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# A case study of computational science in Jupyter notebooks: JOOMMF

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# Python – AN Introduction

## Why Python?

Hans Fangohr, fangohr@soton.ac.uk, BioSimGrid Meeting 25/11/2004

→ Chapter 1, p3 in LP

## Overview

- Why Python
- How to get started
- Interactive Python (IPython)
- Installing extra modules
- Lists
- For-loops
- if-then
- modules and name spaces
- while
- string handling
- file-input, output
- functions
- Numerical computation
- some other features
  - ▷ long numbers
  - ▷ exceptions
  - ▷ dictionaries

- All sorts of reasons ;-)
  - ▷ Object-oriented scripting language
  - ▷ power of high-level language
  - ▷ portable, powerful, free
  - ▷ mixable (glue together with C/C++, Fortran, . . . )
  - ▷ easy to use (save time developing code)
  - ▷ easy to learn
  - ▷ (in-built complex numbers)
- Today:
  - ▷ easy to learn
  - ▷ some interesting features of the language
  - ▷ use as tool for small sysadmin/data processing/collecting tasks

# Overview

## I. Micromagnetics

Magnetic moment

Energies

Dynamics

OOMMF

## 2. OOMMF workflow

Standard problem 3

Example

## 3. JOOMMF

micromagneticmodel

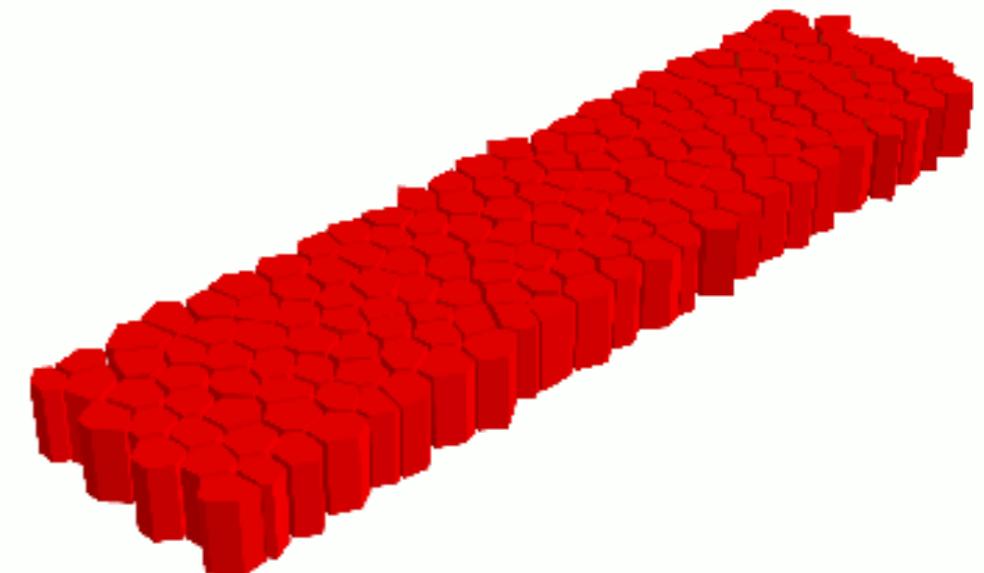
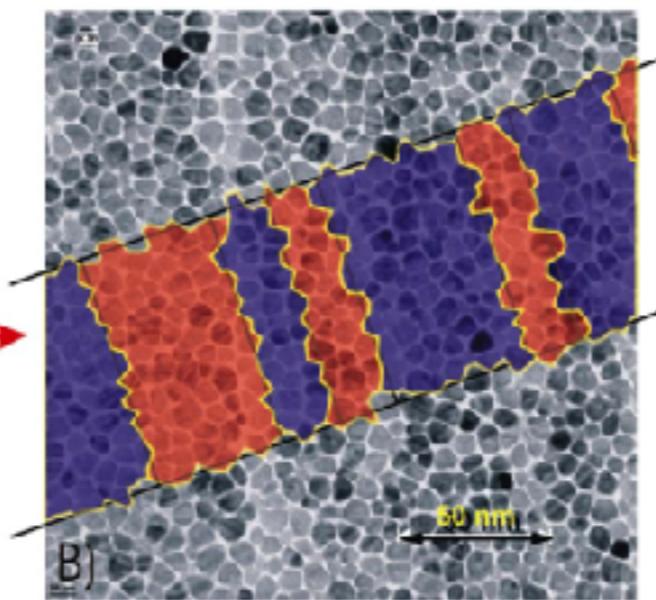
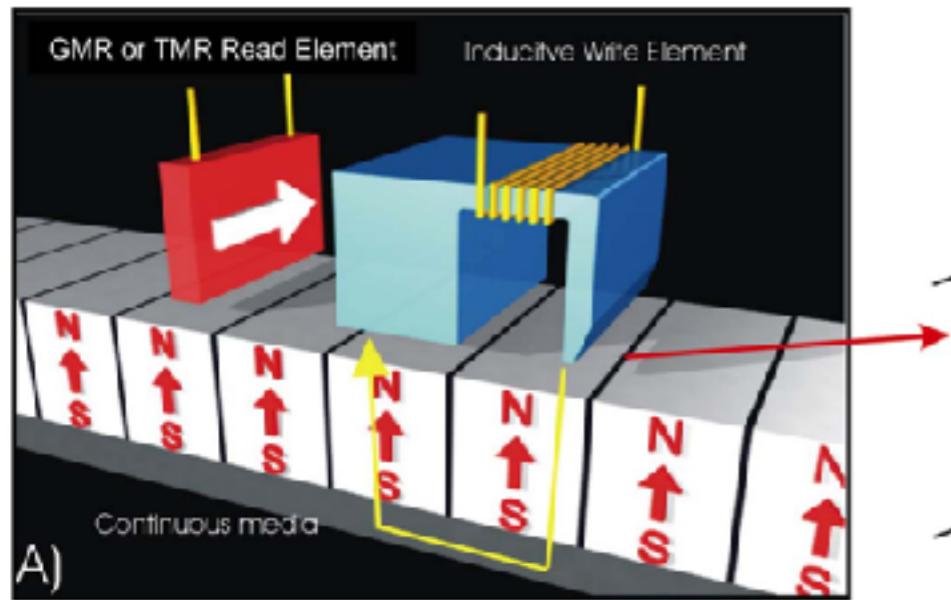
standard problem 3

## 4. Some details & outlook

# Micromagnetics

# Why magnetic nanostructures?

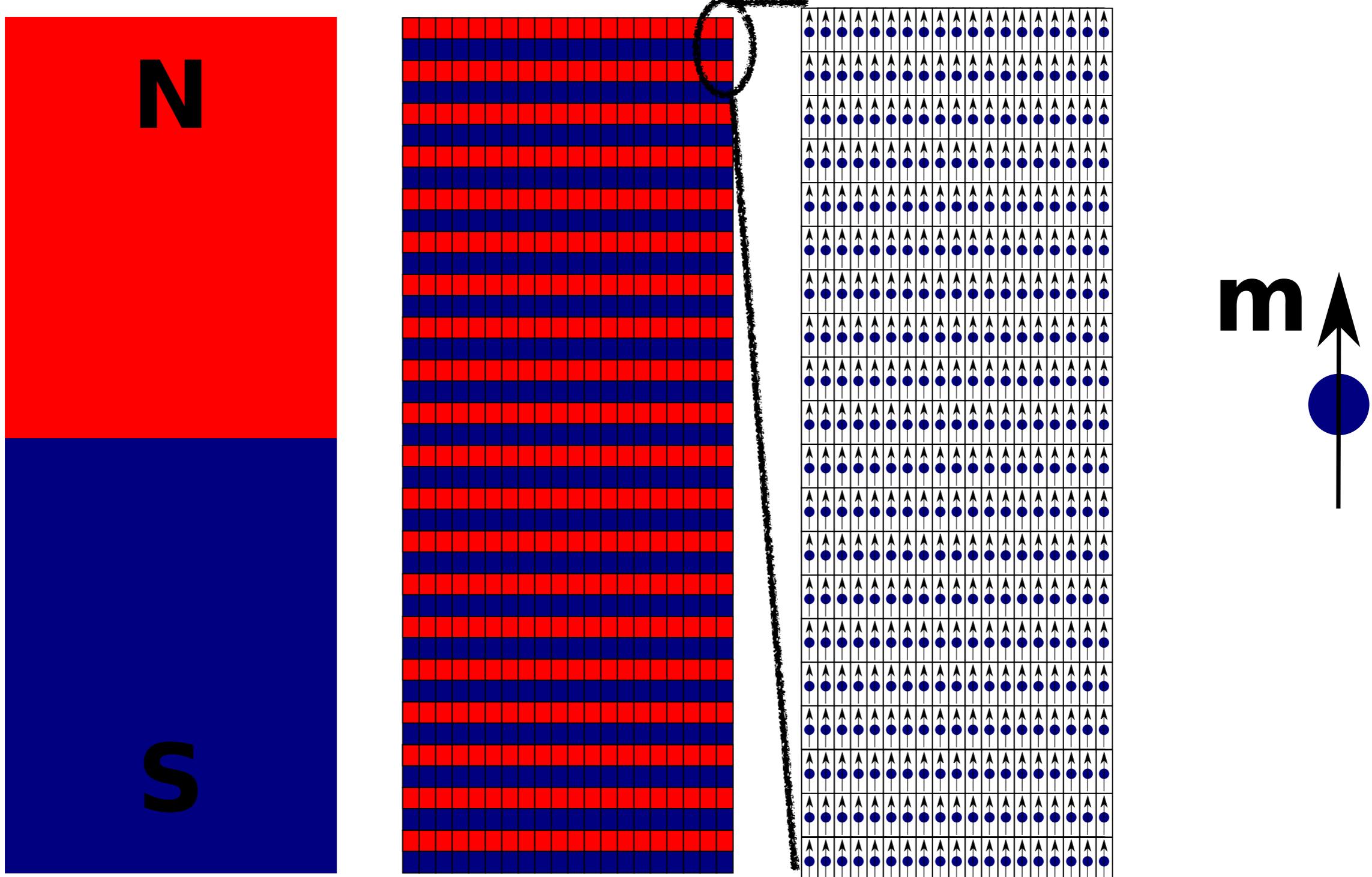
1. Interesting complex system with tuneable parameters and experiments
2. Real applications, including
  - magnetic data storage (hard disk)
  - cancer therapy
  - low energy magnetic logic (spintronics)



E. Dobisz et. al., Proceedings of IEEE 96, 1836 (2008)

Curtis & Fangohr (2011)

# Magnetic moment



# Magnetisation dynamics

- Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert (LLG) equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\gamma^* \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}}_{\text{precession}} + \underbrace{\alpha \mathbf{m} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t}}_{\text{damping}}$$

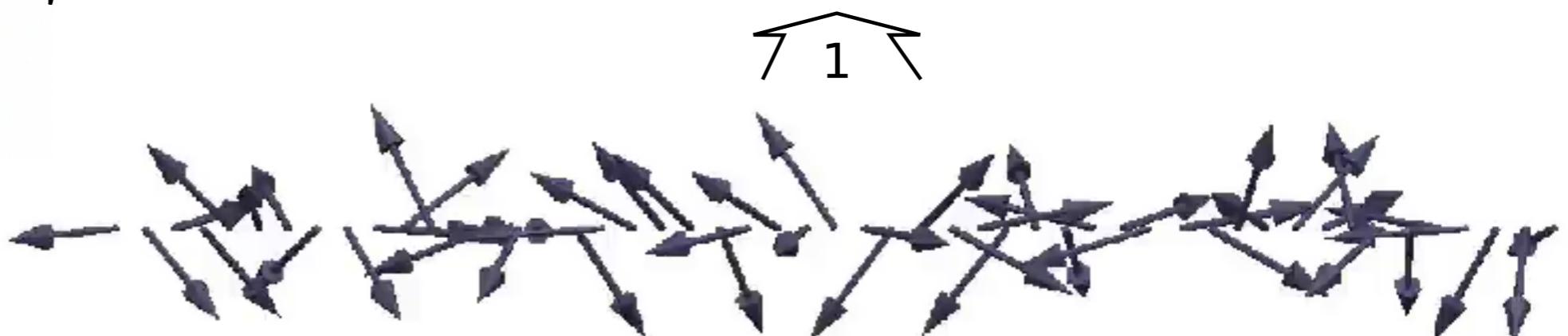
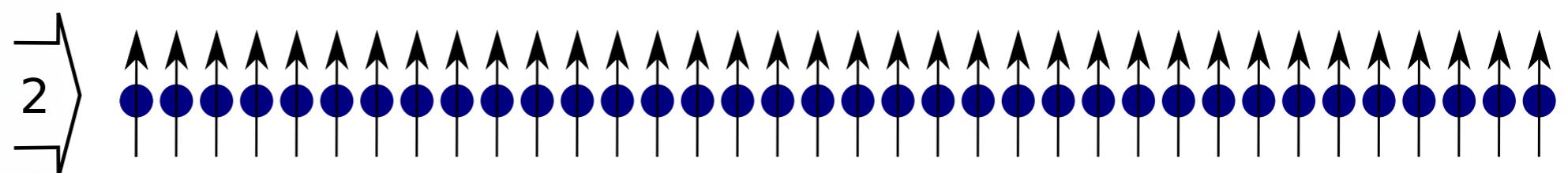
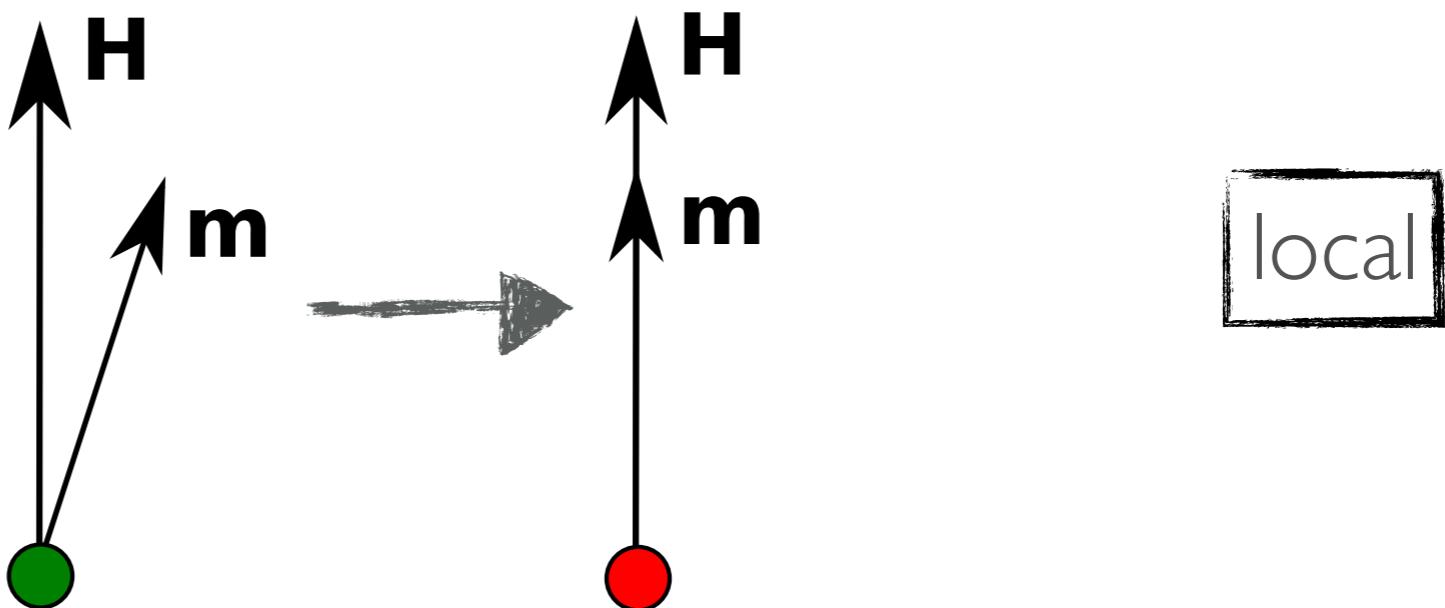
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$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} + \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}$$

