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High Resolution Study of Discretization Effects in μMAG Standard Problem No. 1

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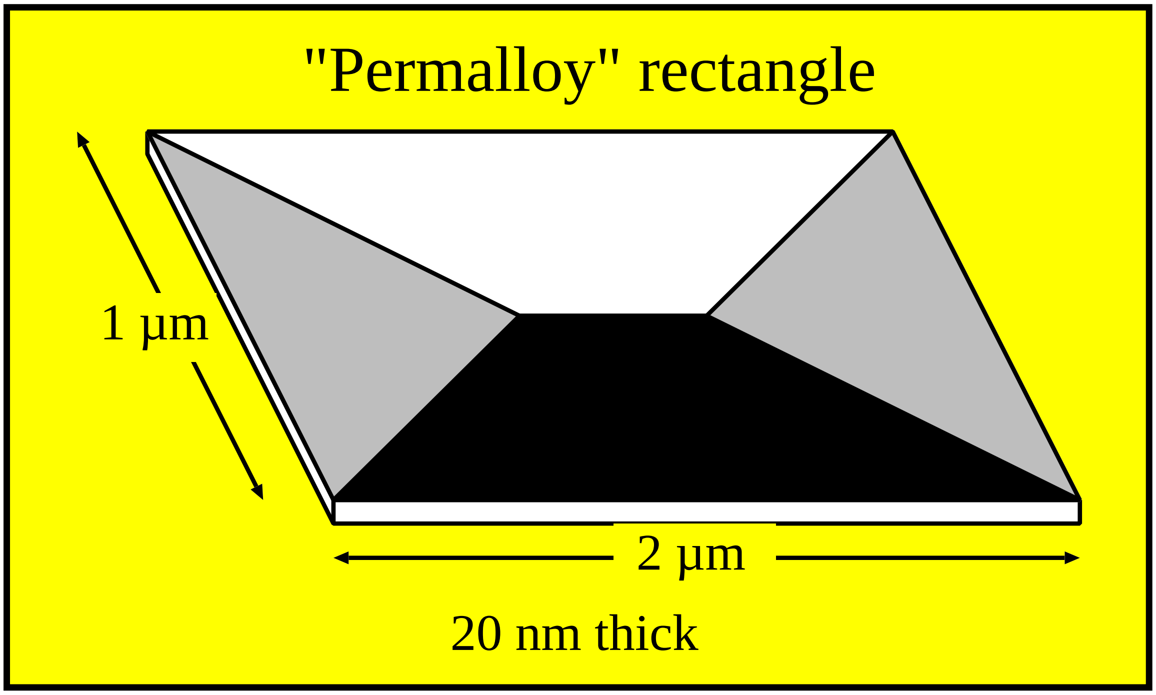
OOMMF

Object Oriented Micromagnetic Framework

- Portable, public domain package from NIST
  - http://math.nist.gov/oommf
- Fully 3D
- Regular, rectangular grids
- FFT-based demag
- Simple 6-neighbor exchange

μMAG Standard Problem No. 1

http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/~rdm/mumag.org.html



Material parameters:

