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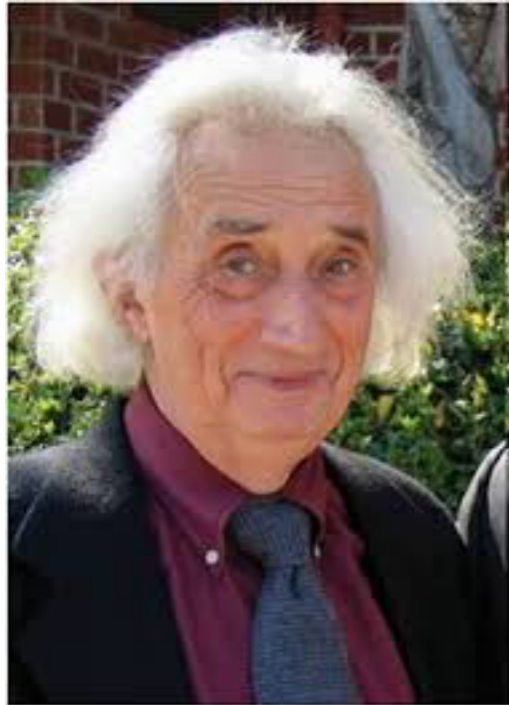
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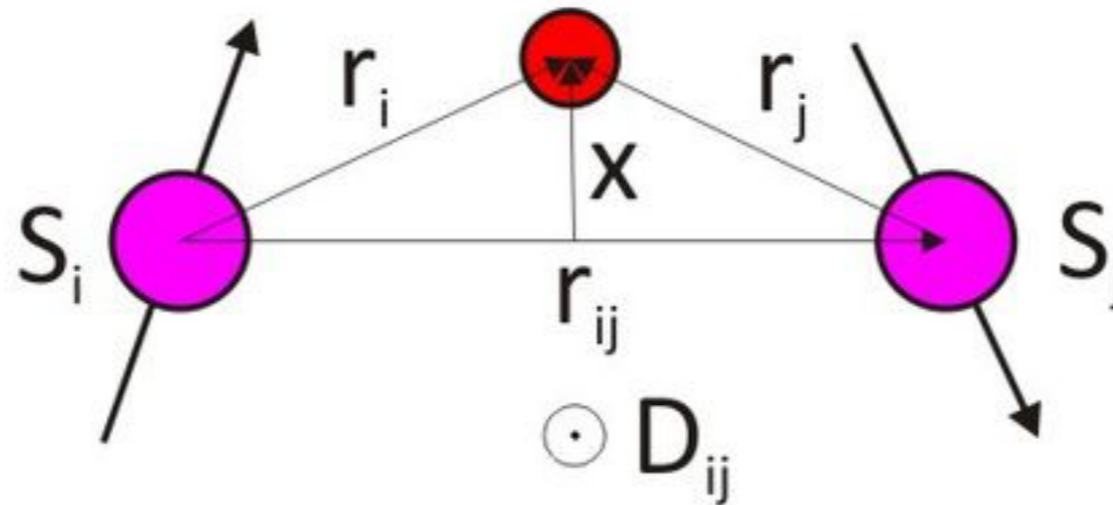
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Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction



Igor Dzyaloshinskii (1958) and Tôru Moriya (1960)



lack of inversion symmetry

$$H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j$$

symmetric exchange
asymmetric exchange

A THERMODYNAMIC THEORY OF "WEAK" FERROMAGNETISM OF ANTIFERROMAGNETICS

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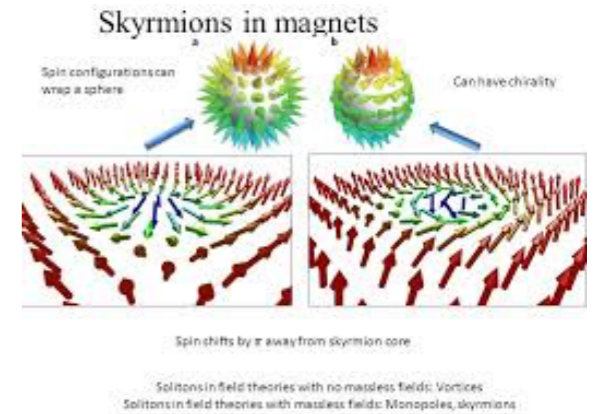
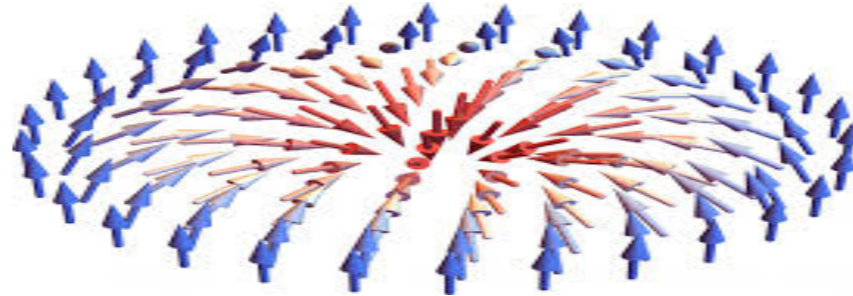
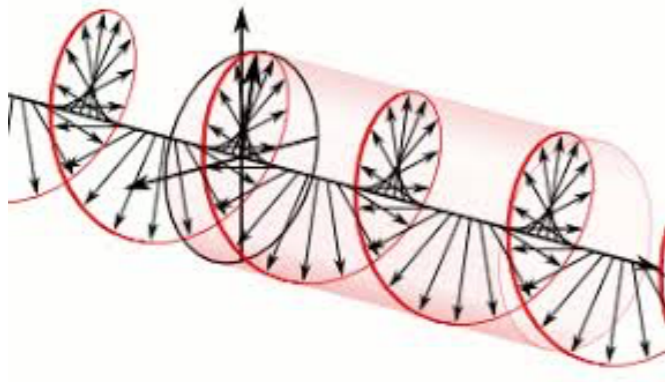
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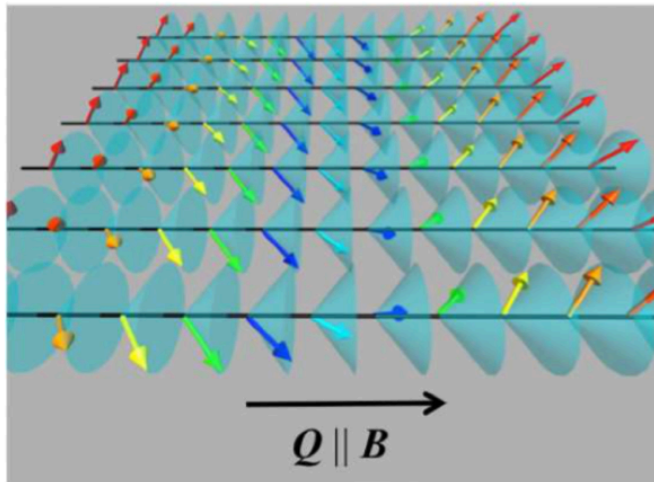
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Chiral magnetism



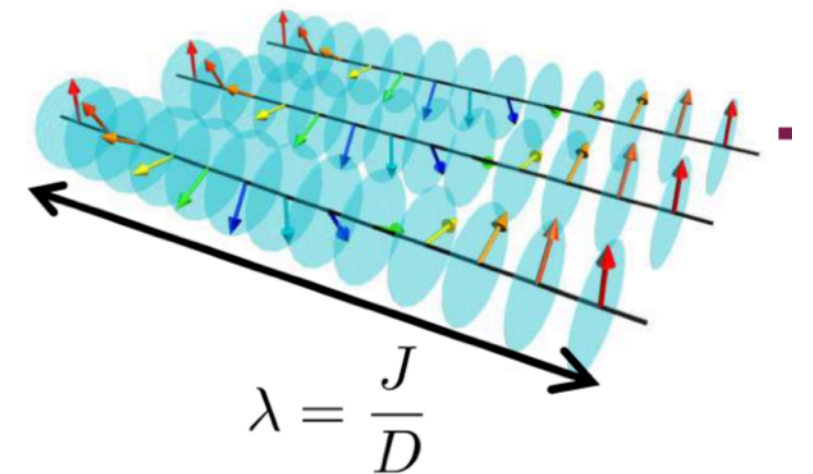
Micromagnetic energy (in a 2D magnet)

$$E = \int d^2\mathbf{r} \left[J (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{S})^2 + D \mathbf{S} \cdot [(\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \nabla) \times \mathbf{S}] - K S_z^2 \right]$$



$$\mathbf{D}_{ij} = D (\mathbf{d}_{ij} \times \mathbf{z})$$

\mathbf{d}_{ij} - lattice vectors



$$\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot [\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j] \propto \int d^2\mathbf{r} D \mathbf{S} \cdot [(\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \nabla) \times \mathbf{S}]$$

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Thermodynamically stable “vortices” in magnetically ordered crystals. The mixed state of magnets

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It is shown that in magnetically ordered crystals belonging to the crystallographic classes C_n , C_{nv} , D_n , D_{2d} , and S_4 ($n = 3, 4, 6$), in a certain range of fields, a thermodynamically stable system of magnetic vortices, analogous to the mixed state of superconductors, can be realized.