# Zeeman energy

Align the magnetic moment to an external field.

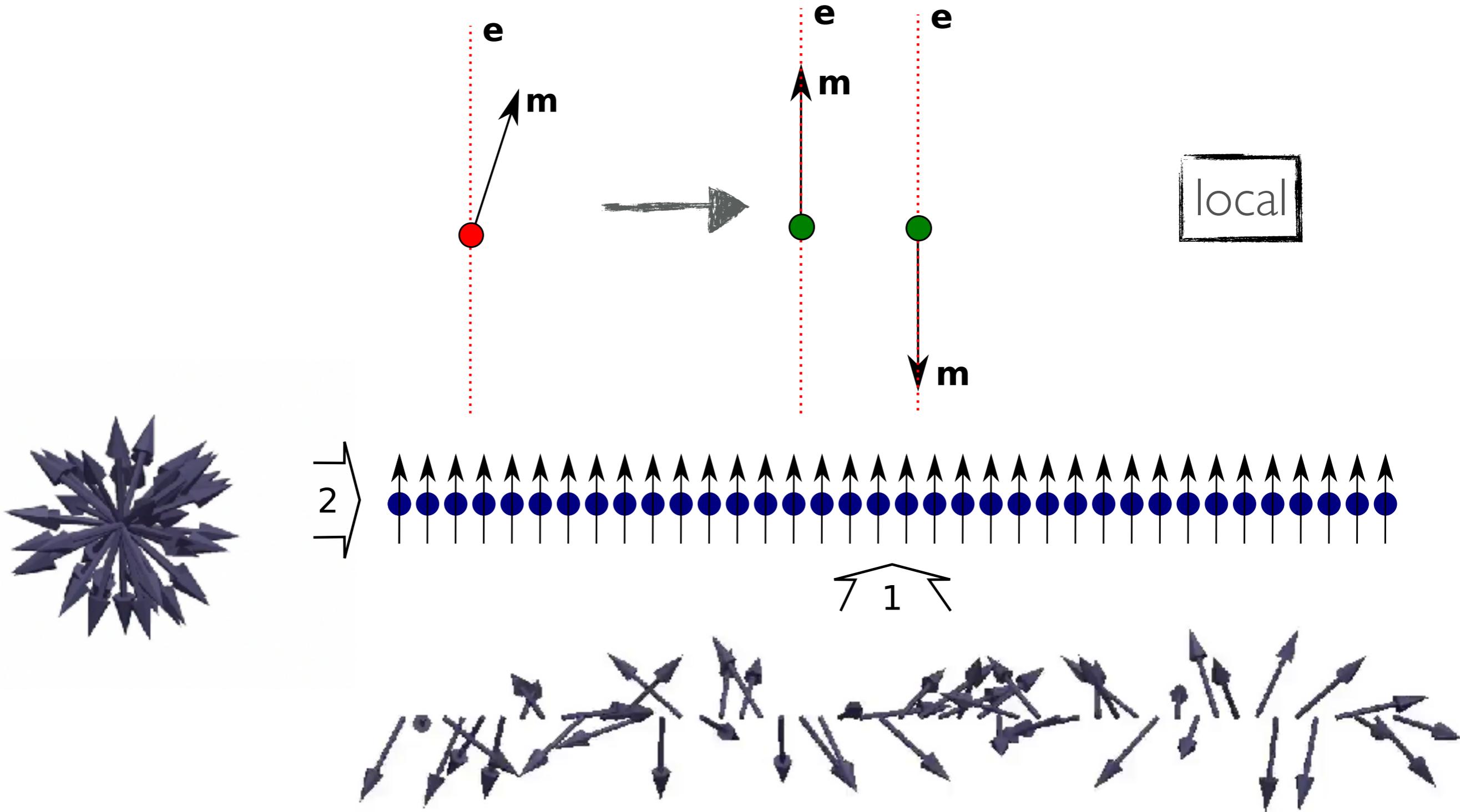
$$w_z = -\mu_0 \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$



# Anisotropy energy

Align the magnetic moment to an easy axis.

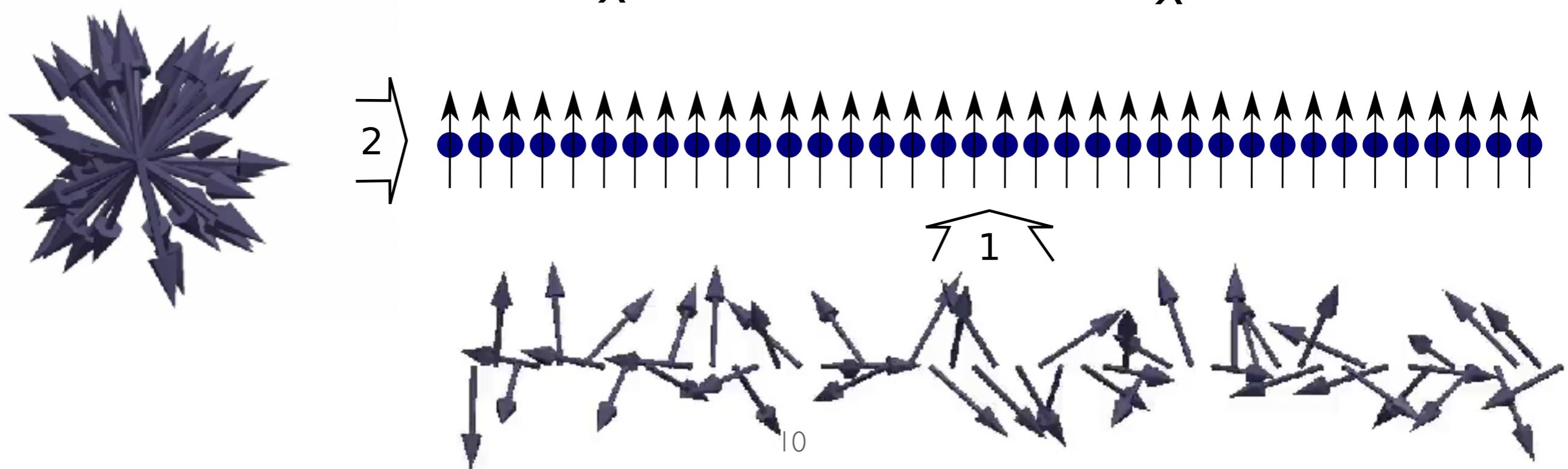
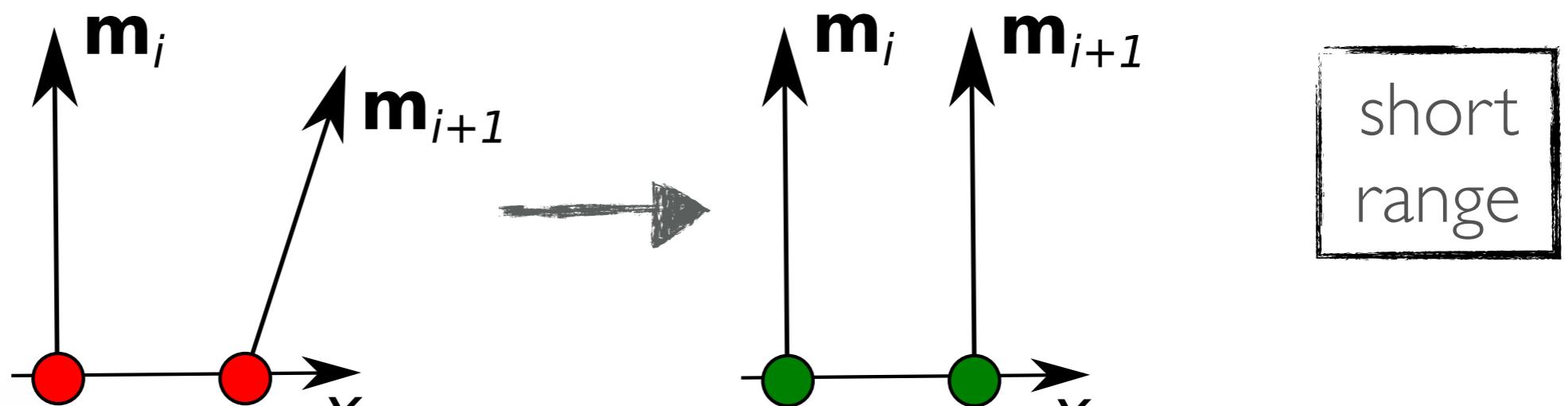
$$w_a = -K(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{e})^2$$



# Exchange energy

Align all magnetic moments parallel.

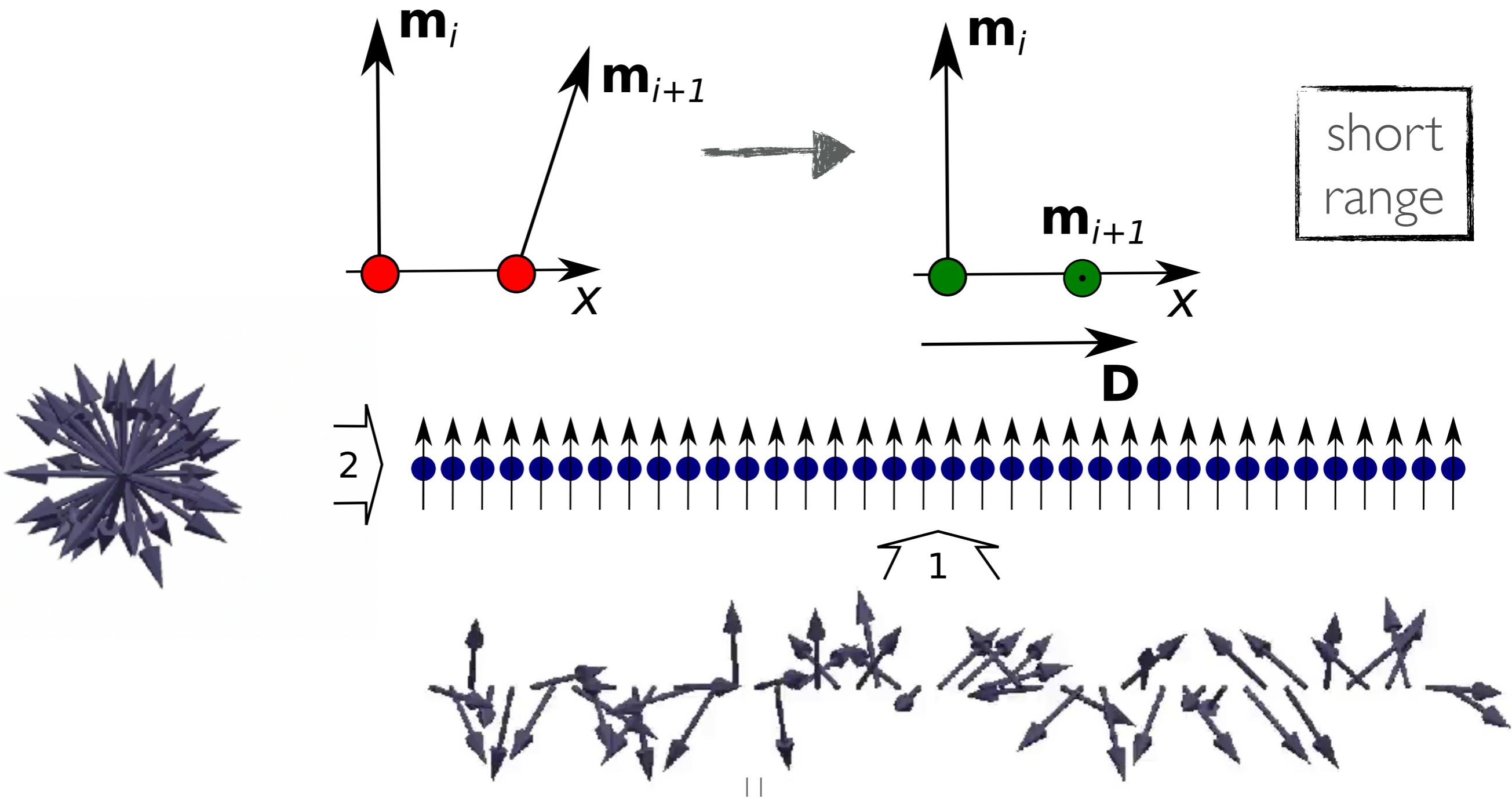
$$w_e = -J \mathbf{m}_i \cdot \mathbf{m}_{i+1}$$