$$A = 1.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J/m}$$

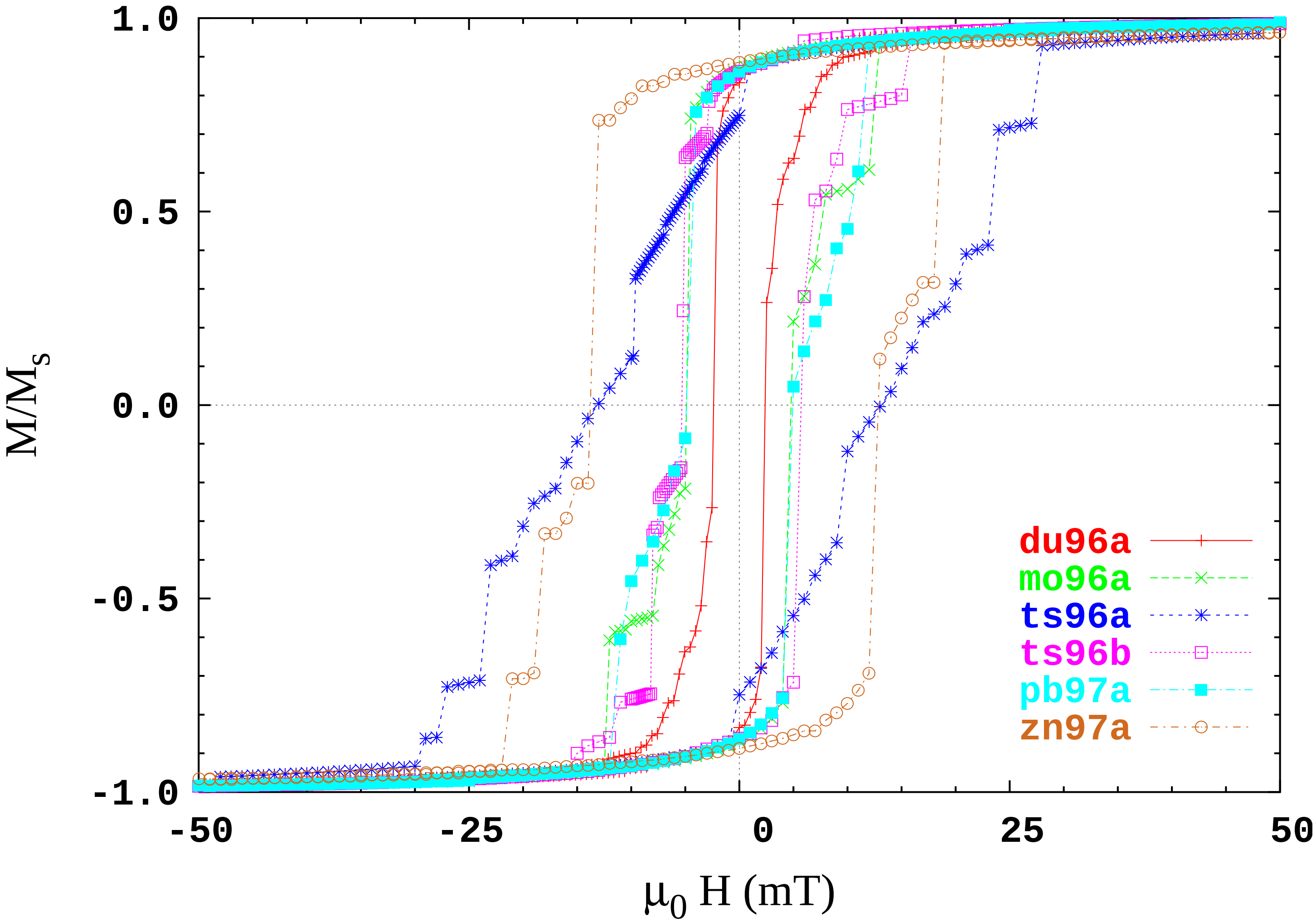
$$M_s = 8 \times 10^5 \text{ A/m}$$

$$K = 5 \times 10^2 \text{ J/m, easy } \| \text{ long axis}$$

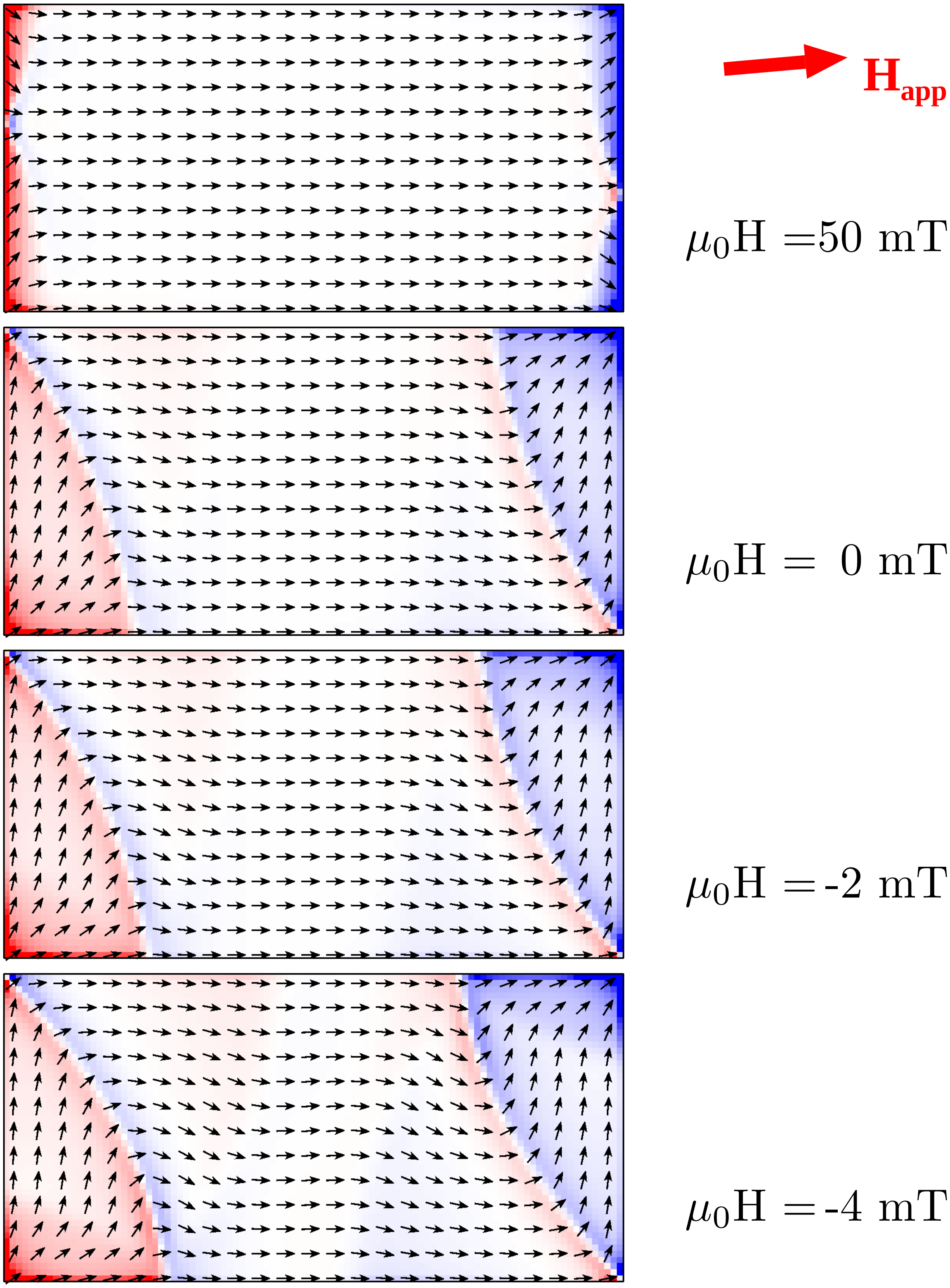
Field applied 1° ccw from particle axis.