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Boundary terms

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New Boundary-Driven Twist States in Systems with Broken Spatial Inversion Symmetry

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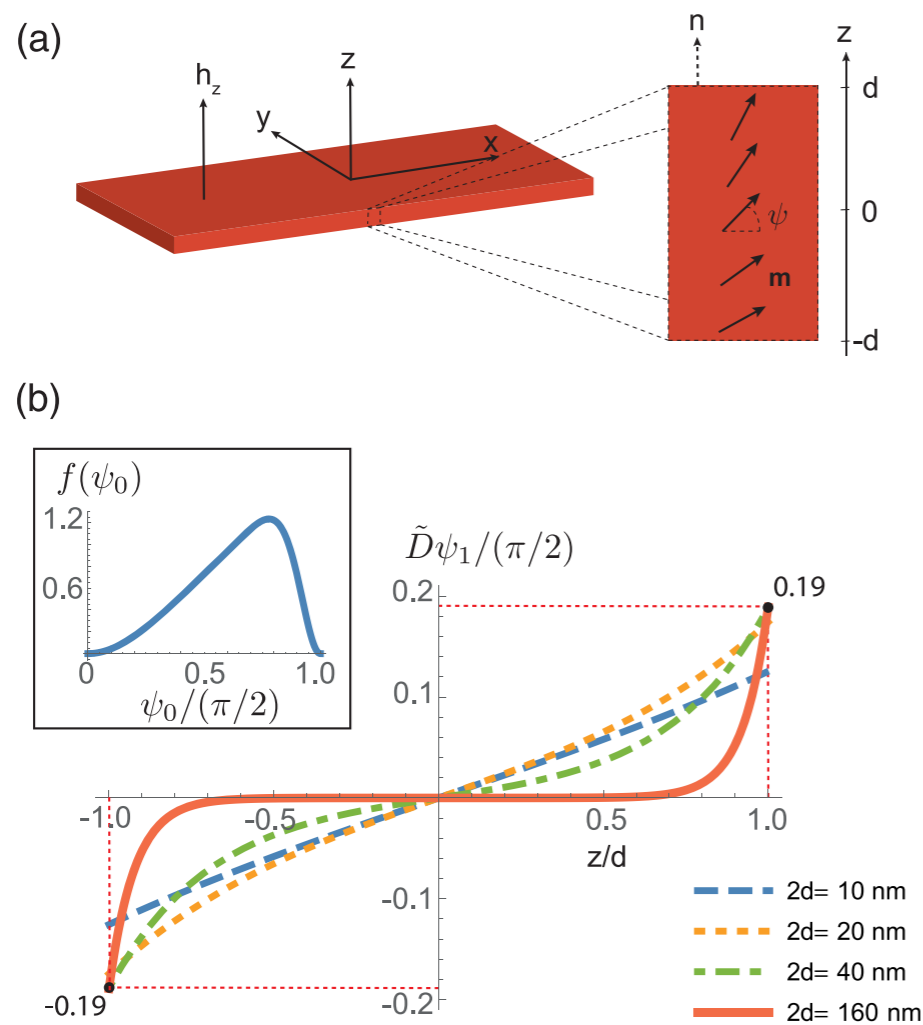


FIG. 1. (a) Illustration of the boundary-driven twist state. The black arrows in the close-up view of the sample indicate the canting of the magnetization across the ferromagnetic thin film.

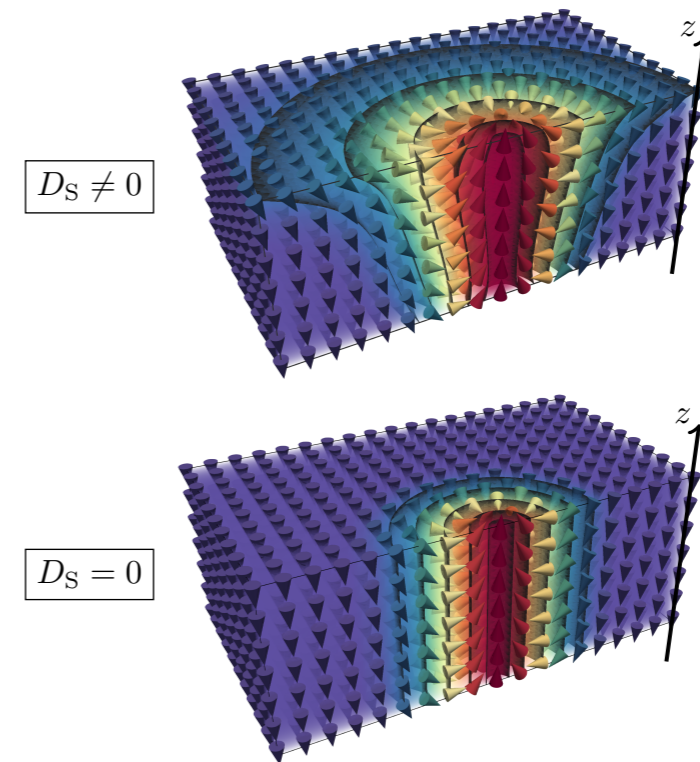


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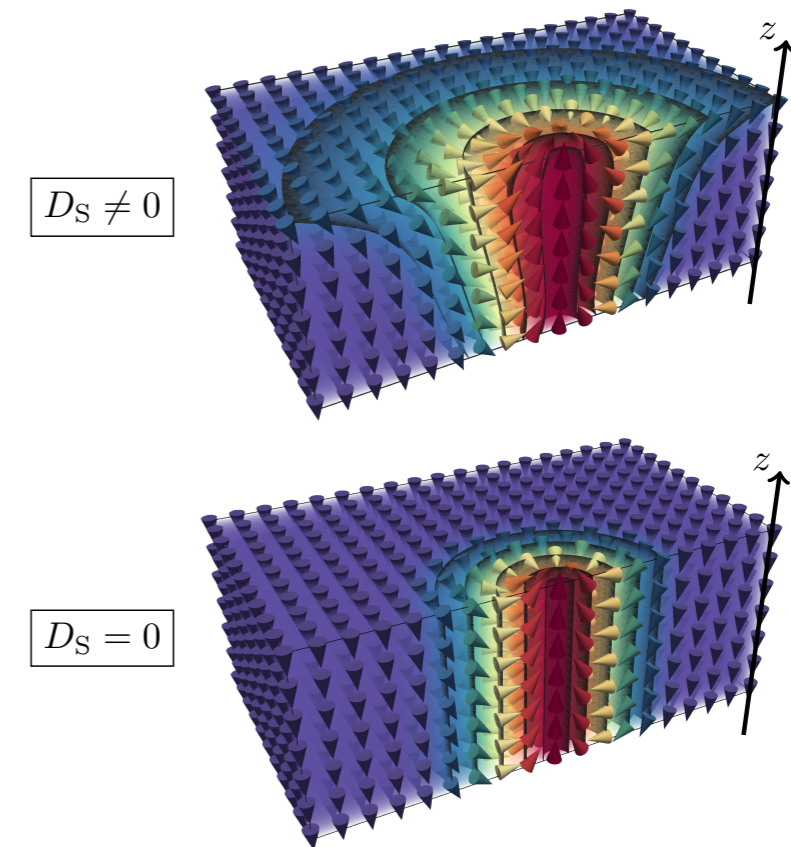


