Effects of curvature in low dimensional ferromagnetic nanosystems

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Can a curvature really affect the magnetic system?

Typical interactions in the system

$$\sum_{\mathcal{S}} E = L \int_{\mathcal{S}} \left[A \sum_{i=x,y,z} (\nabla m_i)^2 + K(\boldsymbol{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{n})^2 \right] d\mathcal{S} - \frac{M_S}{2} \int_{V} (\boldsymbol{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_d) dV$$

Is the game worth candles?

Expecting magnitude of the curvature effects $\sim \ell/\mathcal{R} \sim 10^{-3}$

 $\ell = \sqrt{rac{A}{|K|}} \lesssim 10\,\mathrm{nm}$ (characteristic length in magnetic system)

 $\mathcal{R} \gtrsim 10^3 \,\mathrm{nm}$ (curvature radius)

Possible directions in the curvilinear magnetism



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Topologically induced patterns

Equilibrium magnetization states of films with strong anisotropy $|K| \gg A/\Re^2$ are determined by the geometry

- Easy surface anisotropy (K>0) ר Easy normal anisotropy (K<0)



Vortices on a sphere are induced due to the Hairy ball theorem

Domain wall is induced due to the Möbius topology R = 100 nm, w = 60 nm; $A = 1.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J/m},$ $M_{s} = 8.6 \times 10^{5} \text{ A/m},$ $K = -5x10^5 J/m^3$ N.V FEM micromagnetic simulations h=15 nm h=25 nm

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Chirality symmetry breaking



In planar films the chirality *does not figure* in effects.

In curvilinear films chirality *does affect* the magnetization behavior.

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Chirality symmetry breaking in moving vortex DW **H**_{ext} Permalloy, R=60 nm, h=10 nm [Appl. Phys. Lett., **H**_{ext} m_{7} **100**, 252401, (2012)] R. Hertel group 1000 3 DW velocity [m/s] [Appl. Phys. Lett., 800 **100**, 072407, DW displ. [µm] 2 (2012)] 600 P. Landeros 400 group 8 mT 200 mT 0 2 3 2 6 t [ns] H [mT]

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Chirality symmetry breaking in vortex polarity switching



Nonlocal effects

Being of small amplitude some effects can be spatially nonlocal.



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Frenet–Serret basis



$$\boldsymbol{e}_t = \boldsymbol{\gamma}'(s)$$

$$e_n = oldsymbol{\gamma}''(s) / |oldsymbol{\gamma}''(s)|$$

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Frenet–Serret basis

$$\boldsymbol{r}(s,\rho,\chi) = \boldsymbol{\gamma}(s) + \rho \cos \chi \boldsymbol{e}_n(s) + \rho \sin \chi \boldsymbol{e}_b(s)$$



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basis
 $oldsymbol{e}_b = oldsymbol{e}_t imes oldsymbol{e}_n$

 $\hat{m{x}}_i \in \{\hat{m{x}}_1, \hat{m{x}}_2, \hat{m{x}}_3\} = \{\hat{m{x}}, \hat{m{y}}, \hat{m{z}}\}$

$$oldsymbol{e}_lpha\in\{oldsymbol{e}_1,oldsymbol{e}_2,oldsymbol{e}_3\}=\{oldsymbol{e}_t,oldsymbol{e}_n,oldsymbol{e}_b\}$$

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 κ - curvature

- torsion τ

$$\boldsymbol{e}_{lpha}' = F_{lphaeta}\boldsymbol{e}_{eta}, \qquad ||F_{lphaeta}|| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Exchange energy of a curvilinear wire



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General solution for a strong easy-tangential anisotropy

Angular
parameterization
$$|\mathbf{m}| = 1 \quad \mathbf{m} = \sin\theta\cos\phi e_{t} + \sin\theta\sin\phi e_{n} + \cos\theta e_{b}$$

$$\mathscr{E}_{ox} = [\theta' - \tau\sin\phi]^{2} + [\sin\theta(\phi' + \kappa) - \tau\cos\theta\cos\phi]^{2}$$

$$\mathscr{E} = \ell^{2}\mathscr{E}_{ex} + \lambda\sin^{2}\theta\cos^{2}\phi \quad \underset{anisotropy}{asse} \quad \lambda < 0 \qquad \theta = \pi/2 + \vartheta$$