Exchange length $\ell_{\text{ex}} = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{\mu_0 M_s^2}} \doteq 5.7$ nm

μMAG Prob. 1: Long Axis Hysteresis Loops



Equilibrium states, Δ = 20 nm



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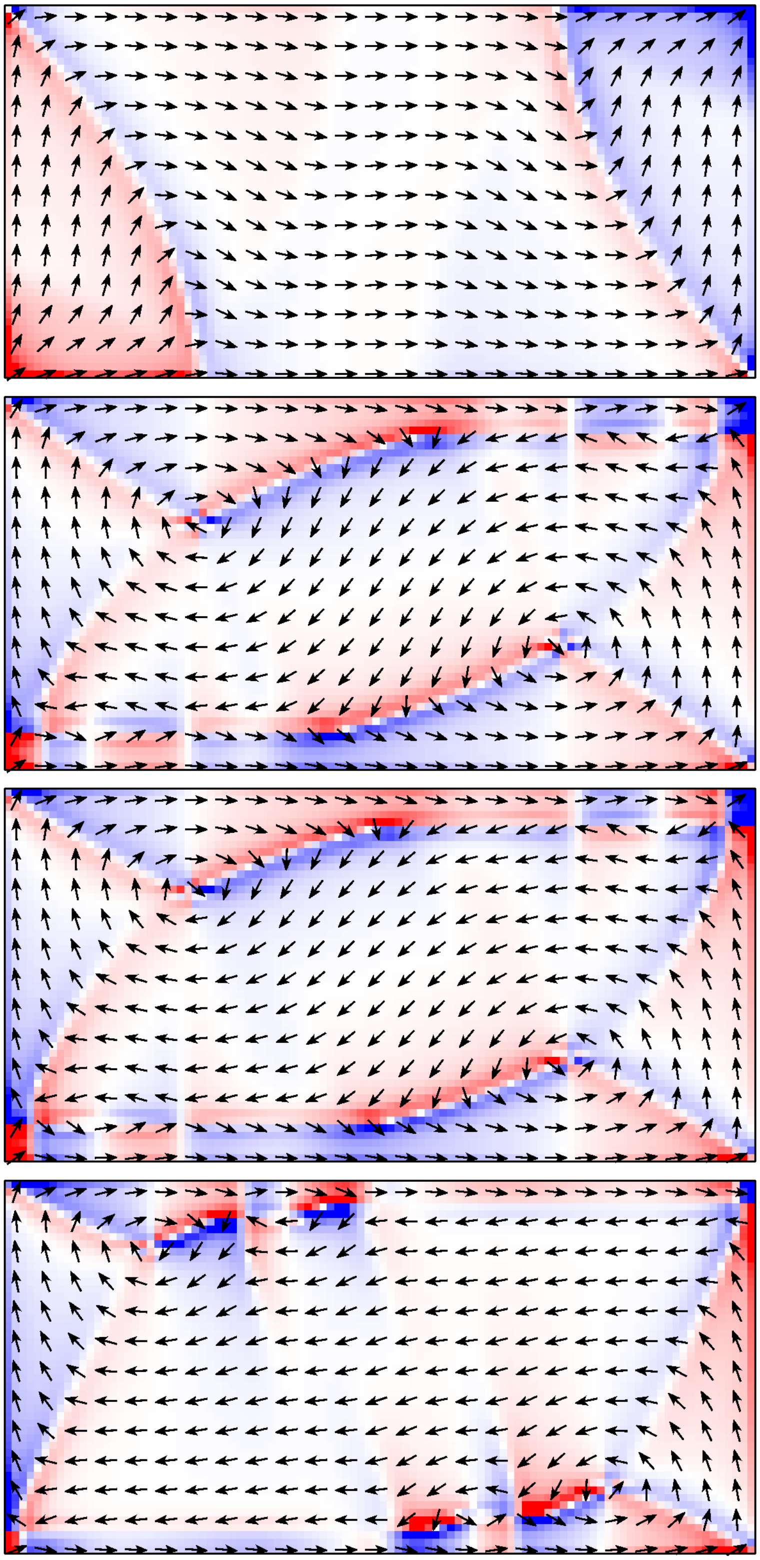