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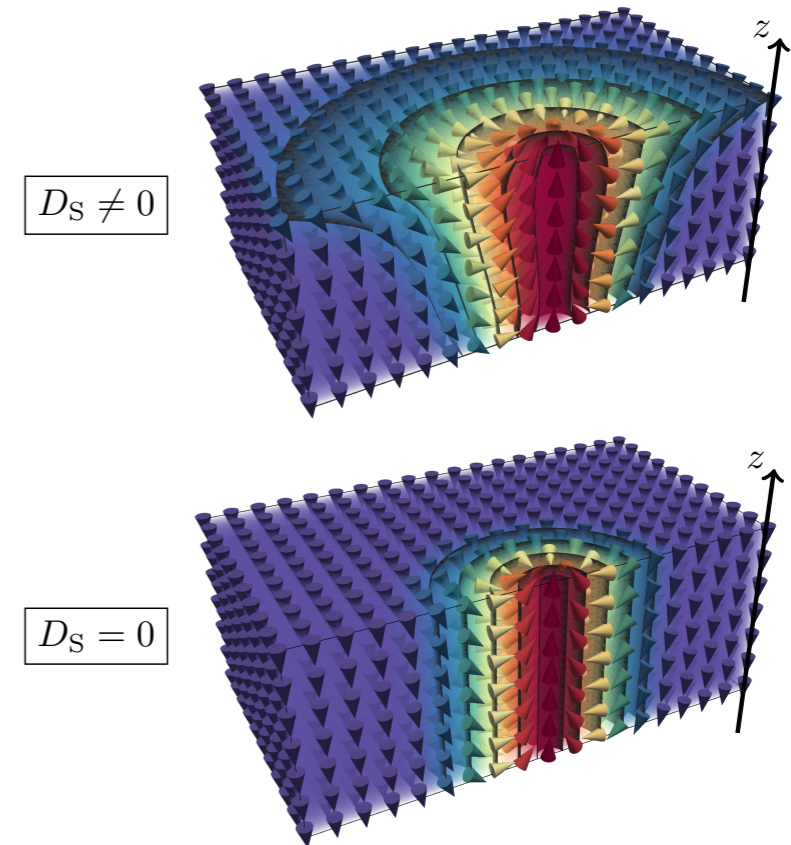


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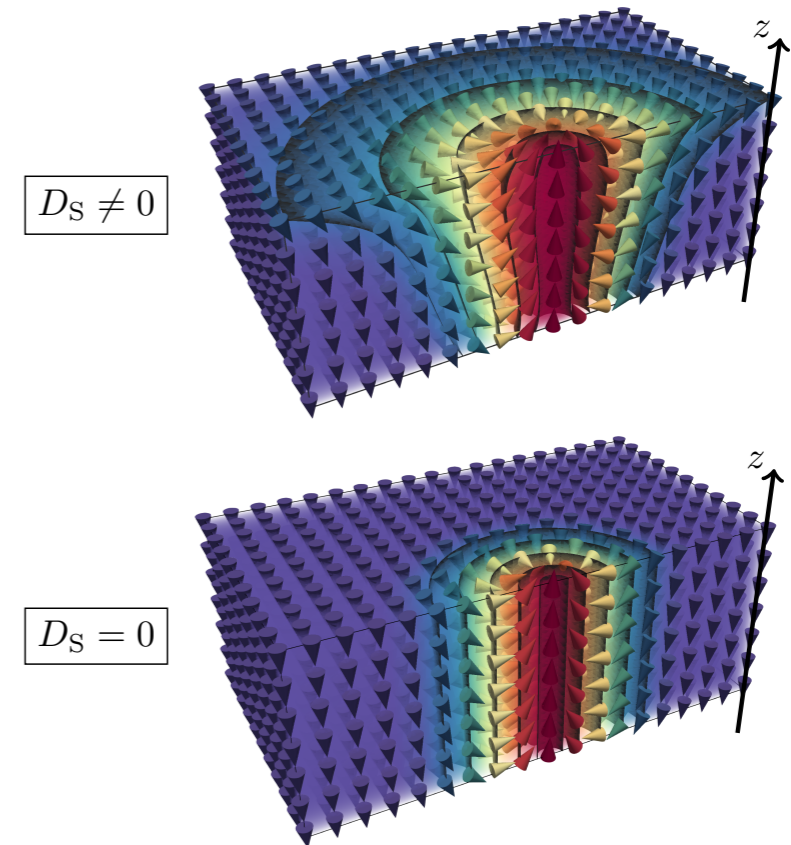