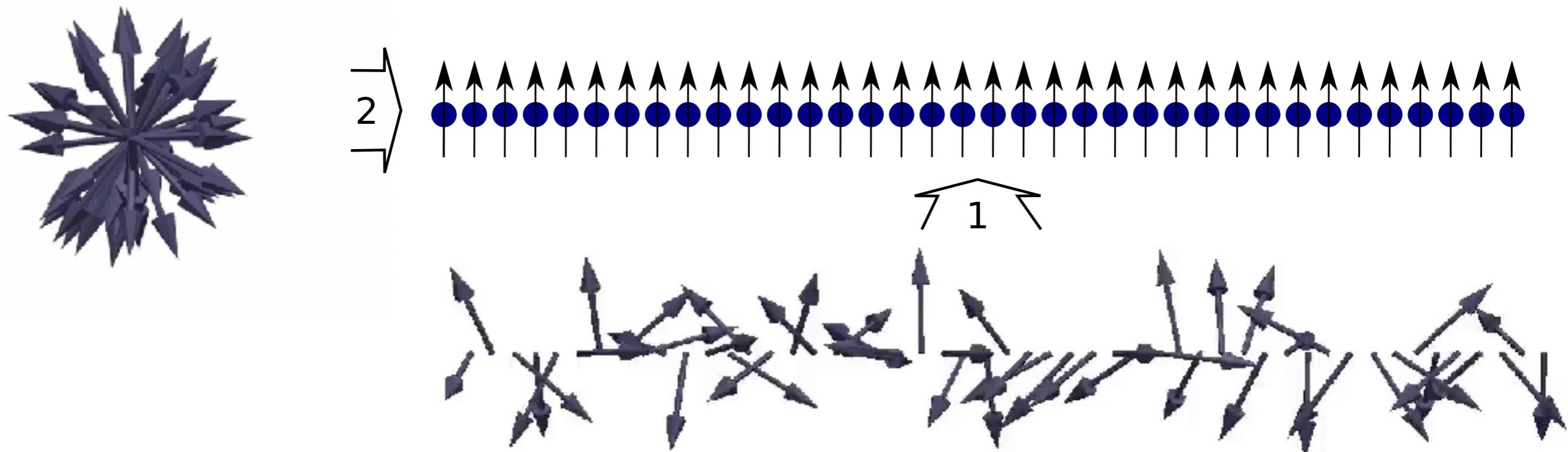
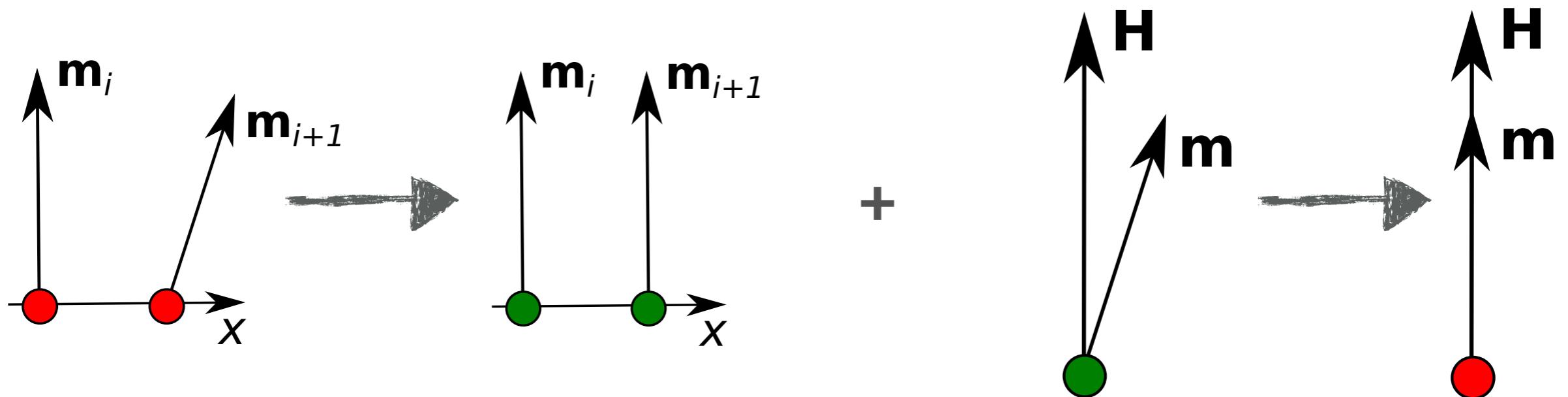
# Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya energy (DMI)

Align neighbouring moments perpendicular.

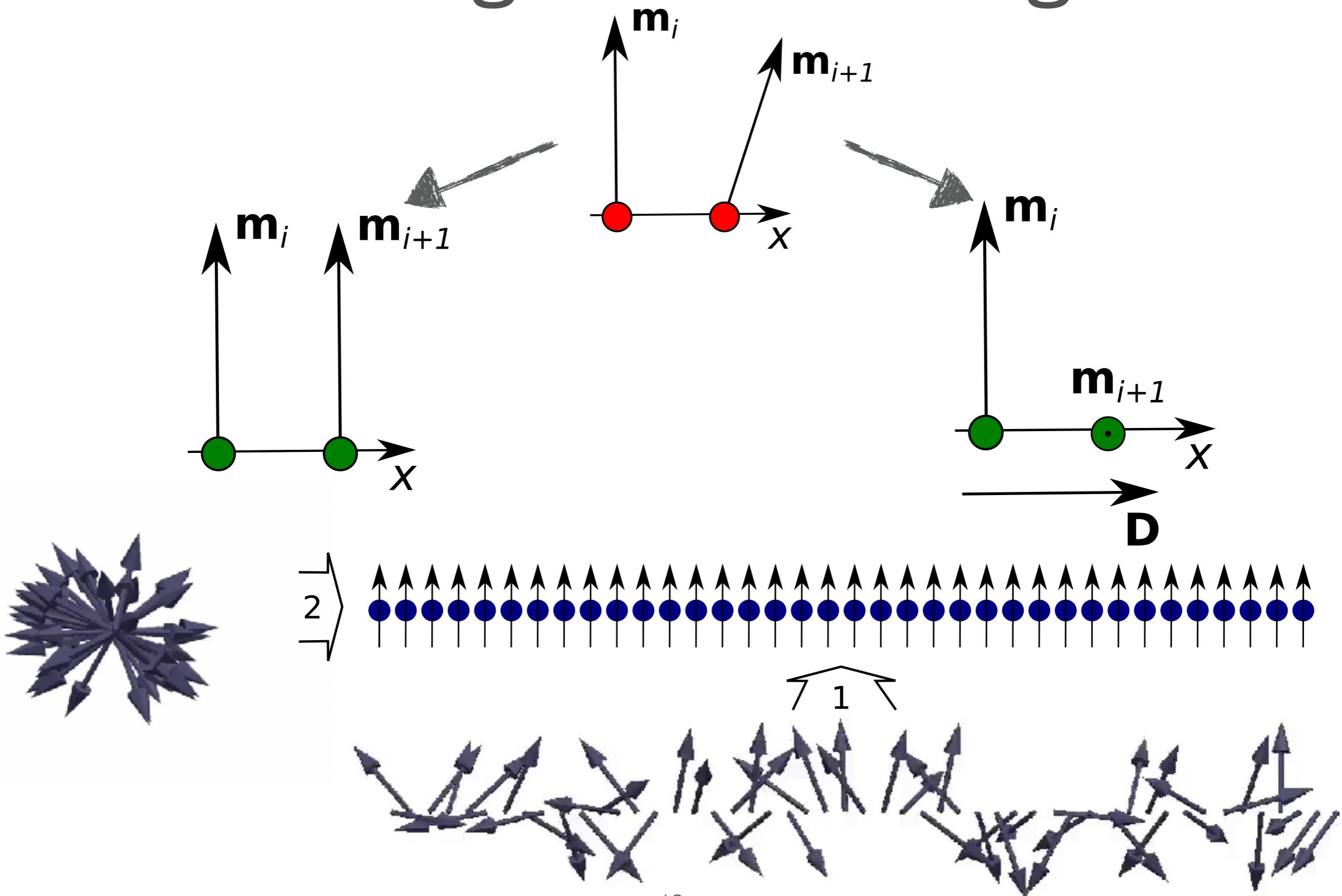
$$w_e = -\mathbf{D} \cdot (\mathbf{m}_i \times \mathbf{m}_{i+1})$$



# Exchange + Zeeman energies

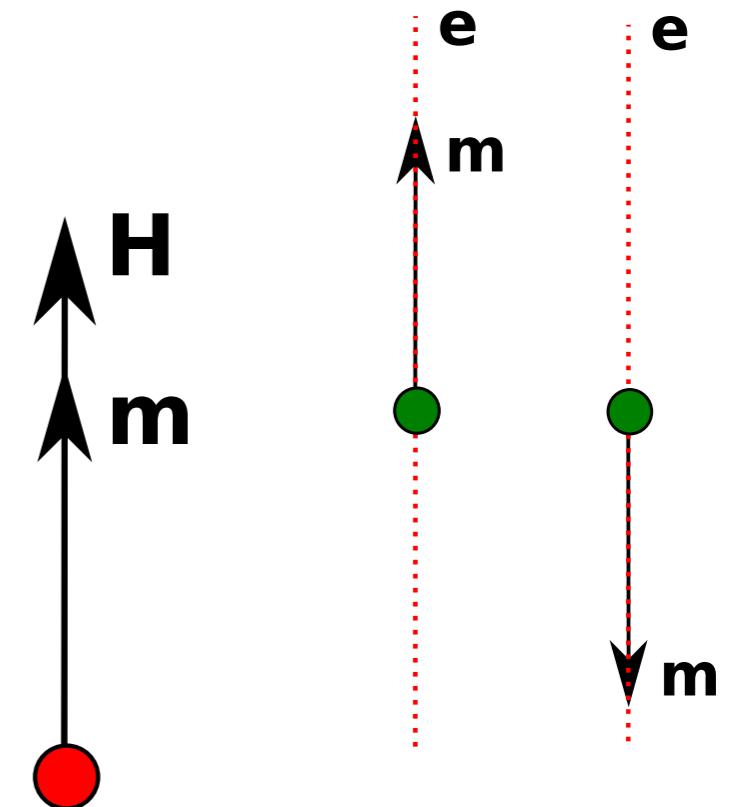
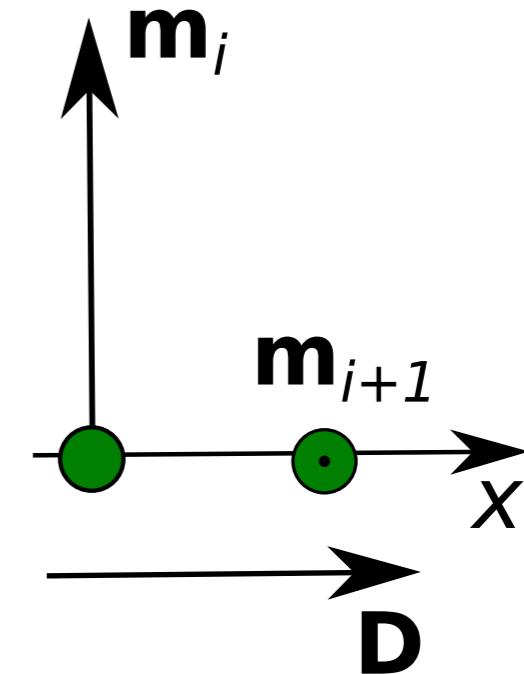
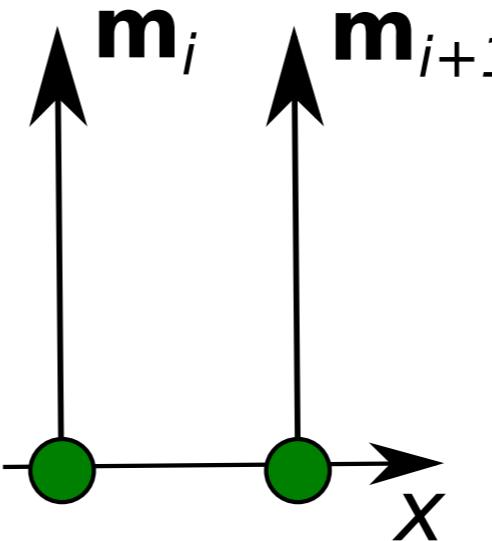