$$|\vartheta|, |\phi| \ll 1$$

$$\mathscr{E} \approx \mathscr{E}_{ex}^{0} + 2\ell^{2}(\tau\kappa\vartheta - \kappa'\phi) + |\lambda|(\vartheta^{2} + \phi^{2}) + \text{const}$$

$$\mathscr{E}_{ex}^{F} = -(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{m}) \quad \mathbf{F} = 2\ell^{2}(\kappa' e_{2} + \tau\kappa e_{3})$$

$$\mathscr{E}_{ex}^{F} = 0, \quad \tau = 0$$

$$(\text{circle or rectilinear wire)} \quad \mathbf{F}_{ex}^{F} = 0$$

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Domain wall pinning at a local wire bend





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Ground states of a helix with easy tangential anisotropy



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Magnon spectrum on the ground of easy-tangential state



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Static domain wall on an easy-tangential helix



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Domain wall dynamics on an easy-tangential helix



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A couple of new effects



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Traveling wave domain wall motion

Permalloy wire, length $L = 4 \,\mu m$, radius of round cross-section $R = 5 \,nm$, helix radius $\Re = 30 \,nm$, helix pitch $\mathcal{P} = 93 \,nm$.



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Precessoin domain wall motion

Permalloy wire, length $L = 4 \,\mu m$, radius of round cross-section $R = 5 \,nm$, helix radius $\Re = 30 \,nm$, helix pitch $\Re = 93 \,nm$.



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Averaged domain wall velocity via applied current



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Short thesaurus for curvilinear surfaces



$$egin{aligned} m{g}_lpha &\equiv \partial_lpha m{r} \ \partial_lpha &\equiv \partial/\partial \xi_lpha \ lpha, \,eta, \,\gamma = 1,2 \end{aligned}$$

 $g_{lphaeta}=oldsymbol{g}_{lpha}\cdotoldsymbol{g}_{eta}$ metric tensor

(diagonal!)

--- Basis differentiation

Gauß-Codazzi formula

$$\nabla_{\!\alpha} \boldsymbol{e}_{\beta} = h_{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{n} - \Omega_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\beta\gamma} \boldsymbol{e}_{\gamma}$$

 $oldsymbol{e}_lpha=oldsymbol{g}_lpha/|oldsymbol{g}_lpha|$ Orthonormal basis $\boldsymbol{n} = [\boldsymbol{e}_1 imes \boldsymbol{e}_2]$ Gradient on $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \equiv (g_{\alpha\alpha})^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{e}_{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha}$ the surface Weingarten map $h_{lphaeta} = oldsymbol{e}_eta \cdot (oldsymbol{e}_lpha \cdot oldsymbol{
abla})oldsymbol{n}$ Spin connection $\ \ \Omega_{\gamma}=rac{1}{2}\epsilon_{lphaeta}m{e}_{lpha}\cdot
abla_{\gamma}m{e}_{eta}$ Mean curvature $\mathcal{H} = \mathrm{tr} ||h_{\alpha\beta}||$ Gauß curvature $\mathcal{K} = \det ||h_{\alpha\beta}||$

Weingarten formula

$$abla_{lpha} \boldsymbol{n} = -h_{lphaeta} \boldsymbol{e}_{eta}$$

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Energy representation in curvilinear basis

[Yu. Gaididei, V. Kravchuk, D.Sheka, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **112**, 257203 (2014)] [D. Sheka, V. Kravchuk, Yu. Gaididei, *J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.*, **48**, 125202 (2015)]

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Story of the question

Incomplete energy expression

$$\mathscr{E}_{ex} = (\mathbf{\nabla}\varphi - \mathbf{\Omega})^2$$

- [M.J. Bowik, et al., Advances in Physics, 58, 449, (2009)]
- [V. Vitelli, et al., Phys. Rev. E, **74**, 021711, (2006)]
- [V. Vitelli, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 93, 215301, (2004)]

$$\mathscr{E}_{ex} = \Gamma^2 + (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \varphi - \boldsymbol{\Omega})^2$$

Strictly tangential distribution $(\theta=\pi/2)$

- [G. Napoli, et al., Int. J. Non-Linear Mechanics 49, 66, (2013)]
- [G. Napoli, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 207803, (2012)]
- [G. Napoli, et al., Phys. Rev. E. 85, 061701, (2012)]