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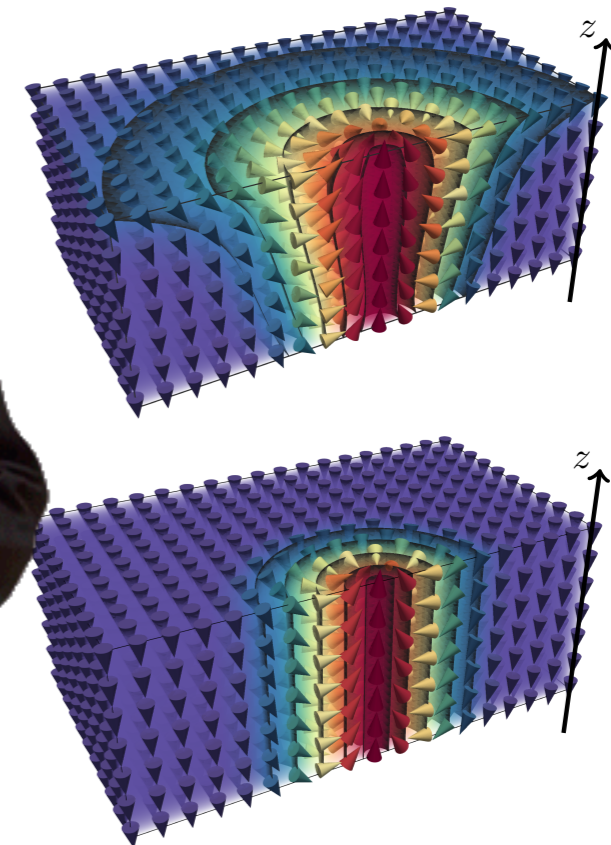
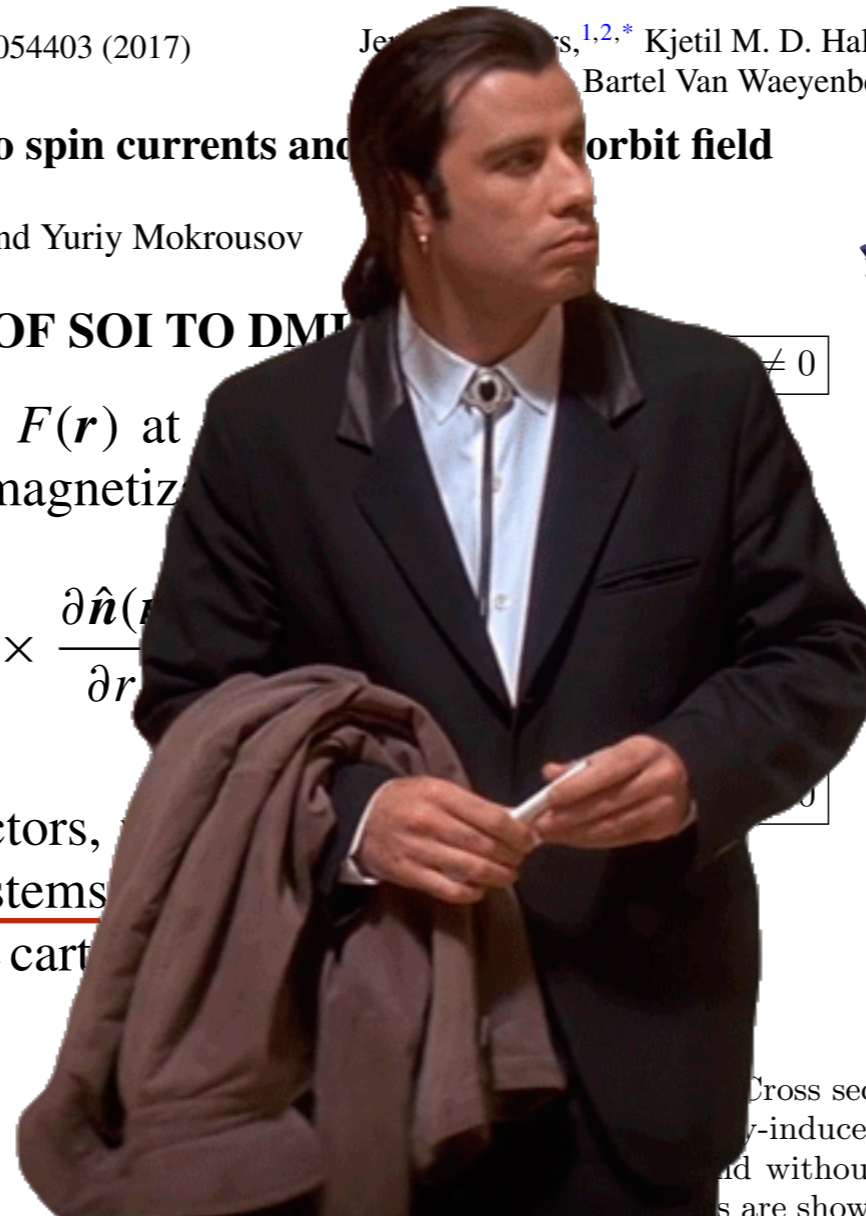
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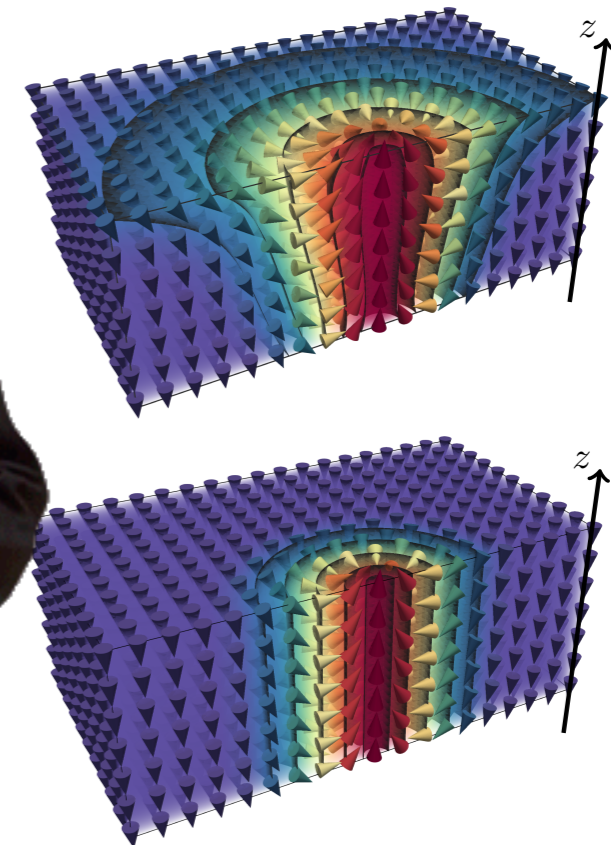
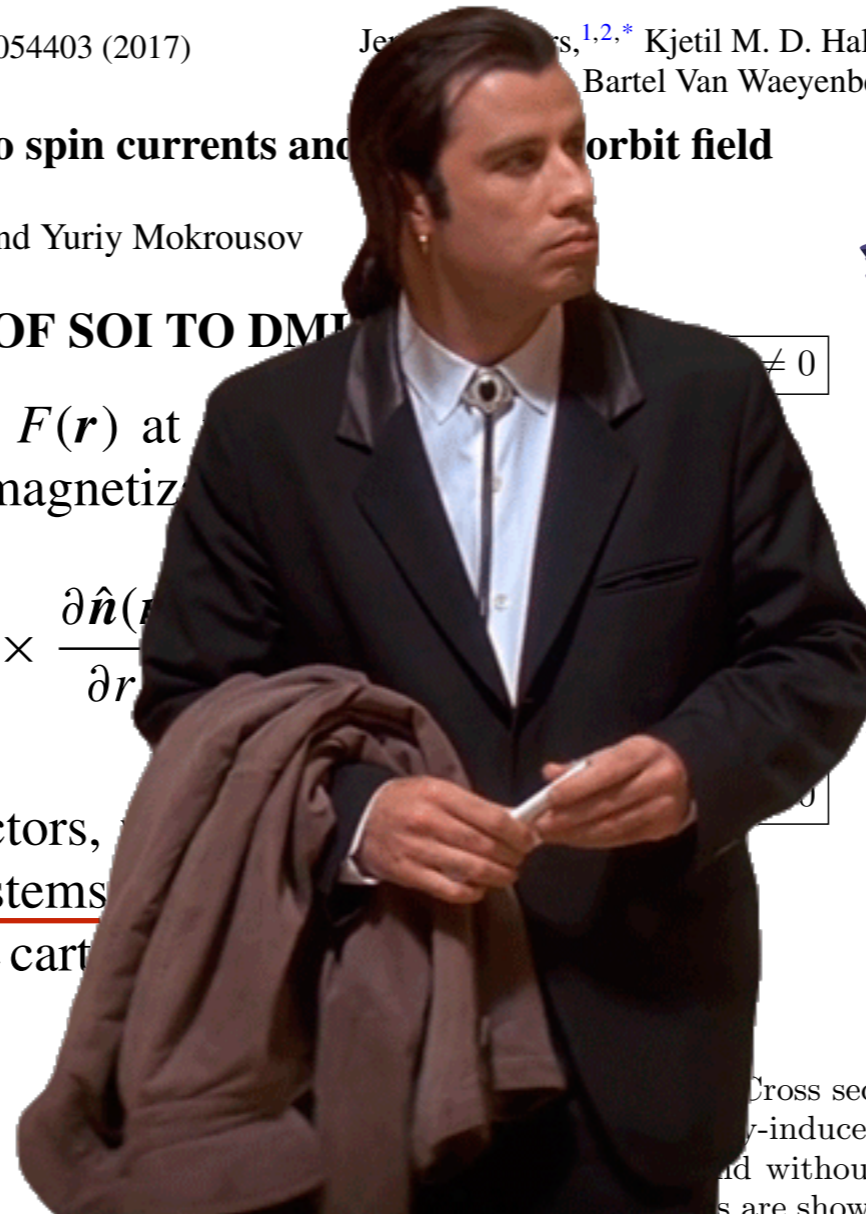
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Note that the tensor $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{ch}}$ has an essential GAUGE FREEDOM

due to the constraint $|\boldsymbol{n}| = 1$ $\sum_{\beta} n_{\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} n_{\beta} \equiv 0$

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Second gradients contribute to the symmetric exchange (exchange stiffness)

$$w^{\text{ex}} = \sum_{\alpha\alpha'\beta\beta'} \Omega_{\alpha\alpha'\beta\beta'}^{\text{ex-I}} (\nabla_{\alpha} n_{\beta}) (\nabla_{\alpha'} n_{\beta'}) + \sum_{\alpha\alpha'\beta} \Omega_{\alpha\alpha'\beta\beta}^{\text{ex-II}} \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha'} n_{\beta}$$

General formula

The problem is reduced to the analysis of the following formula

$$\Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{ch}} = T \frac{J_{\text{sd}} S}{2\pi\hbar} \text{Im} \int d\varepsilon g(\varepsilon) \text{Tr}[G^R \sigma_\beta G^R v_\alpha G^R - G^R v_\alpha G^R \sigma_\beta G^R]$$

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This is similar but more general than the formula proposed before

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The formula above is obtained by the expansion in the gradients of n

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}) + J_{\text{sd}} S \int d\mathbf{r}' G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \sum_{\alpha\beta} [(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})_\alpha \nabla_\alpha n_\beta(\mathbf{r}) \sigma_\beta] G(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})$$

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Benchmarking

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By-product: the same style expression for exchange stiffness

$$\Omega^{\text{ex}}[\mathbf{n}] = A [(\nabla_x \mathbf{n})^2 + (\nabla_y \mathbf{n})^2]$$

$$A = \frac{\Delta_{sd}}{32\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Delta_{sd}} \left[\int_0^\infty dp \frac{p[\xi'(p)]^2}{\Delta_{sd}} (f_- - f_+) \right]$$