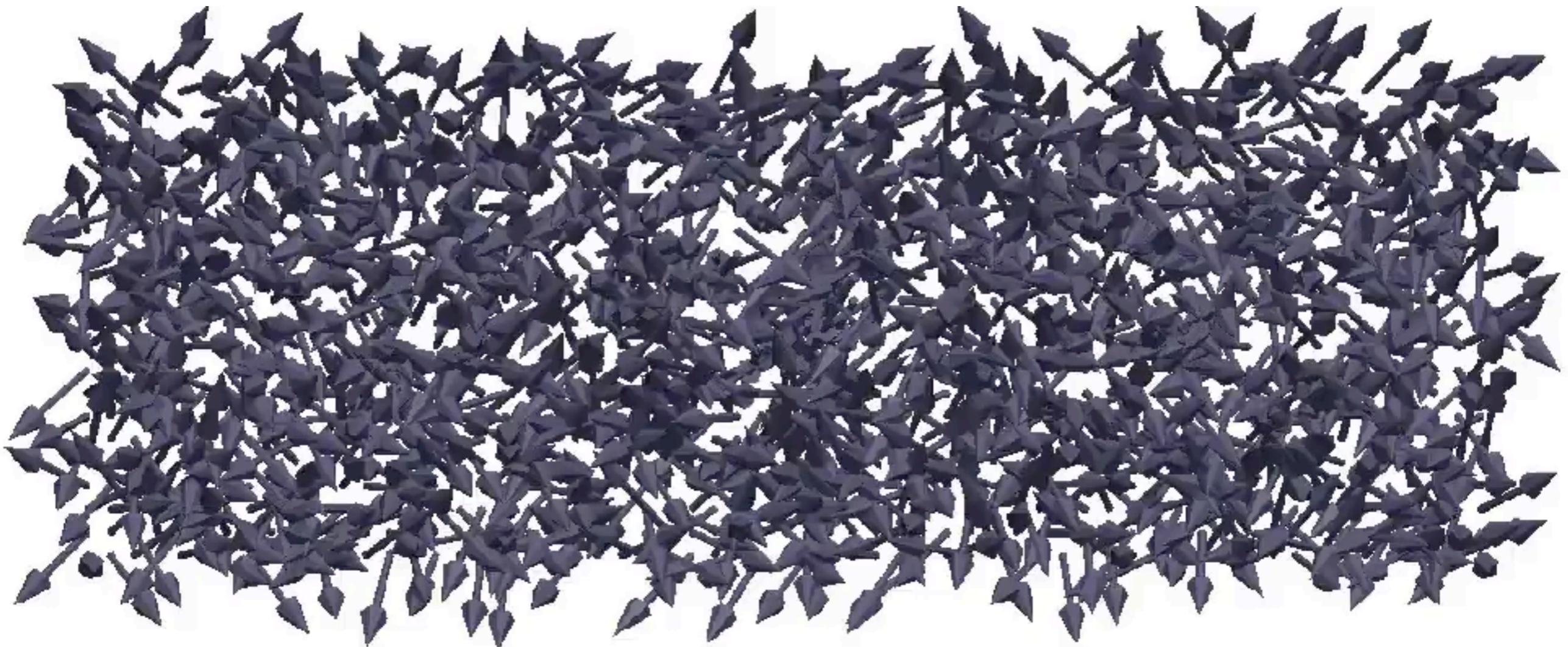
# Exchange + DMI energies



# More complicated case

- All four energies included:
  - Exchange
  - Zeeman
  - Anisotropy
  - Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya energy (DMI)
- Two-dimensional sample.
- Particular set of material parameters  $J$ ,  $D$ , and  $K$ .
- Non zero applied field.





# Micromagnetic model

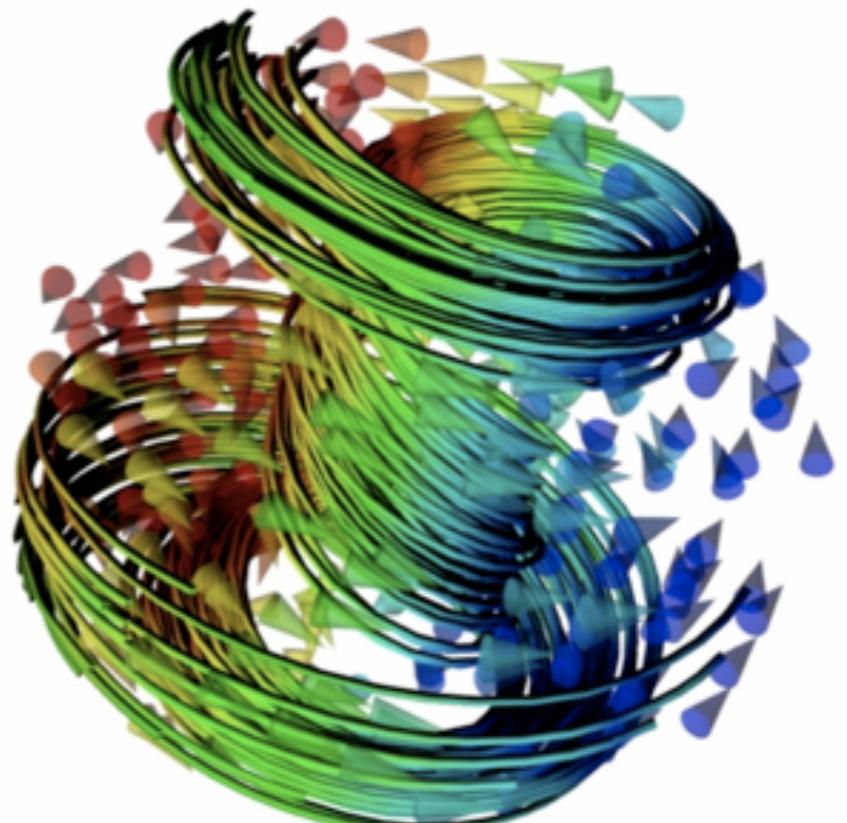
- Magnetisation in sample  $V$  is described by a continuous vector field  $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\mathbf{m} : V \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3 \quad V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

- We have an equation of motion

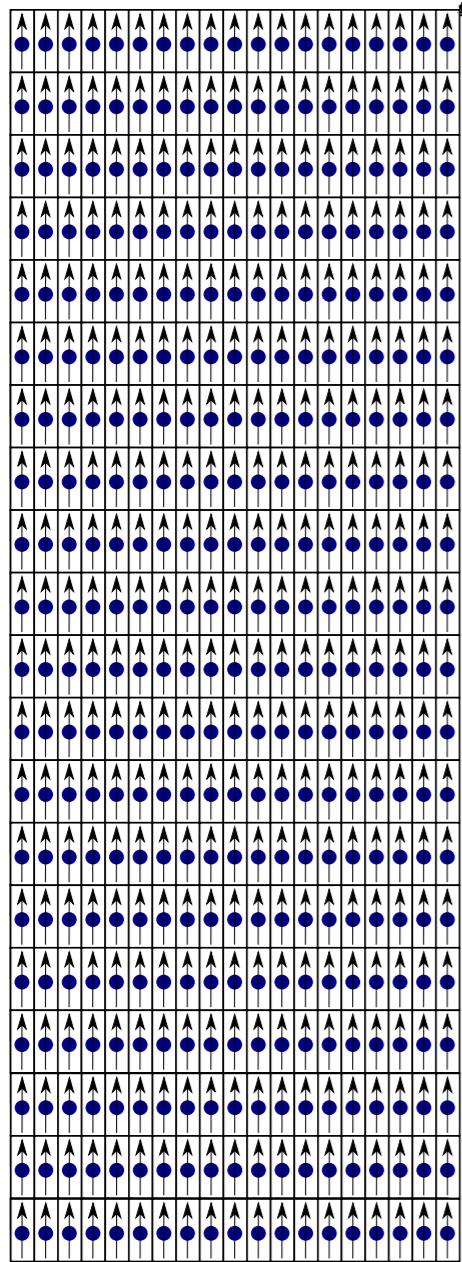
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m})$$

- $\mathbf{f}$  is complicated, involves PDEs

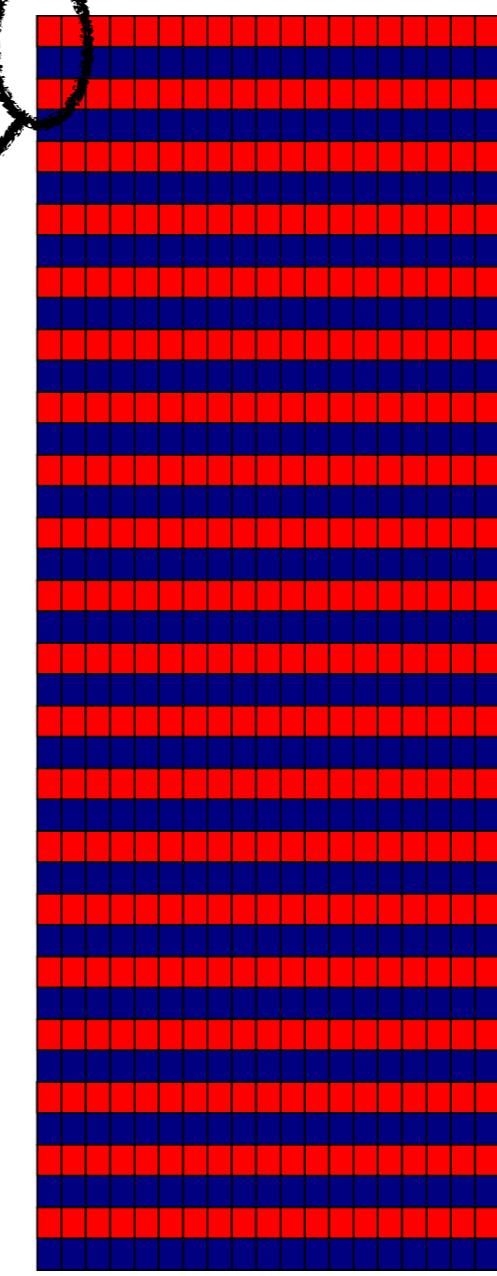


# Coarse graining

atomistic  
model



continuous (=micromagnetic)  
model



magnetic  
moment  
 $m$   
atom

magnetic  
moment  
 $m$   
mesh point

**unknown:**  
magnetisation  
vector field  
 $m = ?$

# interaction expressions

	atomistic model	continuous model	effective field
Zeeman energy	$-\mu_0 M_s \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H}$	$-\mu_0 M_s \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{H}$	$\mathbf{H}$
Anisotropy energy	$-K(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{e})^2$	$-K(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{e})^2$	$\frac{2K}{\mu_0 M_s} (\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{e}) \mathbf{e}$
Exchange energy	$-J \mathbf{m}_i \cdot \mathbf{m}_{i+1}$	$A(\nabla \mathbf{m})^2$	$\frac{2A}{\mu_0 M_s} \nabla^2 \mathbf{m}$
DMI energy	$\mathbf{D} \cdot (\mathbf{m}_i \times \mathbf{m}_{i+1})$	$D \mathbf{m} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{m})$	$-\frac{2D}{\mu_0 M_s} (\nabla \times \mathbf{m})$

# PDEs for micromagnetics

- Magnetic scalar potential and demagnetisation field

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}') = \frac{M_s}{4\pi} \left( \underbrace{- \int_{\Omega} \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}')}{\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|} dV}_{\text{volume term}} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|} dS \right)$$

surface term

$$\mathbf{H}_d(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\phi(\mathbf{r})$$

- Effective field

$$H_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{m}) = \underbrace{\frac{2A}{\mu_0 M_s} \nabla^2 \mathbf{m}}_{\text{exchange}} - \underbrace{\frac{2D}{\mu_0 M_s} (\nabla \times \mathbf{m})}_{\text{DMI}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{Zeeman}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{H}_d}_{\text{demagnetisation}}$$