μ_0H = -4 mT

μ_0H = -6 mT

μ_0H = -8 mT

μ_0H =-10 mT

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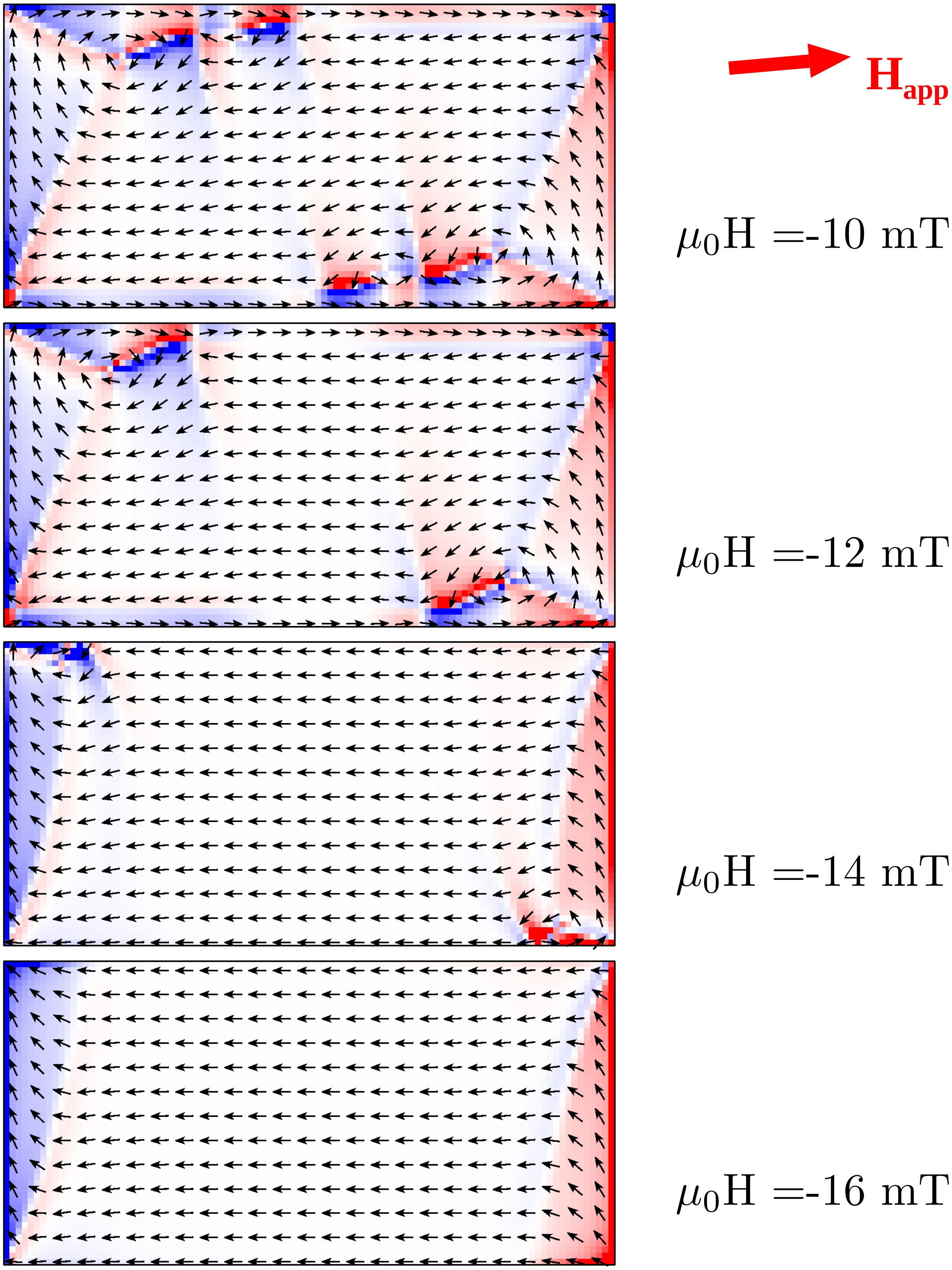
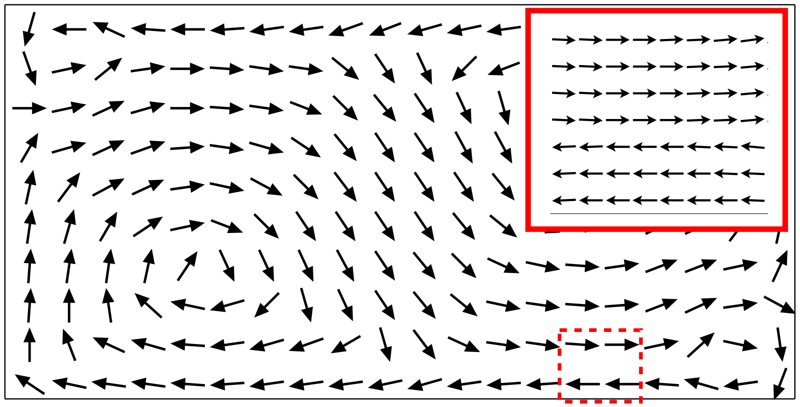
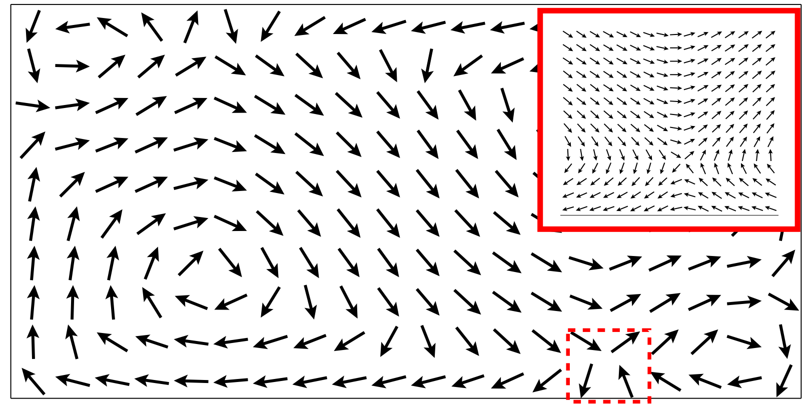


Collapsed Néel Walls



25 nm cells



12.5 nm cells

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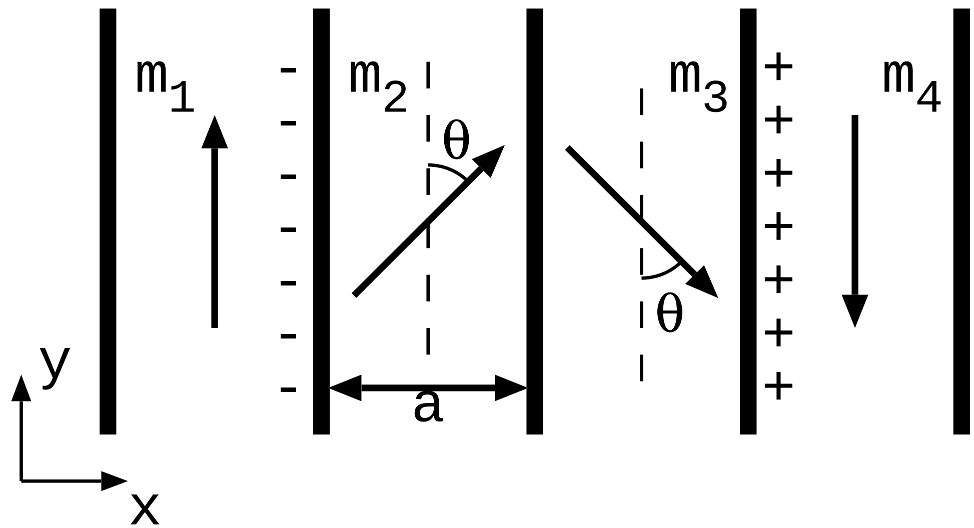
Simple discrete 1D Néel wall model.