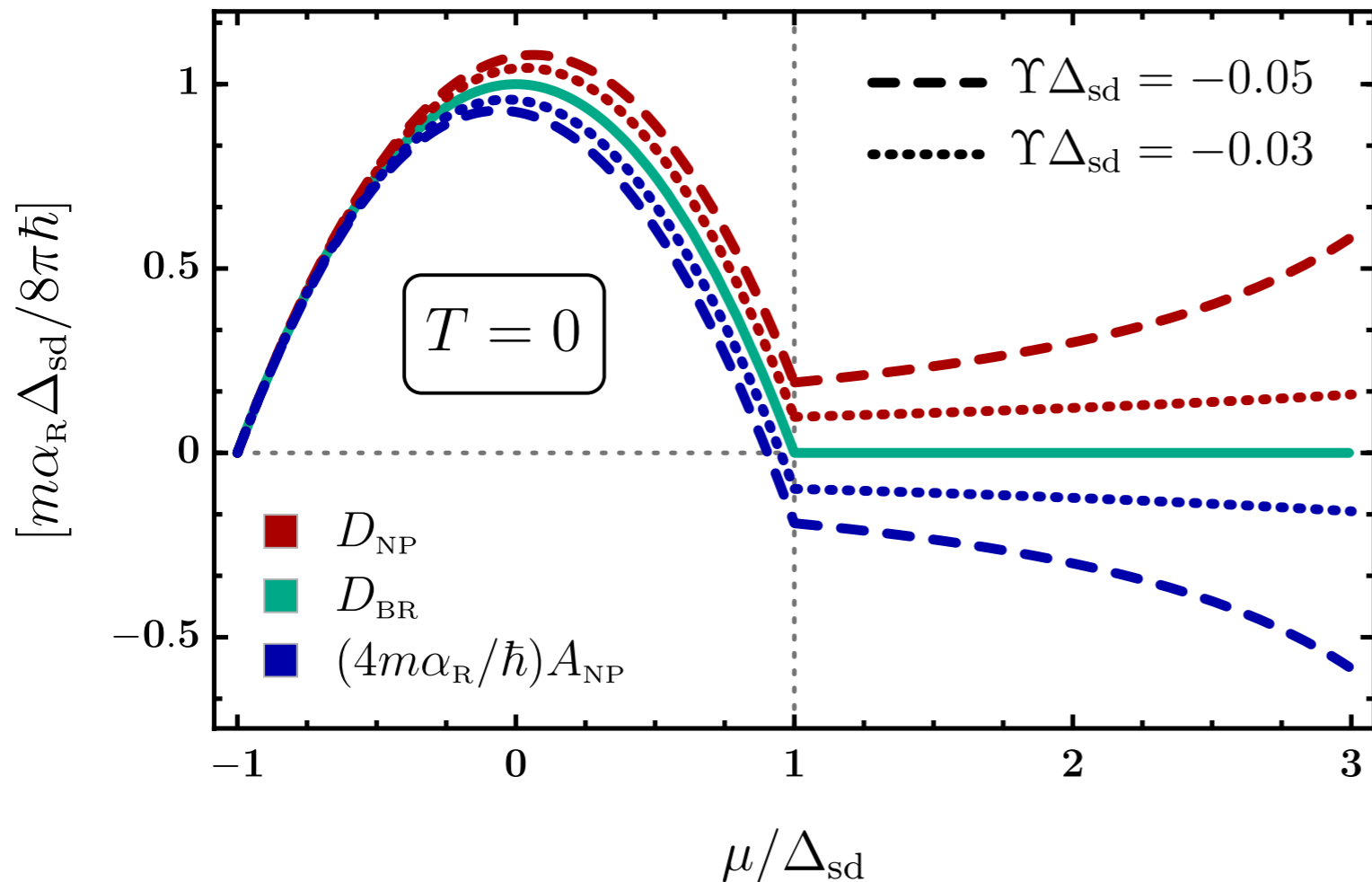
Coincides with well-established theoretical results!

$$f_{\pm} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(\xi(p) \pm \Delta_{sd} - \mu)/T}}$$

see e.g. Half-metallic ferromagnets: From band structure to many-body effects

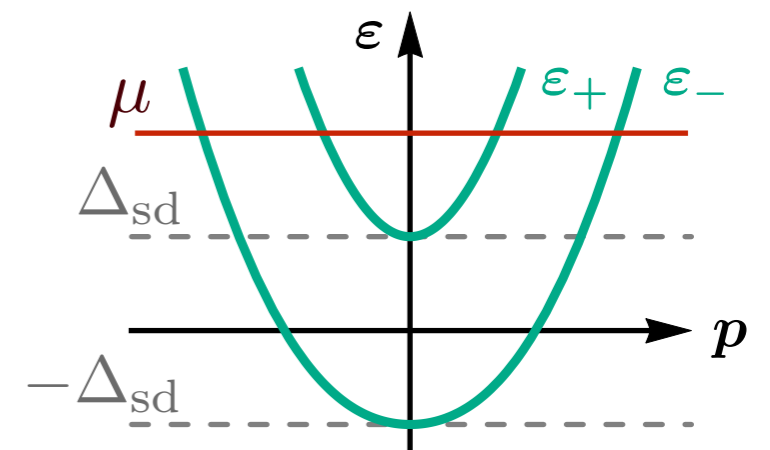
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Non-parabolic dispersion



$$\xi(p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} \left(1 + \Upsilon \frac{p^2}{2m} \right)$$

$$\zeta(p) = 1$$



The relation $D = \frac{4m\alpha_R}{\hbar} A$ (Kim, Lee, Lee, Stiles) breaks down beyond the BR model!

E.g. for non-parabolic kinetic energy it is replaced by $D = -\frac{4m\alpha_R}{\hbar} A$ in the metal regime

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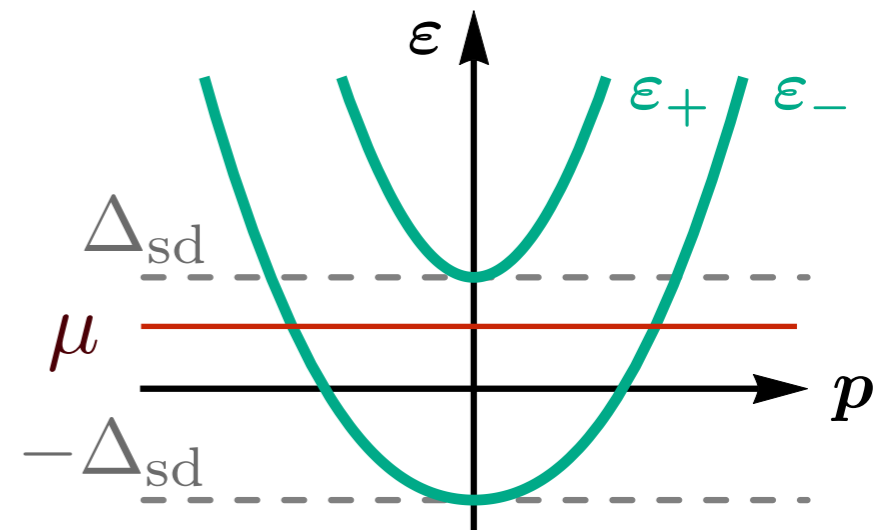
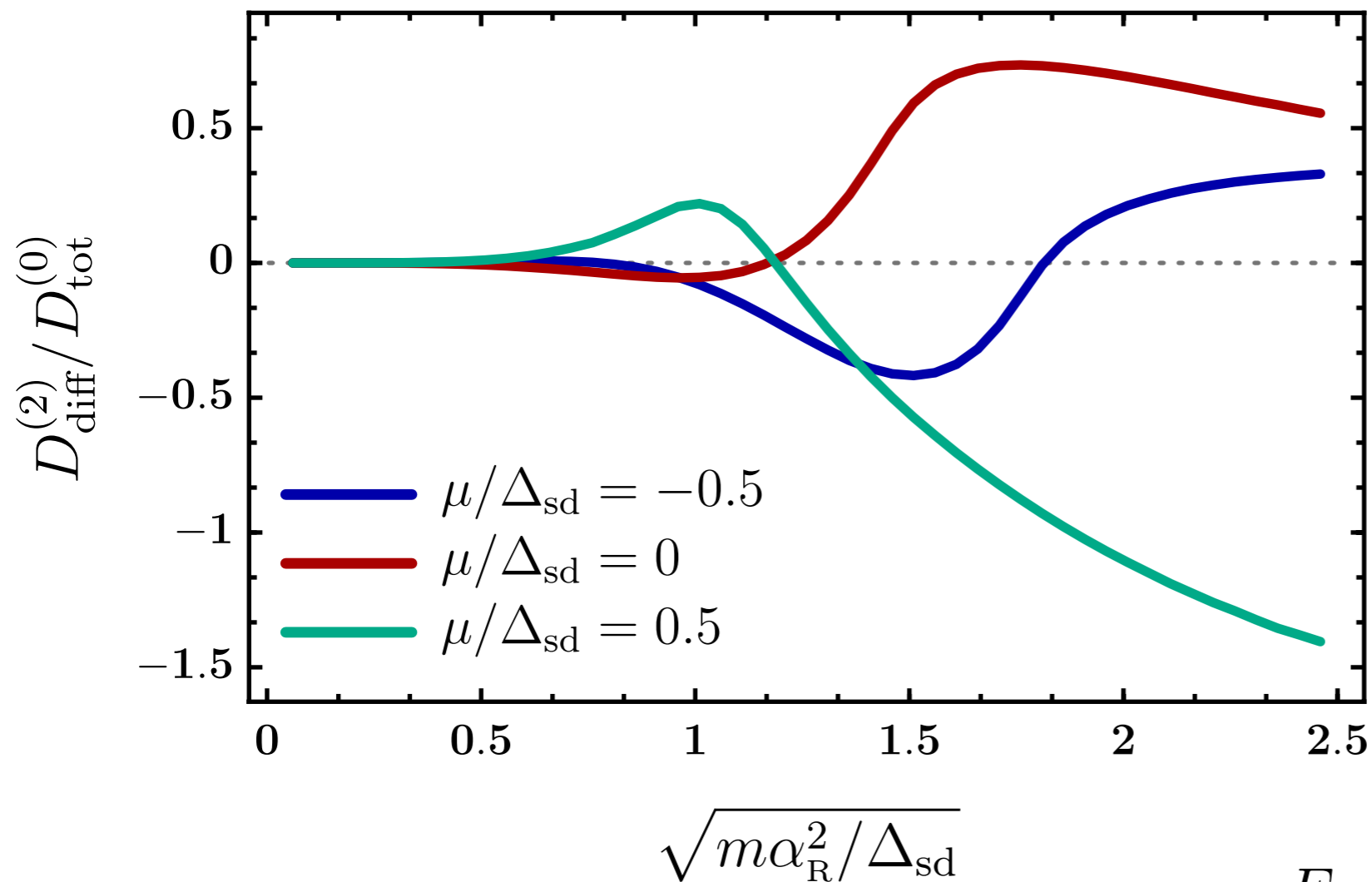
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new four-spin interaction