- LLG equation

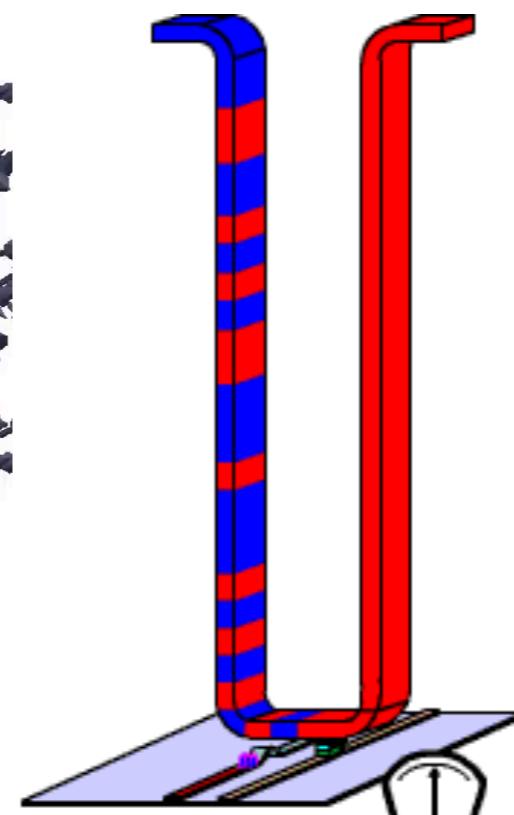
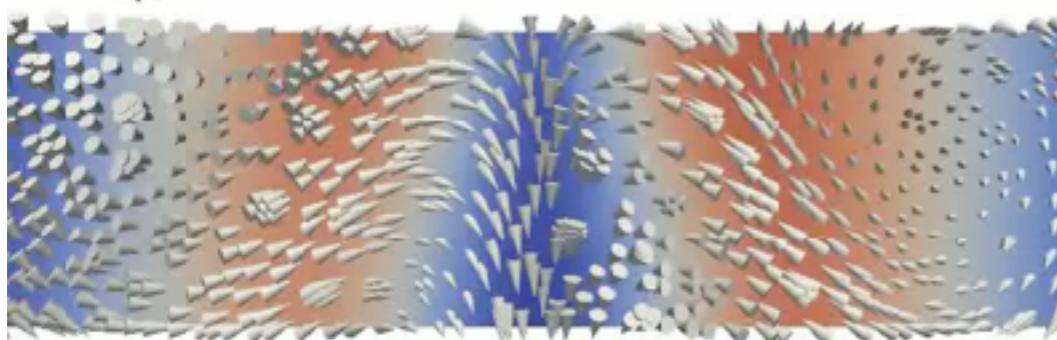
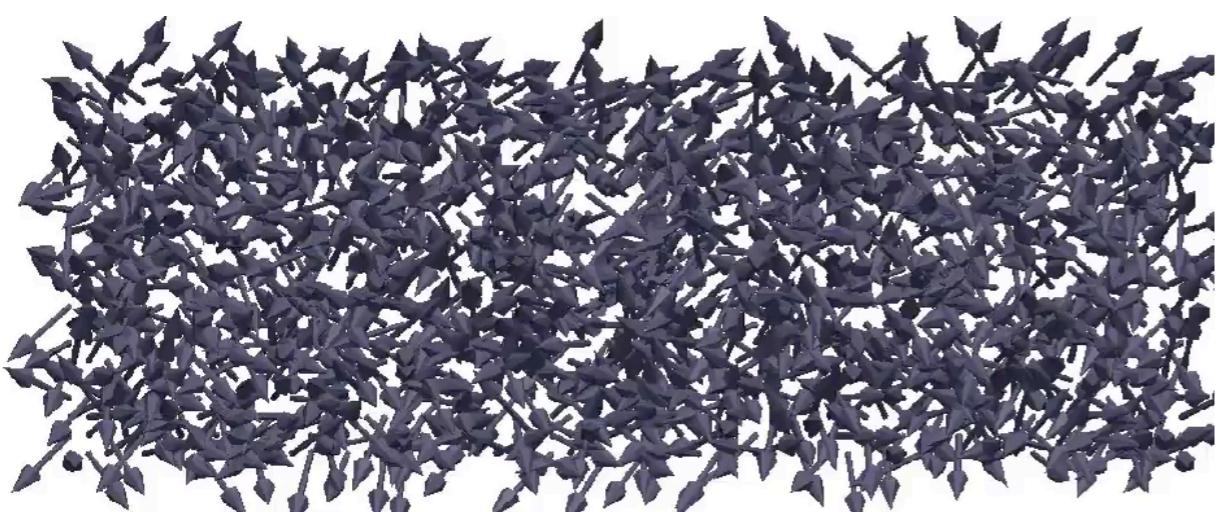
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\gamma^* \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}}_{\text{precession}} + \underbrace{\alpha \mathbf{m} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial t}}_{\text{damping}} + u(|\mathbf{m}| - 1) \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{m}}{|\mathbf{m}|}}_{\text{norm correction}}$$

# Micromagnetic computational problem

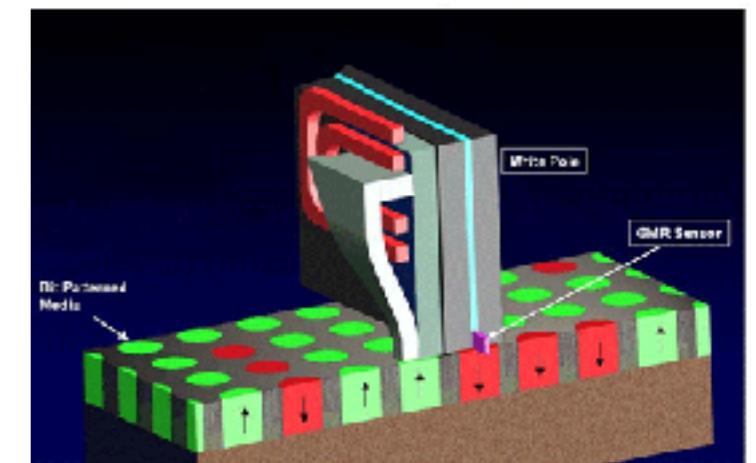
- semi-discretised: PDE in every timestep, coupled set of ODEs to integrate time
- Dynamics of magnetisation is defined by a stiff set of equations (different timescales)
- Different length scales (exchange vs demagnetisation)
- “More difficult than CFD”

# Micromagnetics

- The number of problems that can be solved analytically is very limited.
- Experimental techniques do not provide enough insight.
- Simulations allow to study the micromagnetic systems in much more detail, vary parameters, measure different observables, etc.



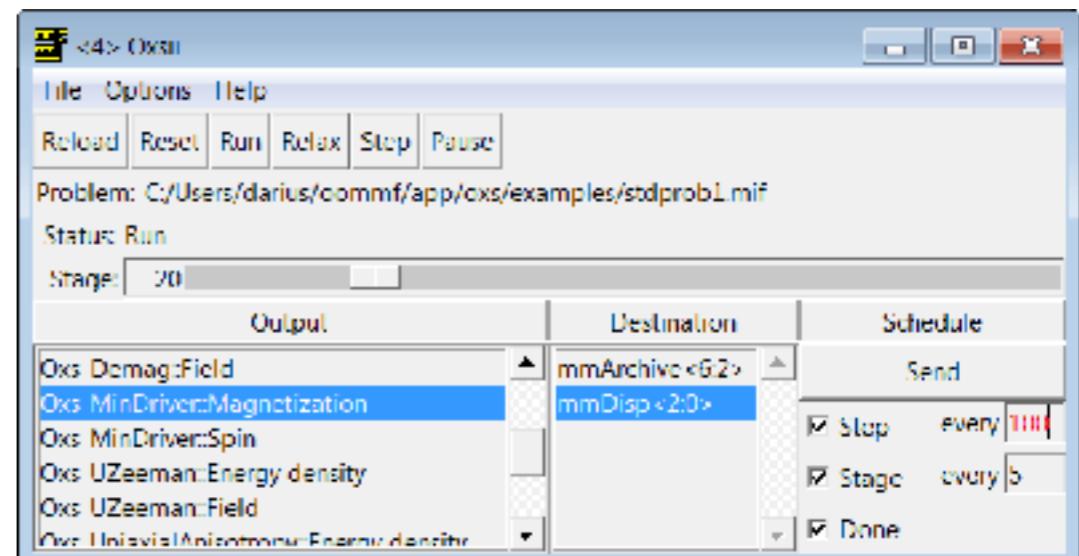
Parkin, Science, 320, 190 (2008)



Bit-patterned media (Seagate)

# Object Oriented MicroMagnetic Framework (OOMMF)

- Probably the most widely used simulation tool
  - Developed at NIST, USA
  - Cited over 2200 times in scientific publications
  - Written in C++, some Tcl glue / interface



GUI

```

25 #XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
26 # Auxiliary variables:
27 #
28 # Mu0 set to magnetic field energy density, Km=0.3mm=Ms/2,
29 # B is 1e6 J/m^3
30 #set Mu_0 1e0
31 #set Ms [eperm] (2.8Gw/1e6fH)
32 #
33 #
34 # Arbitrarily set cube dimension to 100 nm, and compute cellsize and
35 # exchange length based on parameters L and M.
36 #set Cubesize 100e-9 # L00 cube size in meters
37 #set cellsize [eperm] (Cubesize/MH) ;# In meters
38 #set len [eperm] (Cubesize/PB) ;# exchange length
39 #
40 #
41 # set B0 to 2e14Gs
42 #set B0 [eperm] {2e14Gs}
43 #
44 # Compute A so that cubesize is requested number of exchange lengths
45 #set A [eperm] {0.3mmabs{B0}*len*len*len} ;# Exchange coefficient, 1/m
46 #
47 #
48 Report "W-SL KB-MKL & -IPS, box-size, L-L1, seed-Isseed"
49 #
50 #XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
51 # Tcl script for CreateVortex proc
52 #
53 # Coordinate transform to select initial vortex orientation
54 proc CreateVortex { vct } {
55   for {set i 0} {$i < 3} {incr i} {
56     set v1 [lindex $vct $i]
57     set v2 [lindex $vct $i]
58     set v3 [lindex $vct $i]

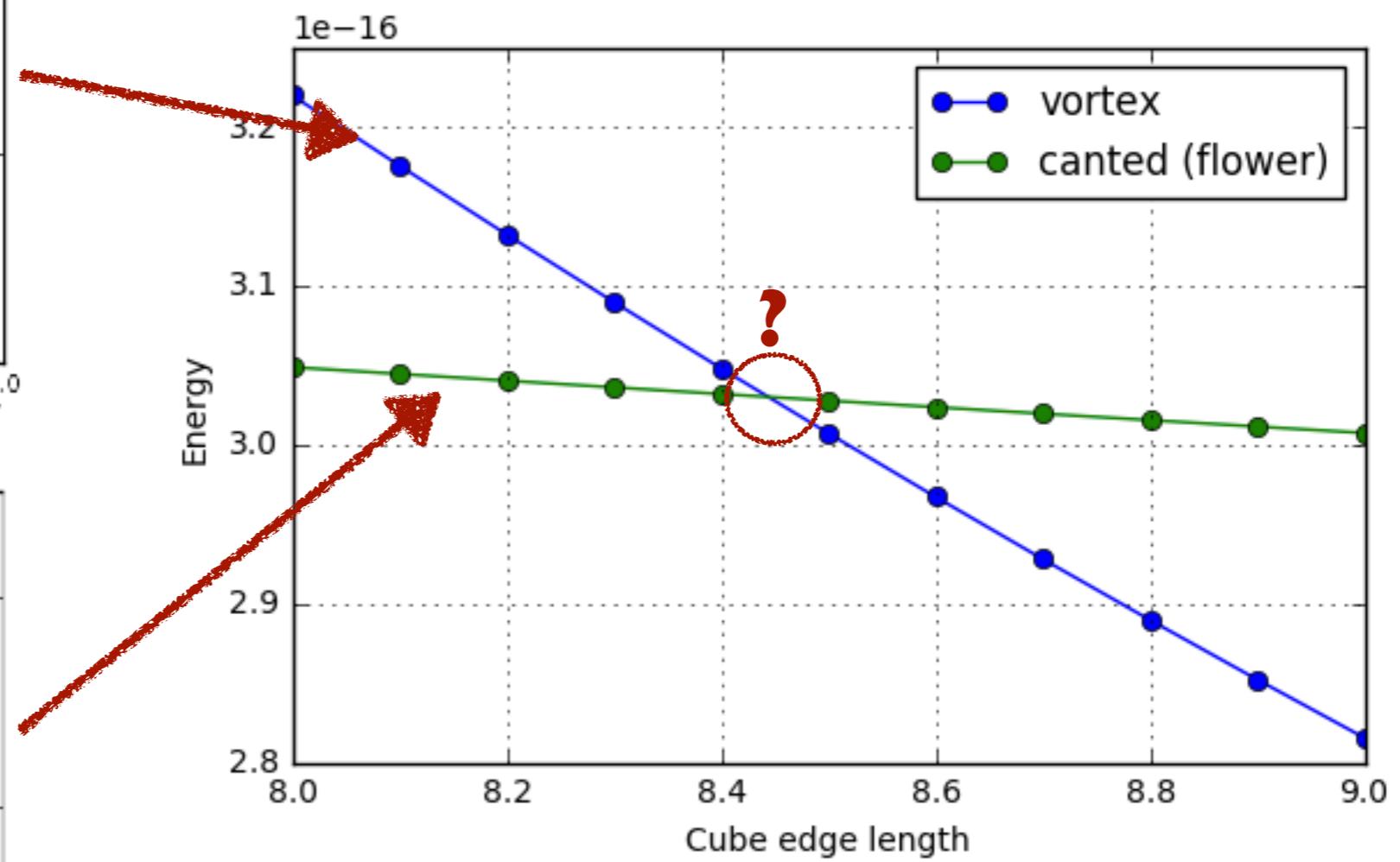
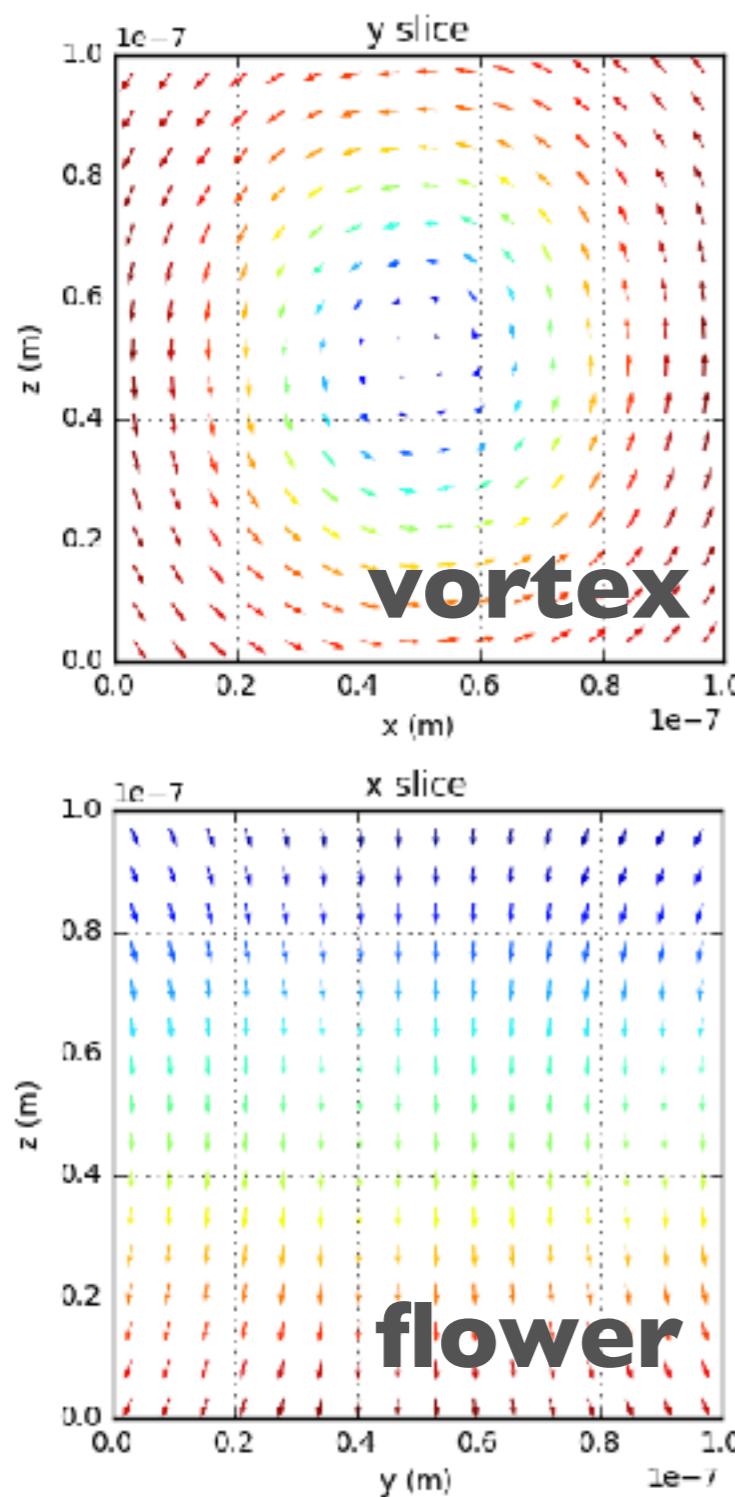
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# Tcl config file

# OOMMF workflow

# Research question

For what cube edge length  
have vortex and flower states the  
same energy?



# Step 1: write simulation configuration