Certain case of a <u>cylindrical</u> shell [P. Landeros et al., J. Appl. Phys., **108**, 033917 (2010)]

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General case for an arbitrary curvilinear shell [Yu. Gaididei, V. Kravchuk, D.Sheka, Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 257203 (2014)]

General approach for an arbitrary 1D and 2D curvilinear magnets [D. Sheka, V. Kravchuk, Yu. Gaididei, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor., **48**, 125202 (2015)]

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Curvature induced effective fields case of strong easy-surface anisotropy $\lambda \gg \ell/\Re$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + \vartheta, \qquad \vartheta \ll 1$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{ex} \approx \mathcal{E}^{t} + \mathbf{F}^{t}\vartheta + \lambda\vartheta^{2}$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{t} = \ell^{2} \left[\mathbf{\Gamma}^{2} + (\nabla\varphi - \mathbf{\Omega})^{2} \right]$$
Energy of the strictly tangential distribution $E^{t} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathcal{E}^{t} d\mathcal{S}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{Curvature induced effective field}}{\mathbf{F}^{t} = 2n\ell^{2} \left[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Gamma} + (\nabla\varphi - \mathbf{\Omega}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{\Gamma}}{\partial \varphi} \right]}{\delta E^{t} / \delta \varphi = 0}$$

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Torsion \implies Effective DMI \implies Chirality symmetry breaking



$$\begin{aligned} x + iy &= \xi e^{i\mathcal{C}\pi\zeta/\Lambda}, & -\frac{w}{2} \leq \xi \leq \frac{w}{2}, \\ z &= \zeta, & -\infty < \zeta < +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Transversal domain wall

$$\theta^t = 2 \arctan \exp \frac{\zeta}{d^t}, \quad \varphi = \mathfrak{c} \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{E^t}{2Ahw} \approx \frac{1}{d^t} - \frac{\pi^2}{\Lambda} \mathfrak{c} \mathfrak{C} + \frac{d^t}{\ell^2} + \text{const}$$

Longitudinal domain wall

$$\theta^{l} = 2 \arctan \exp \frac{\xi}{d^{l}}, \quad \varphi = \pi \frac{\mathfrak{c} + 1}{2}$$

 $\frac{E^{l}}{2AhL} \approx \frac{1}{d^{l}} + \frac{\pi^{2}}{\Lambda}\mathfrak{cC} + \frac{d^{l}}{\ell^{2}} + \text{const}$

 $\boldsymbol{m} = \sin\theta\cos\phi\boldsymbol{e}_{\zeta} + \sin\theta\sin\phi\boldsymbol{e}_{\xi} + \cos\theta\boldsymbol{n}$

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Transverse domain wall on a Möbius strip



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Longitudinal domain wall on a Möbius strip



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Skyrmion solution on a planar film

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Skyrmion solution on a spherical shell

Plane:
$$\theta_{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\theta_{\rho} - \sin\theta\cos\theta \left[\frac{1}{\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\ell^2}\right] + \frac{2}{\rho}\frac{D}{A}\sin^2\theta = 0$$
 $\cos\theta = \boldsymbol{m}\cdot\boldsymbol{n}$
Sphere: $\theta_{\vartheta\vartheta} + \cot\vartheta\theta_{\vartheta} - \sin\theta\cos\theta \left[\frac{\cos 2\vartheta}{\sin^2\vartheta} + \frac{R^2}{\ell^2} - \frac{4D}{D_c}\right] + 2\cot\vartheta\sin^2\theta \left(1 + \frac{D}{D_c}\right) = 0$



[V.P. Kravchuk et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 144402 (2016)]

Diagram of ground states



[V.P. Kravchuk et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 144402 (2016)]

Each state is doubly degenerate with respect to the transformation m
ightarrow -m

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Conclusions
1. Domain wall is pinned at the local wire bend.
2. Torsion results in a shift of nonaidabatic spin torque parameter. This can lead to negative domain wall mobility.
3. Skyrmion can be stabilized by curvature effects only, without intrinsic DMI.
4. Curvature defect in form of surface of rotation can creates pinning as well as
repulsing potential for the skyrmion.
5. Skyrmion on a curvilinear defect can be a ground state ?!

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Thank you for your attention!



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