Importance of the four-spin interaction

$$2D_{\text{diff}}^{(2)} \int d^2\mathbf{r} n_z^2 (\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla) n_z \propto \sum_{\langle ij,kl \rangle} S_k^z S_l^z (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{d}_{ij}) S_j^z$$

$\langle ij,kl \rangle$ ij and kl are links in the lattice plaquette



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Arbitrary ferromagnet

$$w = D_{ijk} n_i \nabla_k n_j \implies w = \frac{1}{2} \left[D_{ijk}^{\text{as}} \mathcal{L}_{ij}^{(k)} + D_{ijk}^{\text{sym}} \nabla_k (n_i n_j) \right]$$

$$D_{ijk}^{\text{as(sym)}} = (D_{ijk} \mp D_{jik})/2$$

after partial integration:

$$w_{\text{ch}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[D_{ijk}^{\text{as}} \mathcal{L}_{ij}^{(k)} - \frac{\partial D_{ijk}^{\text{sym}}}{\partial \theta} \Theta_{ij}^{(k)} - \frac{\partial D_{ijk}^{\text{sym}}}{\partial \phi} \Phi_{ij}^{(k)} \right]$$

$$A_{ij}^{(k)} = \quad \Theta_{ij}^{(k)} = n_i n_j \nabla_k \theta, \quad \Phi_{ij}^{(k)} = n_i n_j \nabla_k \phi$$

[I. Ado *et al.*, arXiv:1904.05337 (2019)]

Generalization of Bogdanov-Yablonskii classification

symmetry	LI-type terms	non-LI-type terms
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Special Classes: C_{3h} , D_{3h} , T_d

Livshitz invariants (LI) are forbidden by symmetry

non-LI multi-spin terms are the only linear-in-gradient terms in micromagnetic energy

sd-like model for magnetization dynamics

$$H = -J_{\text{ex}} \sum_{\langle nm \rangle} \mathbf{S}_n \cdot \mathbf{S}_m + D \sum_{\langle nm \rangle} \mathbf{S}_n \times \mathbf{S}_m + K \sum_{\langle nm \rangle} S_n^z S_m^z$$
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$$-J_{\text{sd}} \sum_n \mathbf{S}_n \cdot c_n^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} c_n$$

consists of

classical Heisenberg model for localized spins

+

**tight-binding model for conduction electrons
with spin-orbit interaction & DISORDER (electron bath)**

+

local exchange coupling *a la* s-d

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$$s_\alpha = T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{SOT}} E_\beta + T_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{\text{STT}} E_\beta \nabla_\delta n_\gamma + T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{GD}} \frac{\partial n_\beta}{\partial t} + T_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\text{ch}} \nabla_\beta n_\gamma + \dots$$

spin-orbit torque
in-plane spin-transfer torque
Gilbert damping
DMI + linear grads

Universal magnetization dynamics

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \alpha_R [\boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p}]_z - \Delta_{sd} \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + V(\mathbf{r}) \quad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{S}/S$$

Microscopic LLG up to the first gradients:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial t} = & -\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} - a \mathbf{n} \times (\hat{z} \times \mathbf{J}) \\ & - \xi_0(n_z^2) D_t \mathbf{n} + \xi_{\parallel}(n_z^2) \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\parallel} + \xi_{\perp}(n_z^2) \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\perp} \end{aligned}$$

Long derivative:

$$D_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla$$

Classical drift velocity:

$$\mathbf{v}_d = \mathbf{J}/en$$

Microscopic theory of spin-orbit torque

I. A. Ado, O. A. Tretiakov, and M. Titov, PRB 95, 094401 (2017)

Anisotropy of spin-transfer torques and Gilbert damping induced by Rashba coupling

I. A. Ado, P. Ostrovsky and M. Titov, arXiv 1907.0241 (2019)

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Automodel solutions DO NOT DECAY $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{v}_d t)$

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Can this phenomenon be observed beyond Rashba model?

Vanishing spin-orbit limit

$$D_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial t} = \gamma \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{n} - \xi_0 D_t \mathbf{n} + \xi_{\parallel} \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\parallel} + \xi_{\perp} \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\perp}$$