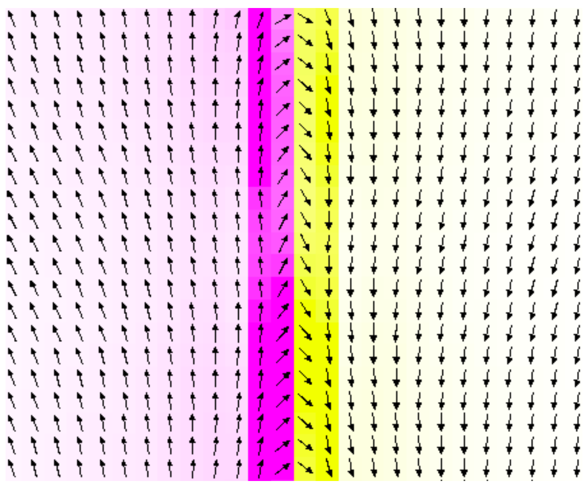


For thickness t, energy (exchange + demag) minimized at

$$\sec\theta = 2 - \frac{\mu_0 a^2 M_s^2 \left[\arctan\left(t/a\right) + \arctan\left(t/(3a)\right)\right]}{2A\pi}$$

provided RHS > 1.

Vortex/Cross-tie Nucleation Detail
(Δ=10 nm)



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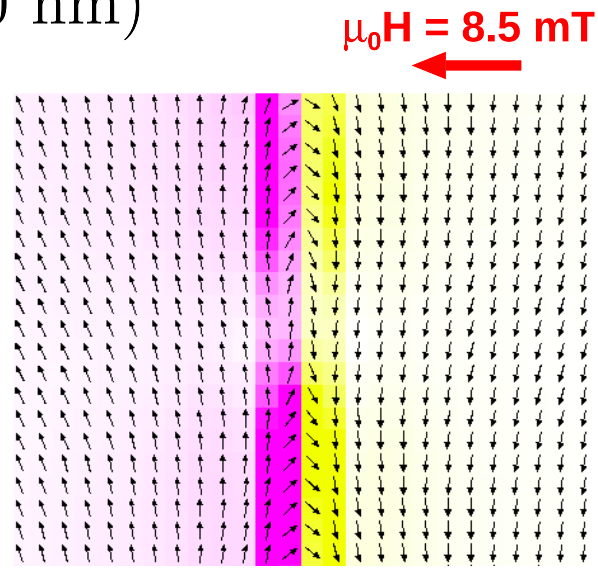

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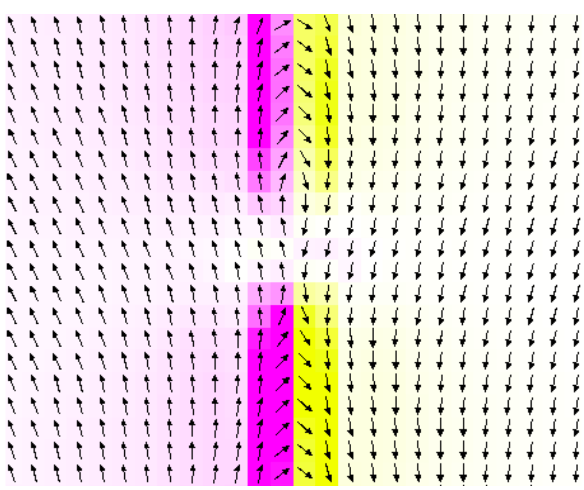

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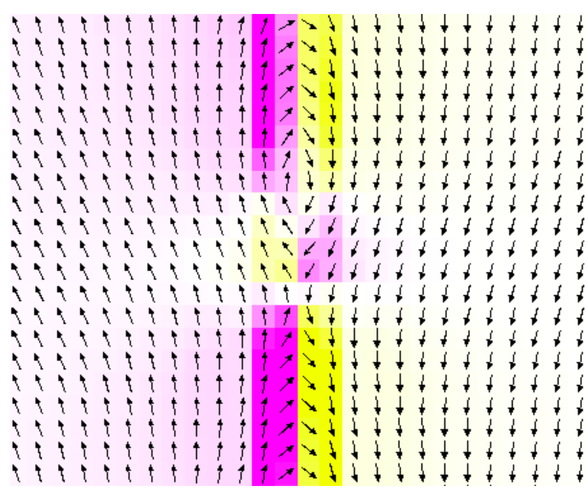

Iteration = 30

Vortex/Cross-tie Nucleation Detail
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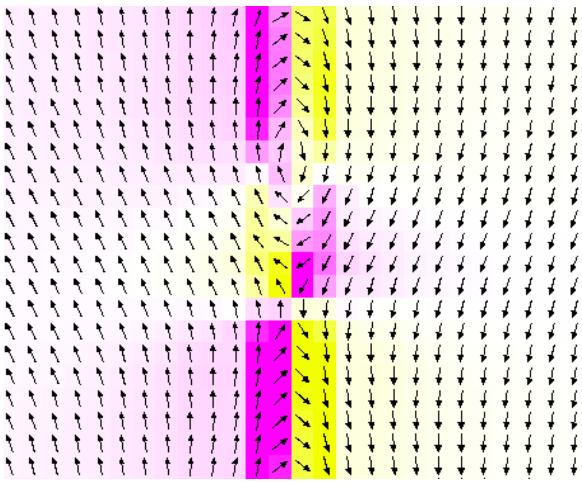

