated state  
B_ext=vector(0.1,0,0)  
tableadd(B_ext)  
relax()
```

```
H_min := -0.1  
H_max := 0.1  
H_step := 0.002  
  
//ramp the field down  
for H:=H_max;H>=H_min;H-=H_step{  
    B_ext=vector(H,0,0)  
    minimize()  
    tablesave()  
    snapshot(m)  
}  
  
//ramp the field up again  
for H:=H_min;H<=H_max;H+=H_step{  
    B_ext=vector(H,0,0)  
    minimize()  
    tablesave()  
    snapshot(m)  
}
```

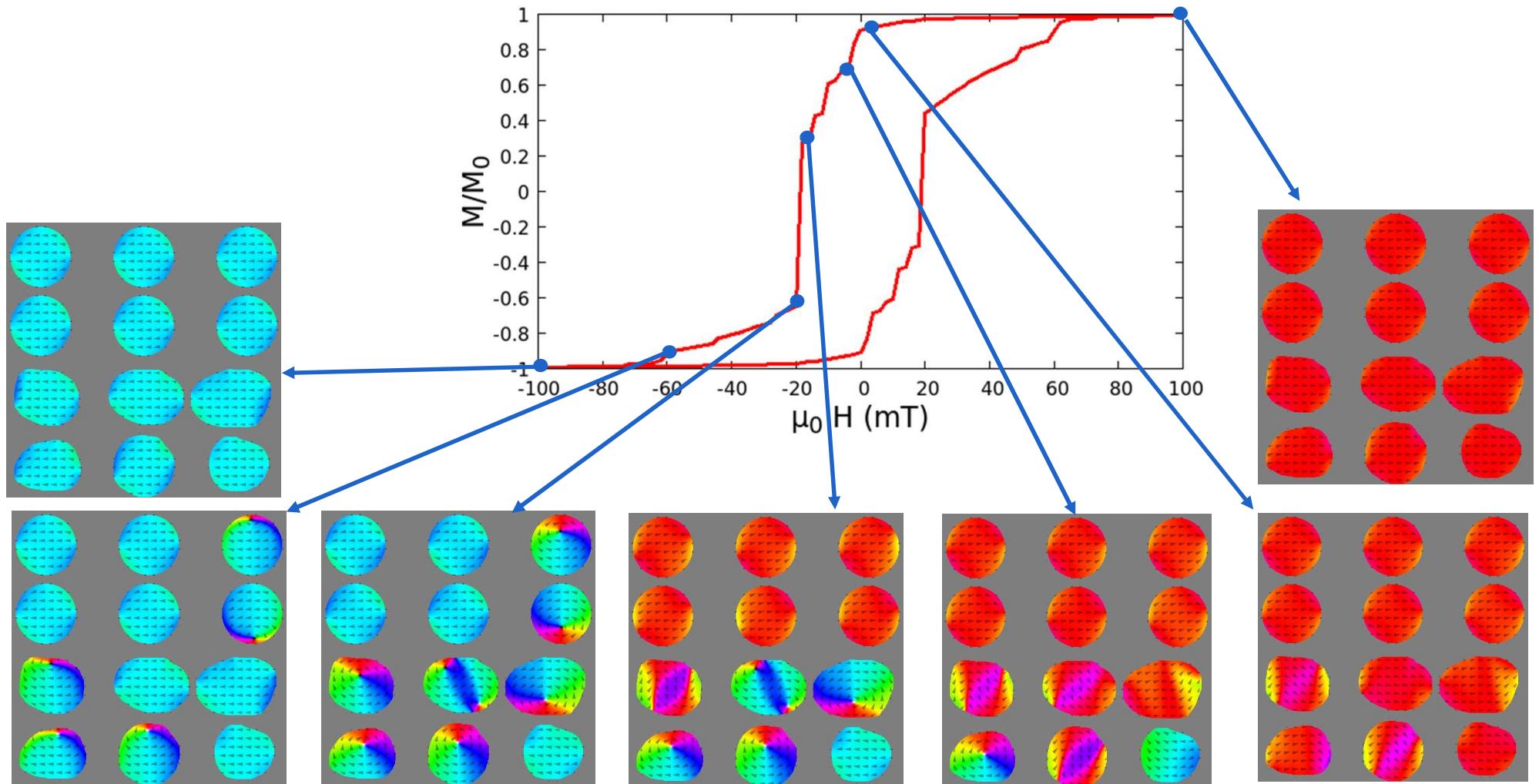


# HYSTERESIS: COMPLEX GEOMETRY