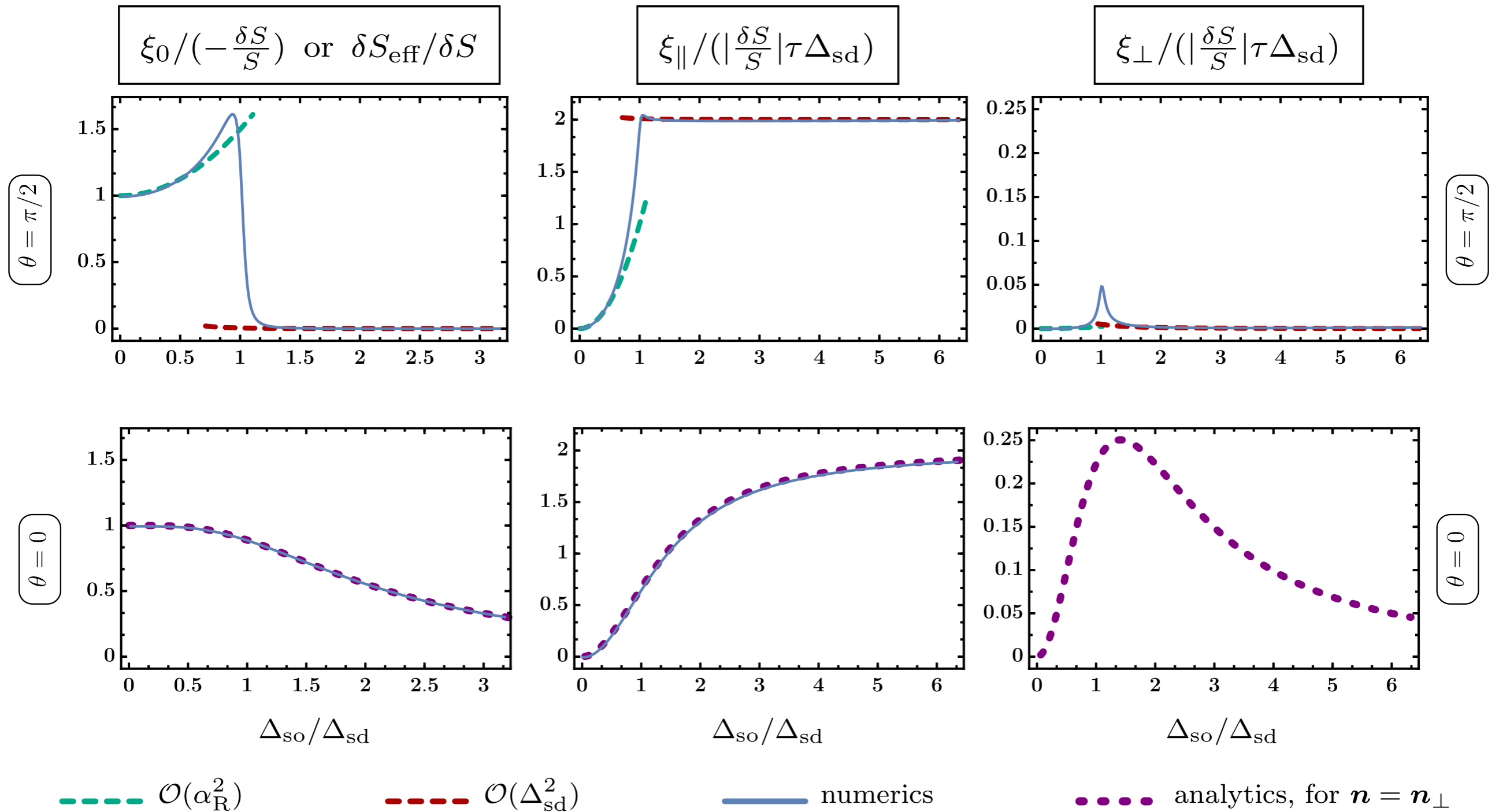
For vanishing spin-orbit: $\xi_0 = \delta S / S$ $\xi_{\perp, \parallel} = 0$

where δS is polarization of conduction electrons per unit cell

hence, the LLG equation is reduced to **angular momentum conservation**

$$(S + \delta S) \partial_t \mathbf{n} + \delta S (\mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n} = 0$$

Large anisotropy of torques!



Traditional formulation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial t} = \gamma \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{n} - \xi_0 D_t \mathbf{n} + \xi_{\parallel} \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\parallel} + \xi_{\perp} \mathbf{n} \times D_t \mathbf{n}_{\perp}$$

For finite spin-orbit: $\xi_0 = \delta S_{\text{eff}} / S$

$$\delta S_{\text{eff}} \neq \delta S$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial t} = & \bar{\gamma} \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{n} + (\mathbf{j}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n} + \alpha_{\parallel} \mathbf{n} \times \partial_t \mathbf{n}_{\parallel} + \alpha_{\perp} \mathbf{n} \times \partial_t \mathbf{n}_{\perp} \\ & + \beta_{\parallel} \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{j}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n}_{\parallel} + \beta_{\perp} \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{j}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n}_{\perp} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_s = \mathbf{v}_d \frac{\xi_0}{1 + \xi_0} = \mathbf{v}_d \frac{\delta S_{\text{eff}}}{S + \delta S_{\text{eff}}} \quad \text{- a la polarization current}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_d = \mathbf{J} / en$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{\gamma}{1 + \xi_0} \quad \alpha_{\parallel, \perp} = \frac{\xi_{\parallel, \perp}}{1 + \xi_0} \quad \beta_{\parallel, \perp} = -\frac{\xi_{\parallel, \perp}}{\xi_0}$$

Giant anisotropy of Gilbert damping

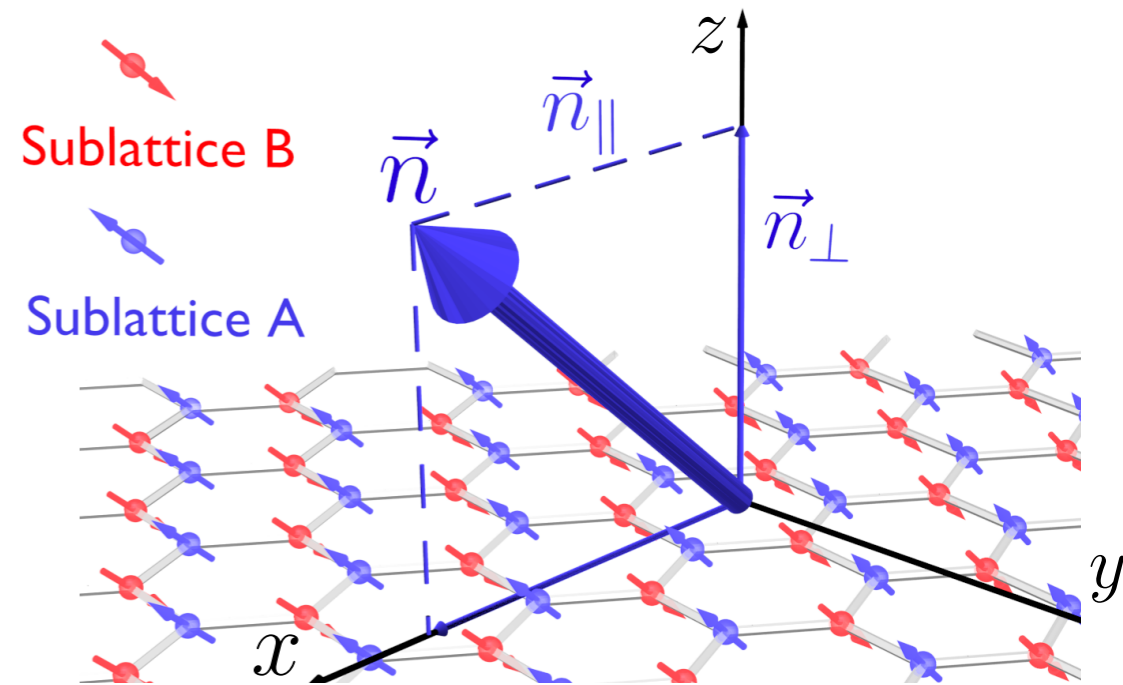
in 2D Rashba AFM

\mathbf{n} - Neel vector \mathbf{m} - magnetization vector

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{m} = 0, \quad n^2 + m^2 = 1$$