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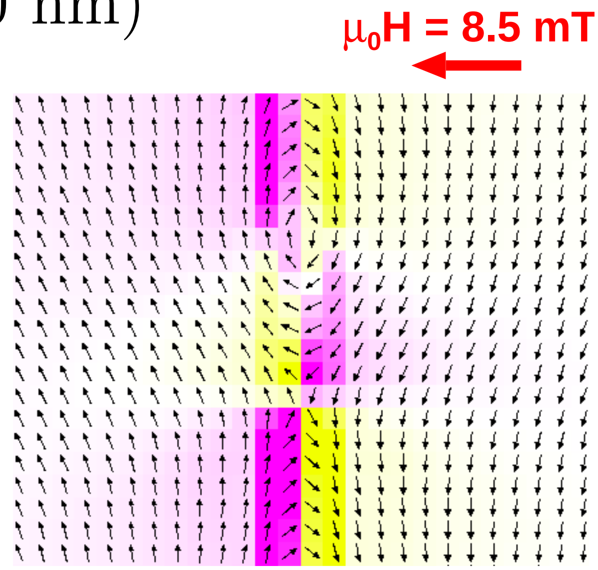

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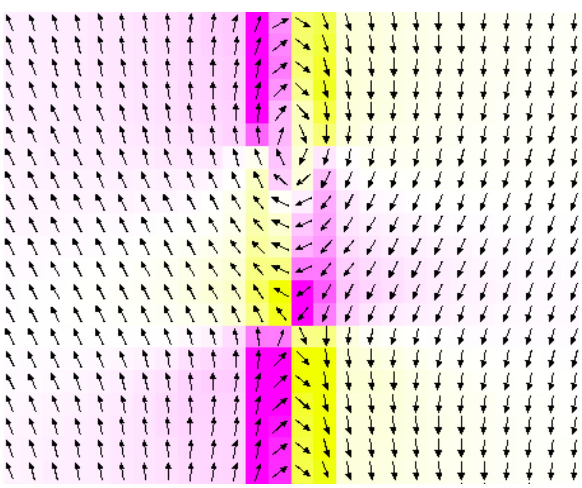

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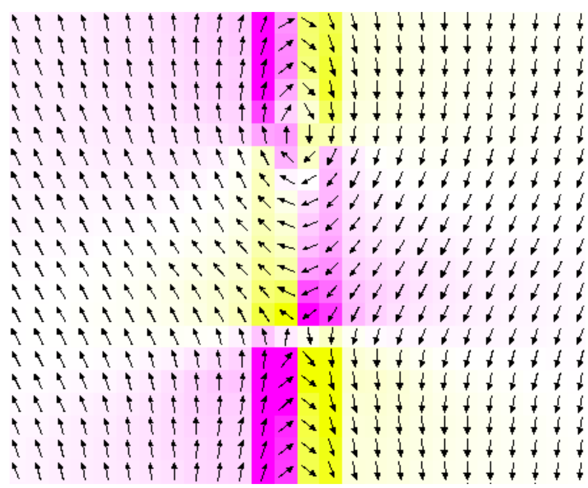
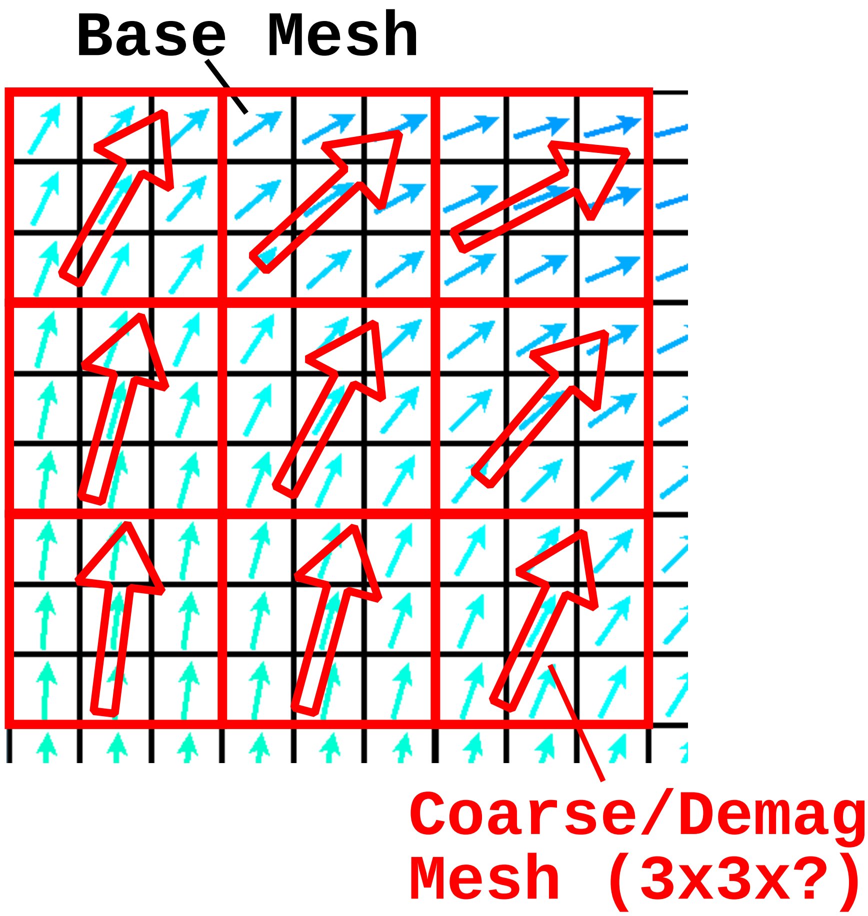


Iteration = 70



1. $M_{IJ} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=3I}^{3I+2} \sum_{j=3J}^{3J+2} m_{ij}$

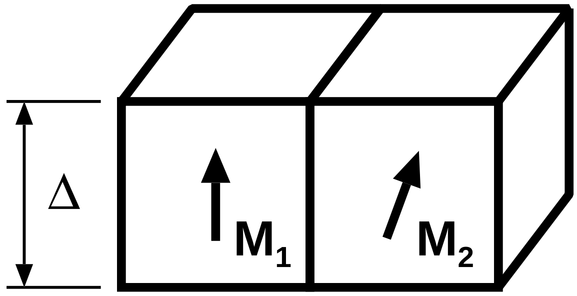
2. $(M_{IJ}) \Rightarrow$ FFT Demag $\Rightarrow (H_{IJ})$