```
# MIF 2.1
# MIF Example File: stdprob3.mif
# Description: Sample problem description for muMAG Standard Problem #3

set pi [expr {4*atan(1.0)}]
set mu0 [expr {4*$pi*1e-7}]

Parameter seed 0
RandomSeed $seed ;# Initialize seed to {} to get a seed
## value from the system clock.

#####
# Simulation parameters

Parameter L 8 ;# Cube dimension, in units of exchange length
Parameter N 32 ;# Number of cells along one edge of cube

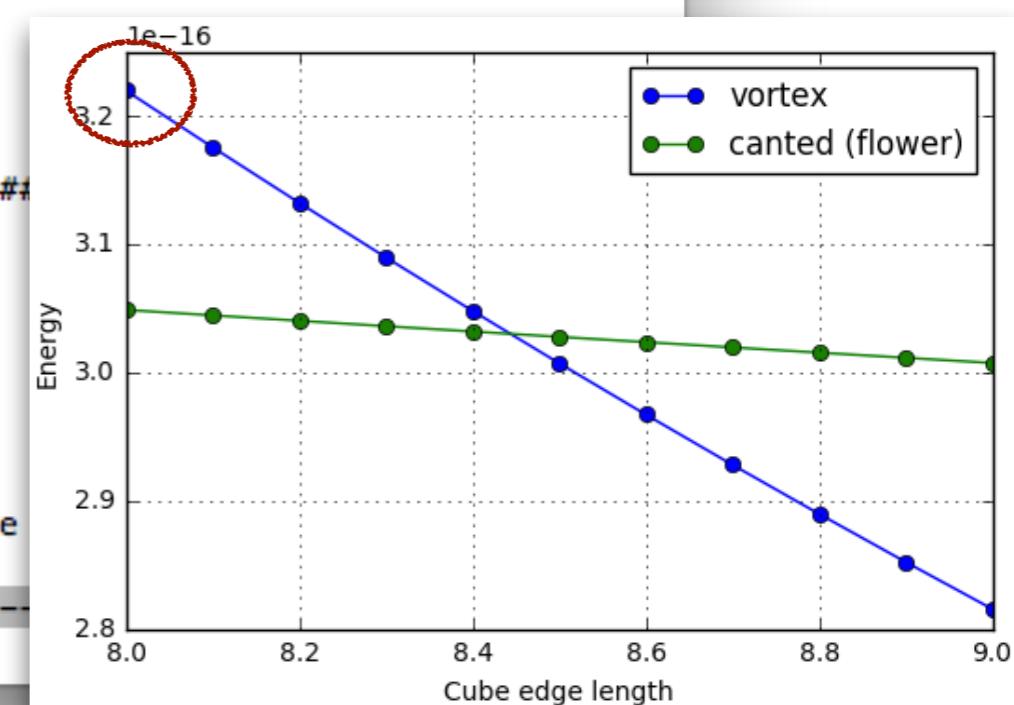
Parameter initial_state "vortex";# Initial state should be
## one of "uniform", "vortex", "cant", "cantvortex", "twisted",
## "random" or "file <filename>"; in the last case <filename> is the
## name of a file to use as the initial configuration.

Parameter stop 1e-3

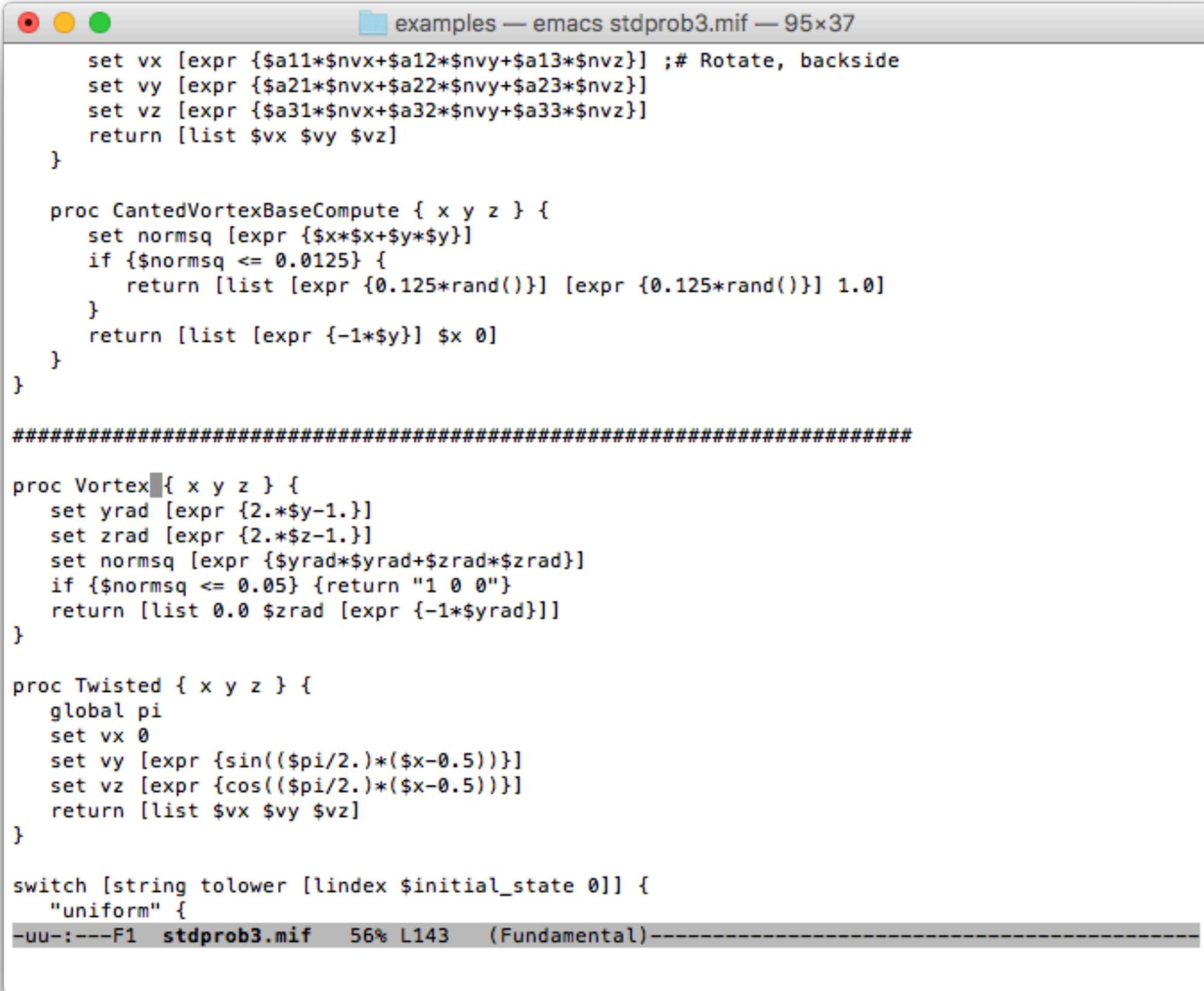
#####
# Auxiliary variables:

# Work out Ms so magnetostatic energy density, Km=0.5*mu0*Ms^2,
# is 1e6 J/m^3
set Km 1e6
set Ms [expr {sqrt(2*$Km/$mu0)}]

# Arbitrarily set cube dimension to 100 nm, and compute cellsize
# exchange length based on parameters L and N.
-uu-:---F1 stdprob3.mif Top L1 (Fundamental)---
```



# step 1: write simulation configuration



The screenshot shows an Emacs window titled "examples — emacs stdprob3.mif — 95x37". The buffer contains a text-based configuration file for a simulation. The code defines several procedures:

- CantedVortexBaseCompute**: A procedure that takes parameters *x*, *y*, and *z*. It calculates a norm square and returns a list of three values. If the norm square is less than or equal to 0.0125, it returns a list containing a random value between 0.125 and 0.125, another random value between 0.125 and 0.125, and 1.0. Otherwise, it returns a list containing -1 times *y*, *x*, and 0.
- Vortex**: A procedure that takes parameters *x*, *y*, and *z*. It calculates radial distances *yrad* and *zrad*, and a norm square. If the norm square is less than or equal to 0.05, it returns a list "1 0 0". Otherwise, it returns a list containing 0.0, *zrad*, and -1 times *yrad*.
- Twisted**: A procedure that takes parameters *x*, *y*, and *z*. It sets *vx* to 0, calculates *vy* as  $\sin(\pi/2 \cdot (x - 0.5))$ , and *vz* as  $\cos(\pi/2 \cdot (x - 0.5))$ . It then returns a list of *vx*, *vy*, and *vz*.
- switch**: A switch statement that handles the initial state. If the state is "uniform", it performs no specific action.

The status bar at the bottom of the window shows the file name "stdprob3.mif", line number "56%", and mode "Fundamental".

# Step 2: run simulation

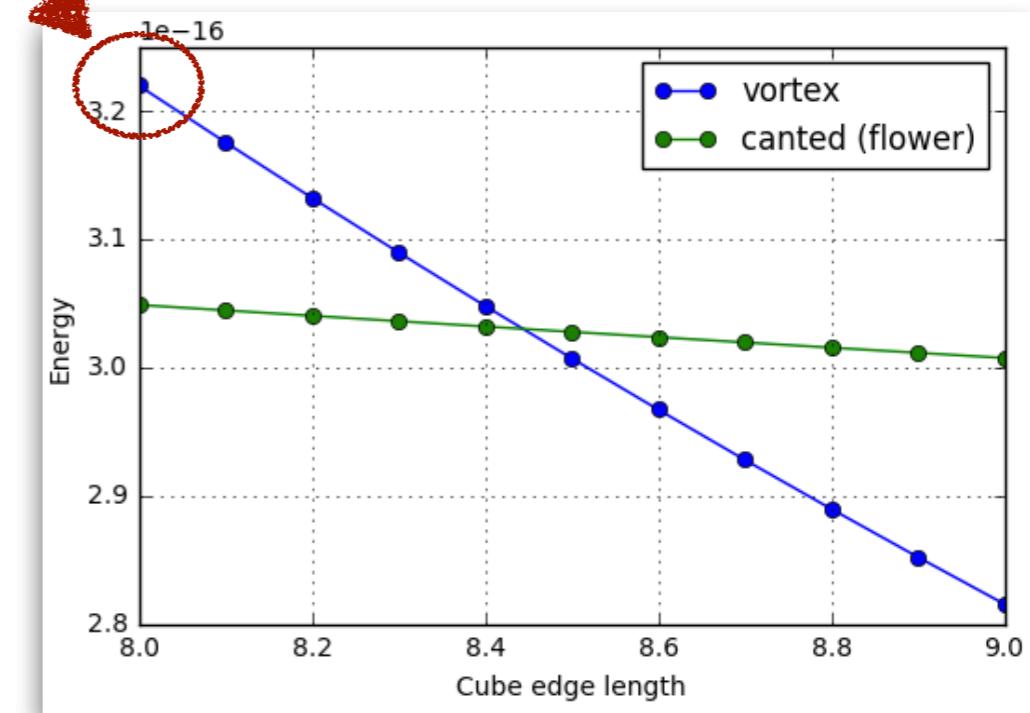
```
[Marijans-MBP:my_project mb4e10$ ls  
stdprob3.mif  
[Marijans-MBP:my_project mb4e10$ tclsh $00MMFTCL boxsi +fg stdprob3.mif -exitondone 1  
Start: "/Users(mb4e10/my_project/stdprob3.mif"  
Options: -exitondone 1 -threads 2  
Boxsi version 1.2.1.0  
Running on: marijans-macbook-pro.local  
OS/machine: Darwin/x86_64  
User: mb4e10 PID: 72176  
Number of threads: 2  
Mesh geometry: 32 x 32 x 32 = 32 768 cells  
Checkpoint file: /Users(mb4e10/my_project/sp3-vortex-seed0000.restart  
Boxsi run end.  
[Marijans-MBP:my_project mb4e10$ ls  
sp3-vortex-seed0000.odt stdprob3.mif  
Marijans-MBP:my_project mb4e10$ ]
```

# Step 3: read data