```
//relax the magnetization in saturated state  
B_ext=vector(0.1,0,0)  
tableadd(B_ext)  
relax()
```

```
//set up the hysteresis loop parameters  
B_min := -0.1  
B_max := 0.1  
B_step := 0.002  
  
//ramp the field down  
for B:=B_max;B>=B_min;B-=B_step{  
    B_ext=vector(B,0,0)  
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}
```

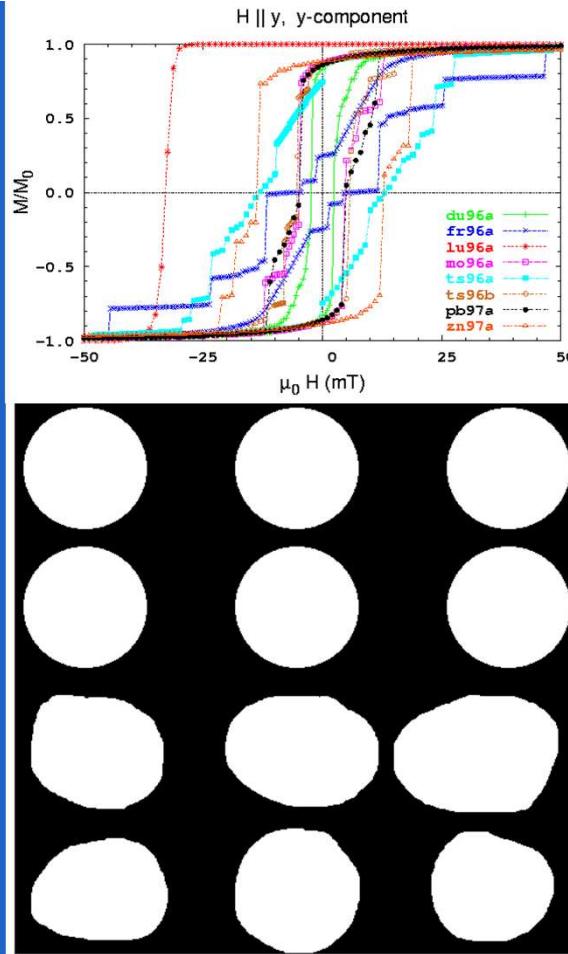
# HYSTERESIS: COMPLEX GEOMETRY



# HYSTERESIS EXAMPLES

## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- Be careful when simulating hysteresis loops
- Difference between `relax()` and `minimize()`
- How to construct complex geometries
  - `imageShape("drawing.png")`
  - Predefined shapes and methods (`add`, `transl`,...)
- How to set regionwise material parameters
- How to initialize the magnetization
  - `m.setinshape(...)`
  - `m.setregion(...)`

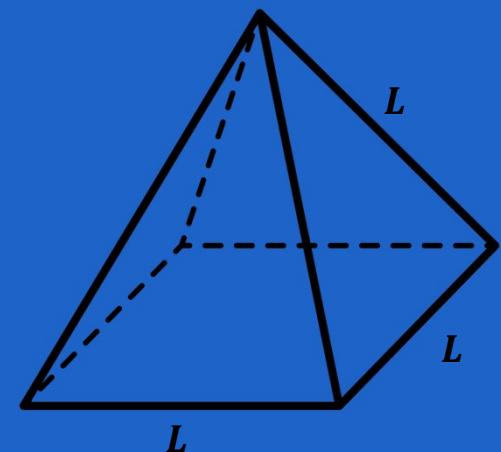


# HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 1

Consider a ferromagnetic equilateral square pyramid with the following material parameters

- Exchange stiffness  $A = 13 \text{ pJ/m}$
- Saturation magnetization  $M_{sat} = 800 \text{ kA/m}$

Find the magnetic ground state of this structure for different side lengths  $L$  ranging from 50 nm to 100 nm.



*Hint: this exercise is very similar to standard problem 3*

# HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 2

**Goal:** use a local voltage controlled magnetic anisotropy (VCMA) to create a skyrmion gate on a skyrmion racetrack [1]

Use the input script of the skyrmion racetrack as a starting point

Add a region in the center in which the uniaxial anisotropy is increased by 5% (i.e. the VCMA)



What is the maximal current density for which the region with the VCMA acts as a skyrmion gate?

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More benchmarks remain welcome!