3. $h_{ij} = H_{IJ}$ where $i = \lfloor I/3 \rfloor$, $j = \lfloor J/3 \rfloor$

Note: Preserves

$$h_{ij} = -\mu_0^{-1} \frac{\partial E}{\partial m_{ij}}$$

Near-Field Demag Error



$$H_{21}^{\text{exch}} = \frac{2A}{\mu_0 M_s \Delta^2} \qquad\qquad H_{21}^{\text{demag}} \doteq -0.0675\ M_s$$

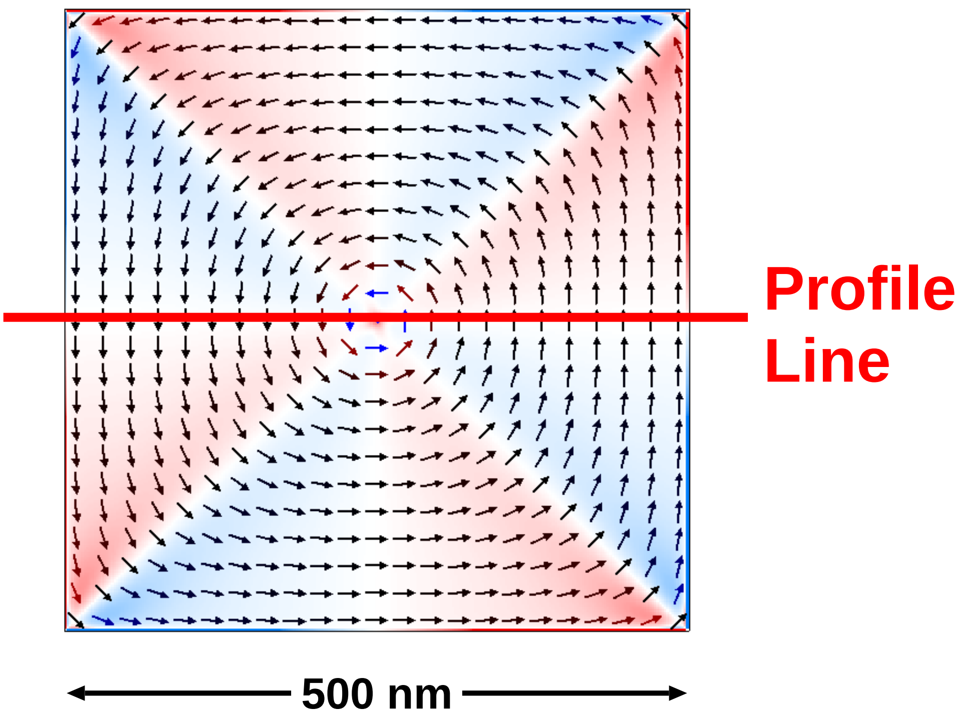
Setting

$$\ell_{\text{ex}} = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{\mu_0 M_s^2}}$$

yields

$$H_{21}^{\text{demag}} \doteq \left(\frac{\Delta}{3.85\ \ell_{\text{ex}}}\right)^2 H_{21}^{\text{exch}}$$

Convergence Study



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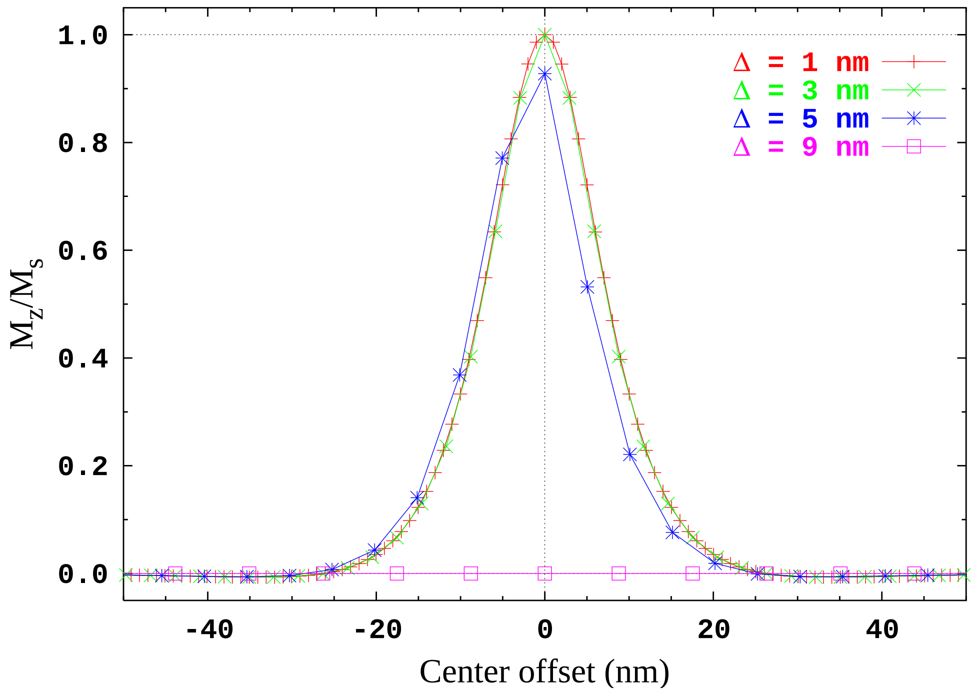
10 nm thick