```
# ODT 1.0
# Table Start
# Title: mmArchive Data Table, Wed Nov 16 20:54:28 GMT 2016
# Columns: {Oxs_CGEvolve::Max mxHxm} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Total energy} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Delta E} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Bracket count} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Line min count} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Conjugate cycle count} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Cycle count} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Cycle sub count} {Oxs_CGEvolve::Energy calc count} {Oxs_UniaxialAnisotropy::Energy} {Oxs_UniformExchange::Energy} {Oxs_UniformExchange::Max Spin Ang} {Oxs_UniformExchange::Stage Max Spin Ang} {Oxs_UniformExchange::Run Max Spin Ang} {Oxs_Demag::Energy} {Oxs_MinDriver::Iteration} {Oxs_MinDriver::Stage iteration} {Oxs_MinDriver::Stage} {Oxs_MinDriver::mx} {Oxs_MinDriver::my} {Oxs_MinDriver::mz}
# Units: {} A/m {} J {} J deg {} J deg {} J deg
# Table End
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# repeat simulations...

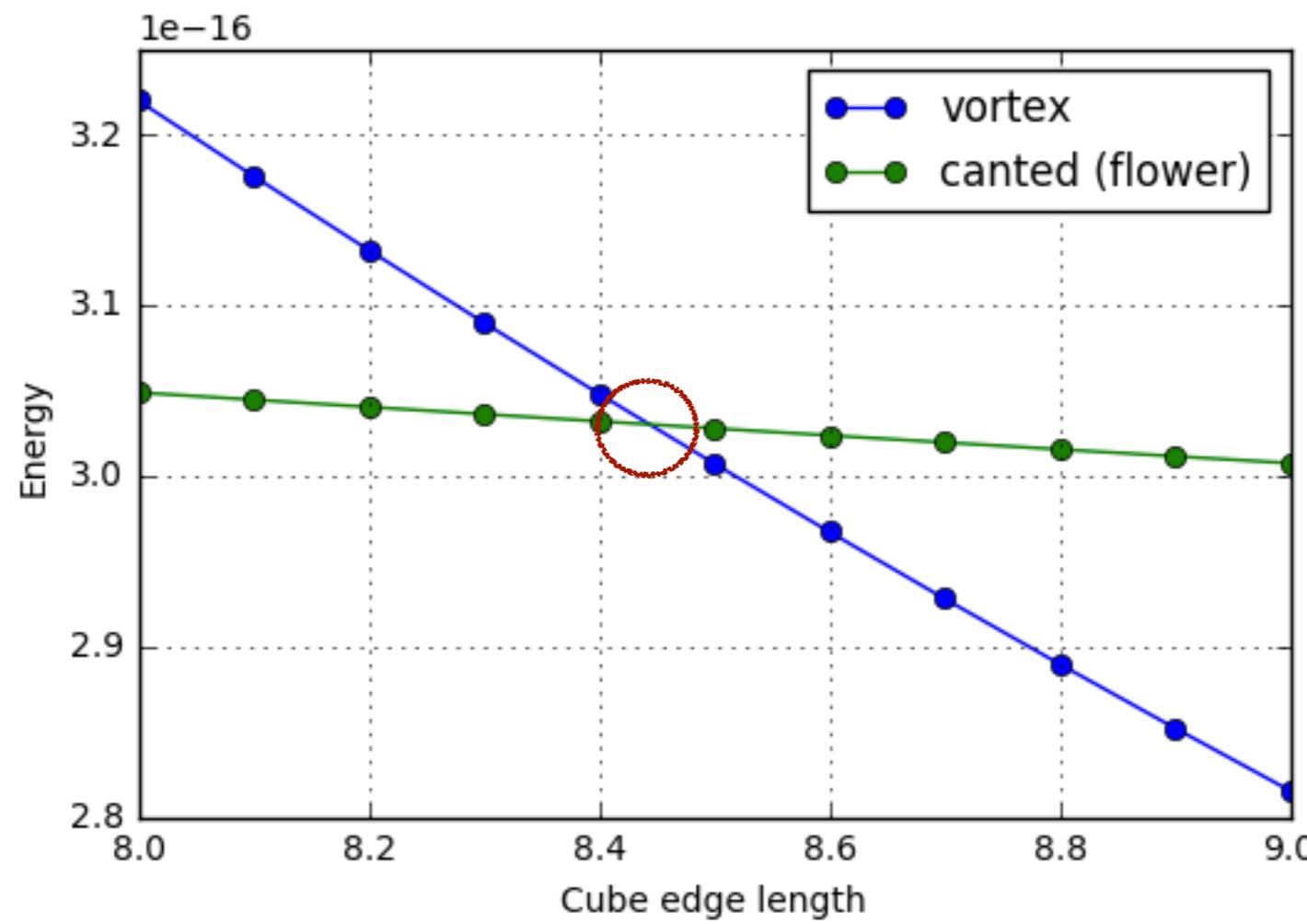
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8.1	?	?
8.2	?	?
8.3	?	?
8.4	?	?
8.5	?	?
8.6	?	?
8.7	?	?
8.8	?	?
8.9	?	?
9.0	?	?



We have to repeat steps 1, 2, and 3 to obtain other 21 points

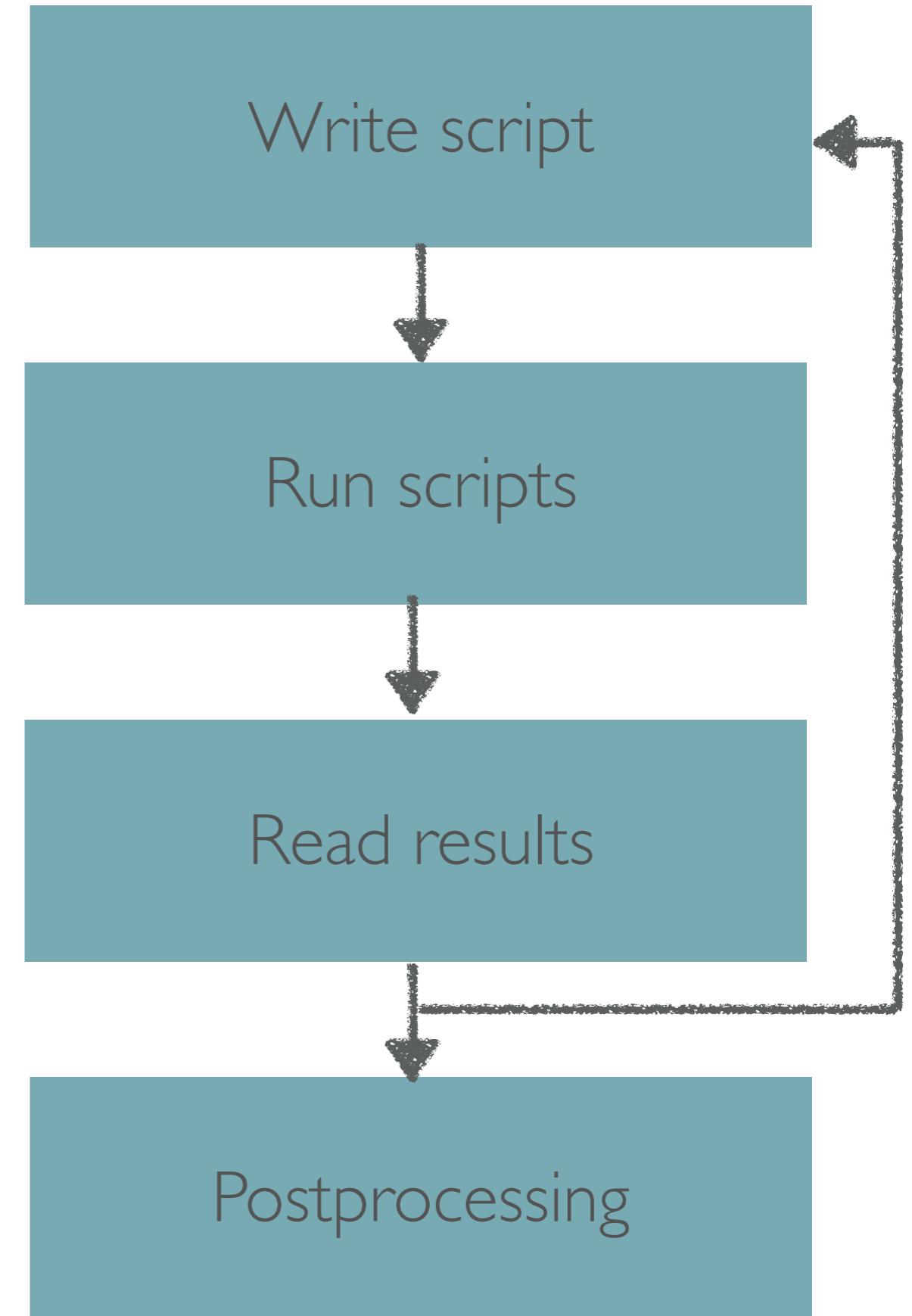
# postprocessing

- We plot the data we obtained by running separate plotting scripts or by using some Graphical User Interfaces (Python, MATLAB, Excel, Origin...)



- Find crossing

# Workflow



# Issues with (oommf) workflow

- Time consuming
- Keeping log of all steps that were run and in what order
- Separate post processing scripts
- Reproducibility?

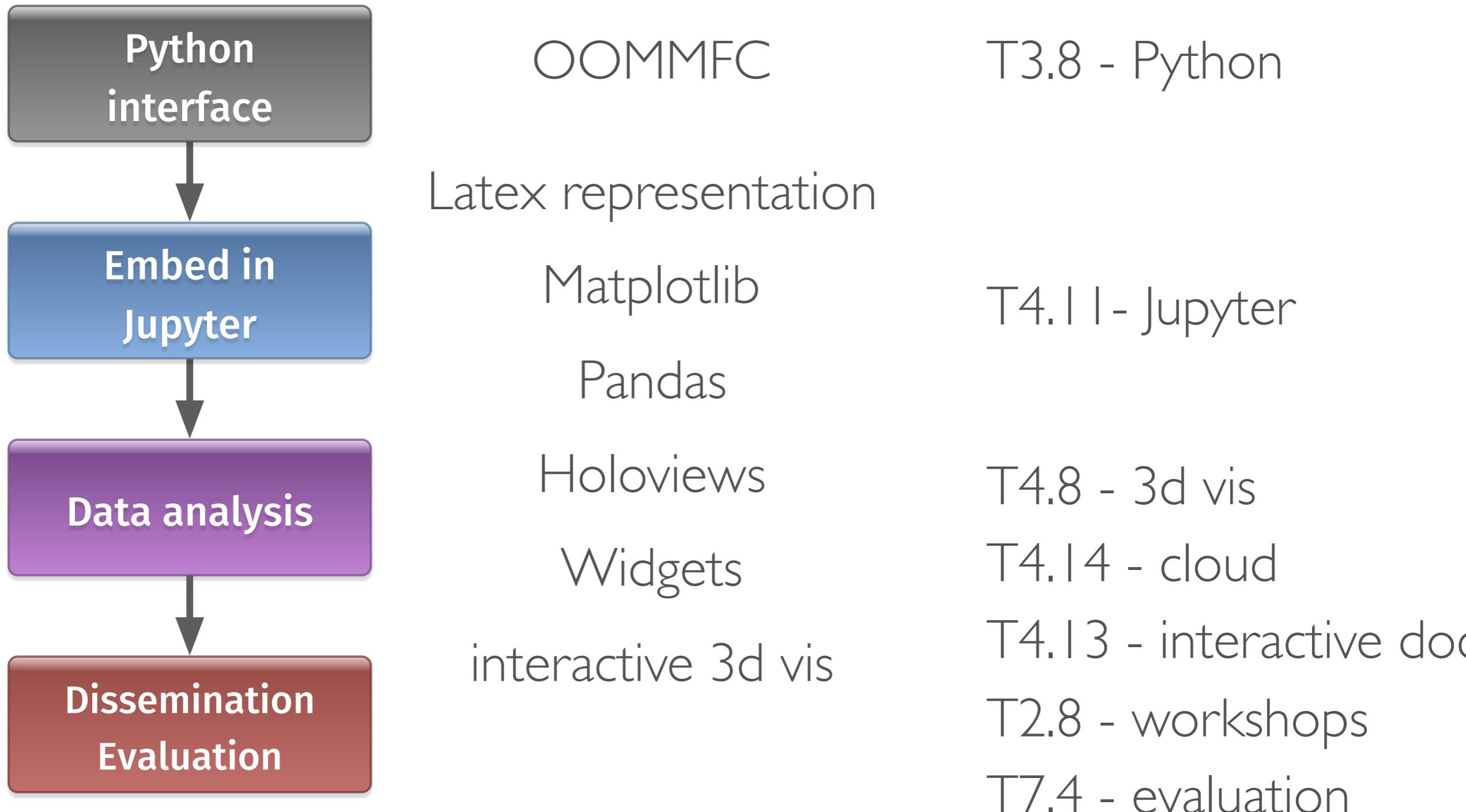
**JOOMMF**

# JOOMMF

- Micromagnetic Virtual Research Environment
- Enable running OOMMF simulations in Jupyter notebook
- Jupyter + OOMMF = JOOMMF
- Communicate to OOMMF via Python interface (T3.8):  
Domain specific language embedded in general purpose  
language [1]