$$m \ll n$$

$\mathbf{s}_{\pm} = (\mathbf{s}_A \pm \mathbf{s}_B)/2$ - electron spin densities



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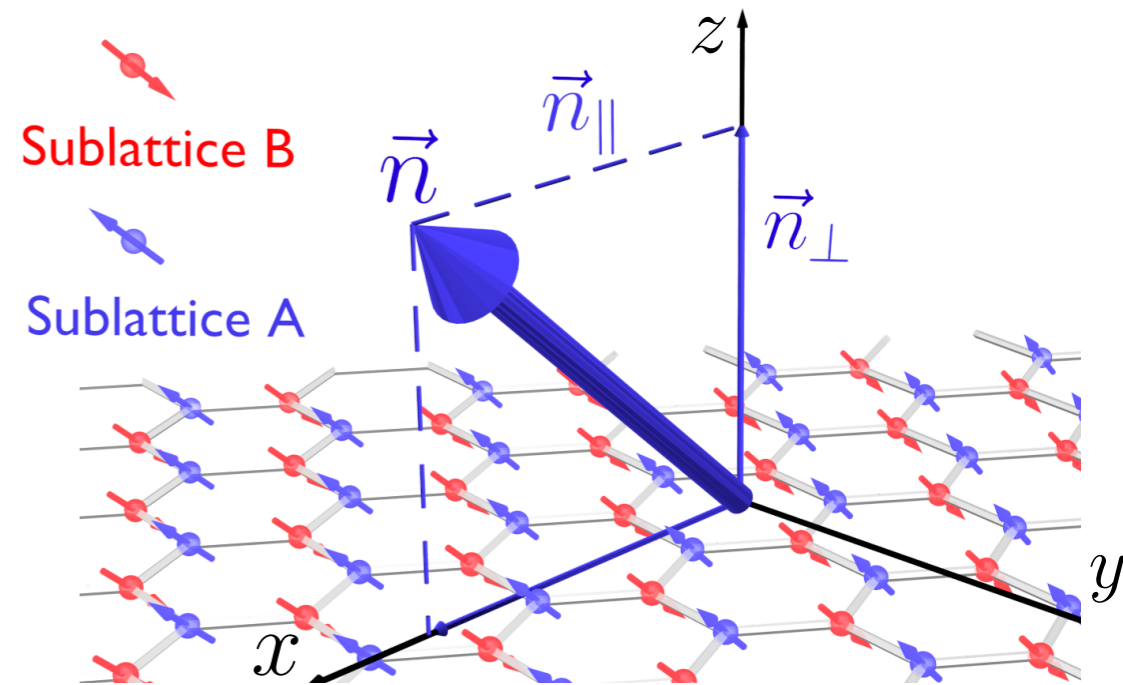
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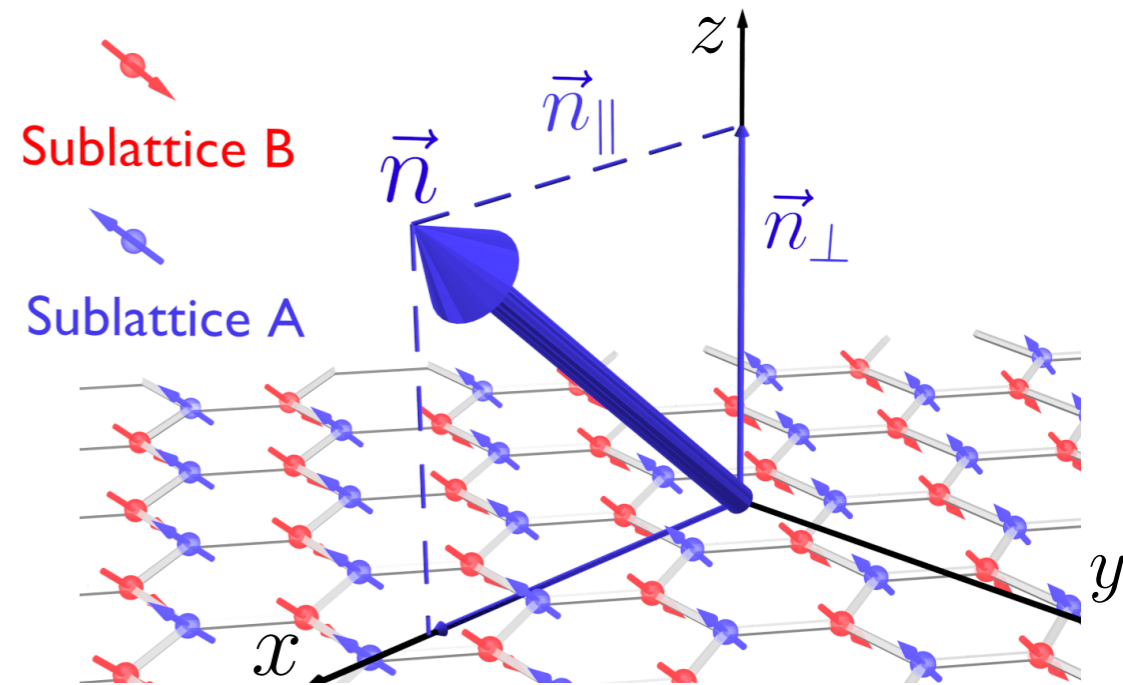
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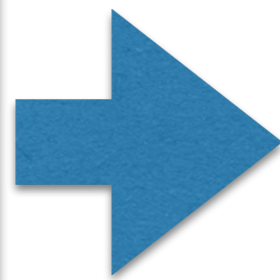
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α_m - very very large

α_n - vanishingly small



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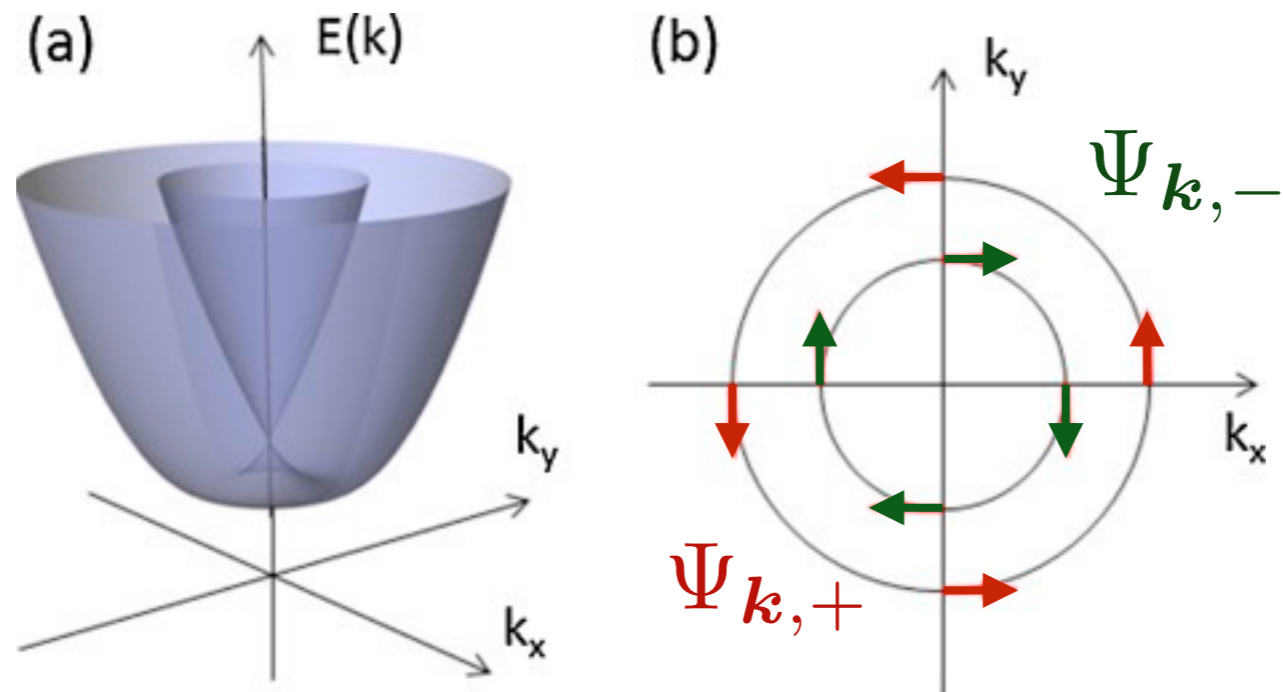
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$$\alpha_m^{\parallel} \ll \alpha_m \quad \alpha_n^{\perp} \gg \alpha_n$$

Giant anisotropy

from spin-orbit split Fermi surfaces



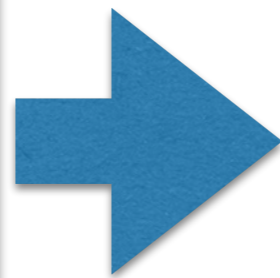
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Undamped non-equilibrium precession

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For Neel vector in plane $\boldsymbol{n} = \boldsymbol{n}_{\parallel}$ and non-equilibrium magnetization perpendicular to the plane $\boldsymbol{m} = \boldsymbol{m}_{\perp}$

one finds an undamped precession

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{n}} = -\Omega \boldsymbol{n} \times \boldsymbol{m},$$

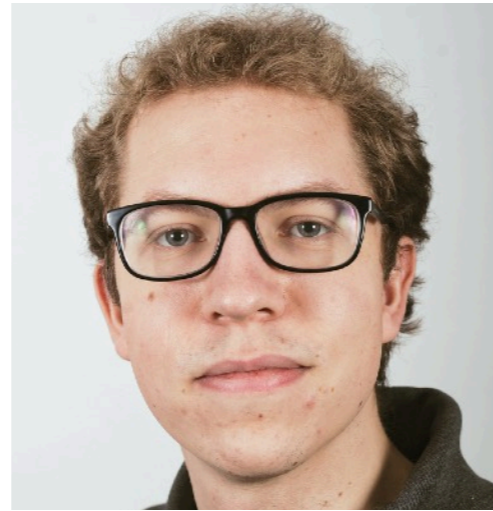
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{m}} = 0$$

with the frequency: Ωm



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Too many open questions to be listed

Thank you for your attention