[1] Marijan Beg, Ryan A. Pepper, Hans Fangohr: *User interfaces for computational science: a domain specific language for OOMMF embedded in Python*, AIP Advances **accepted**, arxiv:1608.04876 (2017)

# Road map JOOMMF



# JOOMMF example

- in Jupyter -

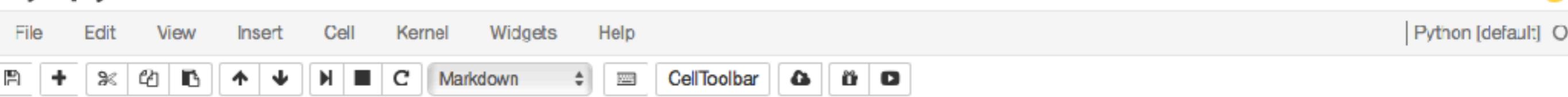
[Live demo in Notebook]

# OOMMF-Python communication

- The core OOMMF computational routines are implemented in C++, higher level functionality implemented in Tcl
- Possible solutions for interfacing Tcl and C++ with Python include swig, boost, cython
- We decided communicating with OOMMF via MIF (configuration) files:
  - This provides us robustness since we do not need to adapt the interface depending on the platform.
  - Re-use of all functionality in Tc
  - Easier to debug, even for end users

# Tables

jupyter standard\_problem4 (autosaved)



## Postprocessing

When we drove the system using the `TimeDriver`, we specified that we want to save the magnetisation configuration  $n = 200$  times. A detailed table of all computed parameters from the last simulation can be shown from the datatable (`system.dt`), which is a pandas dataframe [2].

For instance, if we want to show the last 10 rows in the table, we run:

In [16]: `system.dt.tail(5)`

Out[16]:	E	Ecount	max_dm/dt	dE/dt	deltaE	Eex	max_spin_angle	stage_max_spin_angle	run_max_spin_angle	Ed
195	-2.676805e-18	3802.0	1168.558002	-1.701626e-09	-2.292409e-21	9.509917e-20	3.988227	4.335480	29.984064	8.5391119
196	-2.685941e-18	3821.0	1264.690715	-1.936455e-09	-2.633442e-21	8.603004e-20	4.234452	4.234452	29.984064	8.8513919
197	-2.695973e-18	3840.0	1385.550409	-2.055475e-09	-2.820054e-21	8.010709e-20	4.782664	4.782664	29.984064	9.0791919
198	-2.706283e-18	3859.0	1350.603218	-2.048108e-09	-2.831441e-21	7.558538e-20	4.688752	4.815510	29.984064	9.2229419
199	-2.716260e-18	3878.0	1189.283501	-1.925038e-09	-2.680093e-21	7.113525e-20	4.377352	4.688752	29.984064	9.2922719

# Benefits

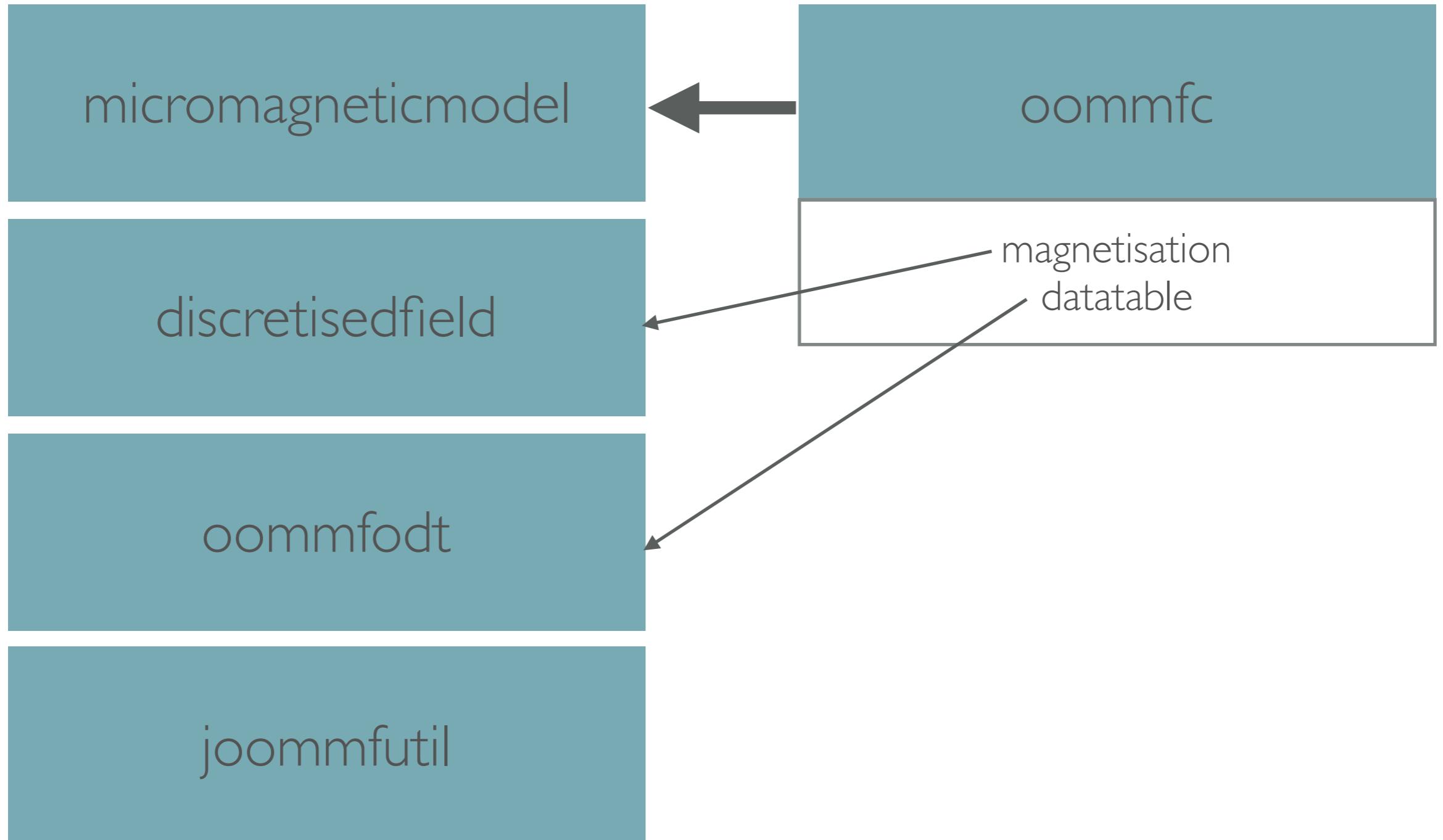
- Documentation, computation, visualisation in the same notebook
- The entire workflow is contained in a single document
- Self documenting, reproducible, NBVAL
- Easy to share, publish, and collaborate
- Executable tutorial for OOMMF Software

# Micromagnetic model example

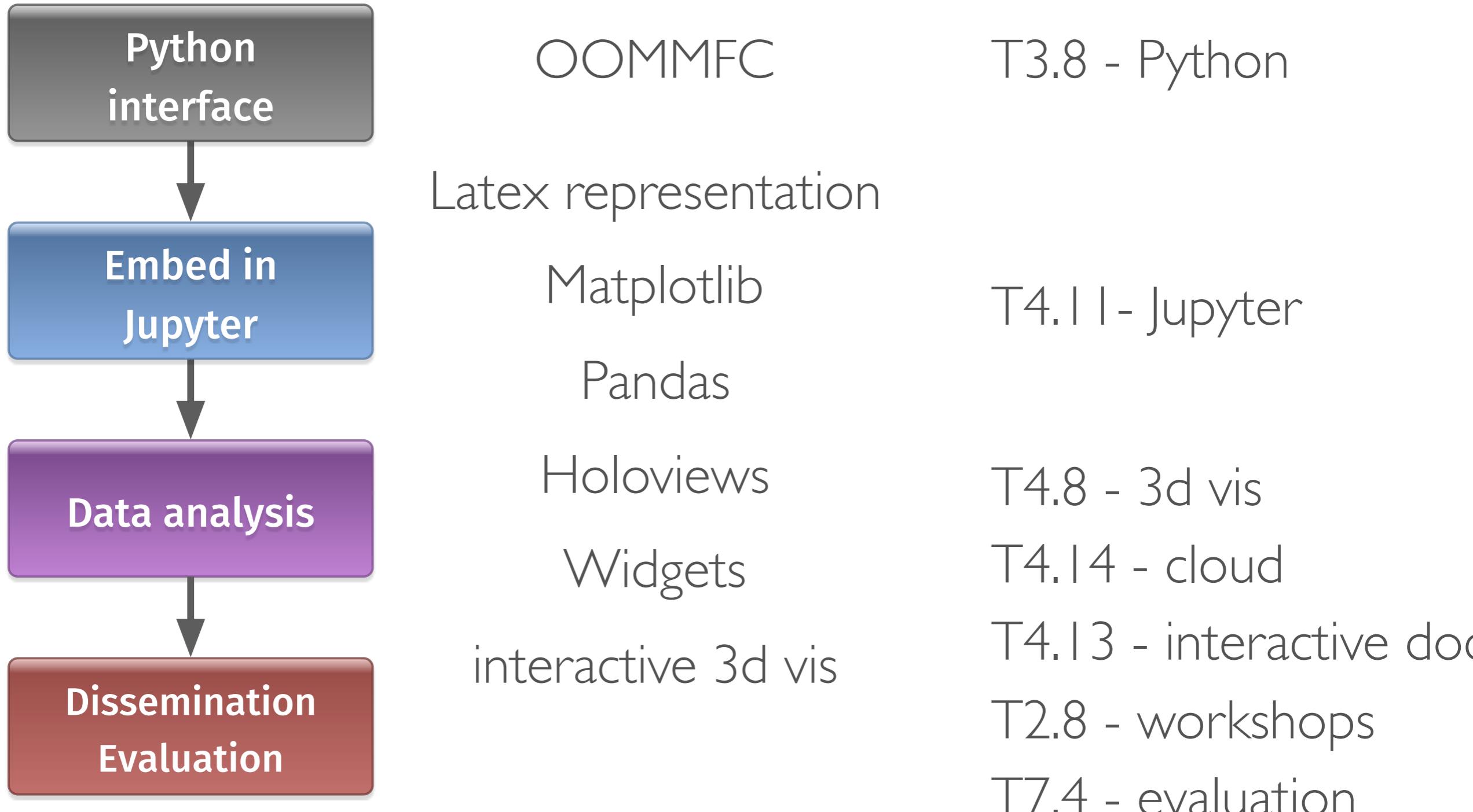
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[Live demo in Notebook]

# JOOMMF structure



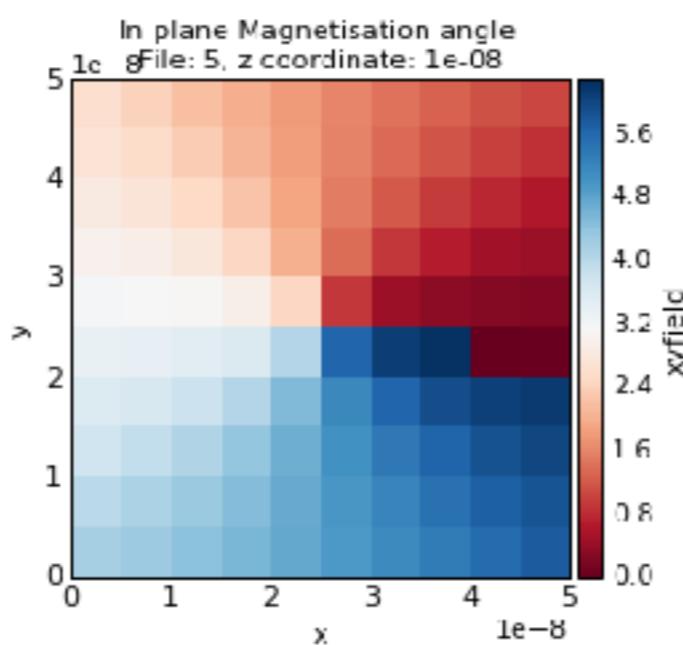
# Road map JOOMMF



# Outlook

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In [16]: #PYTEST_VALIDATE_IGNORE_OUTPUT  
inplane = joommftools.create_inplane_holomap(files[:10], slicecoords, 'z')  
inplane
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Out[16]:



File:

z coordinate:

# Summary

- Virtual Research Environment allows us to have documentation (text and equations), code, code outputs (text, figures, tables) in a single file
- URL: [joommf.github.io](https://joommf.github.io)
- Domain specific language embedded in Python: benefit of using already existing language and libraries for data analysis and visualisation:  
Python interface and embedded Domain Specific Language:  
Beg et al. *arXiv* 1609.07432 (2016)
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