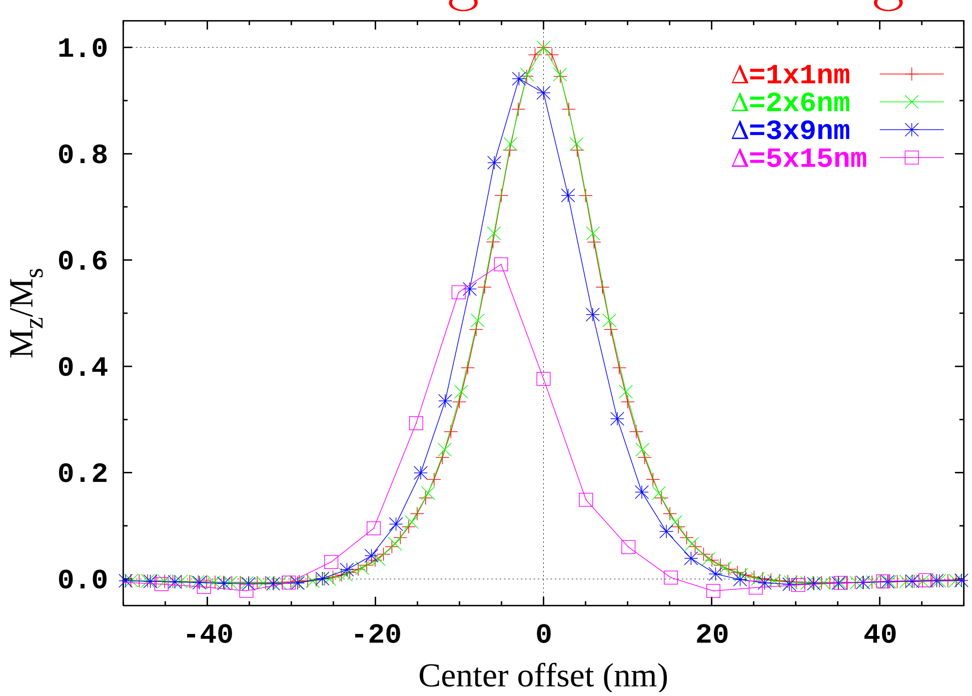
Test:

- Effects of refinement
- Effectiveness of coarse demag

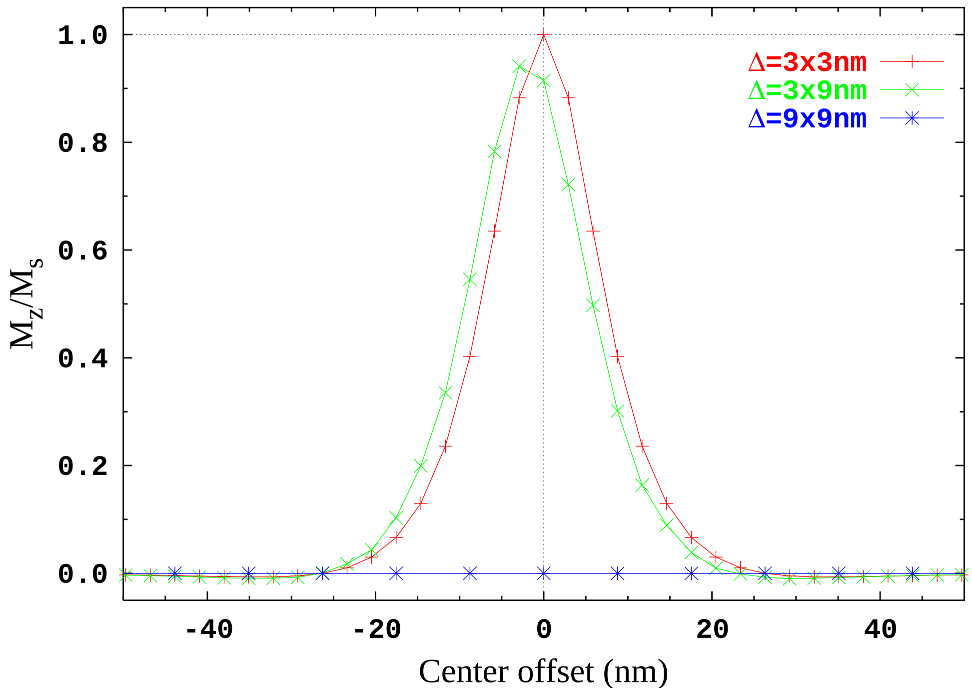
Single Mesh Convergence



Coarse Demag Mesh Convergence

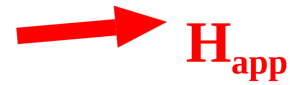


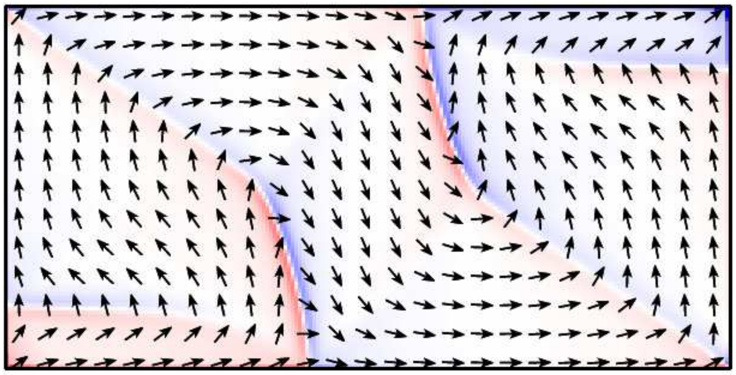
Mesh Convergence Comparison



Fine Mesh (nm)	Coarse Mesh (nm)	Time/field eval (secs)
2×2×2	—	130.
3×3×3.3	—	63.
5×5×10	—	1.9
9×9×10	—	0.13
15×15×10	—	0.13
2×2×3.3	6×6×10	2.4
3×3×3.3	9×9×10	0.41
5×5×3.3	15×15×10	0.22

Non-equilibrium states, $H_{\mathrm{applied}} = \text{-8.5 mT}$





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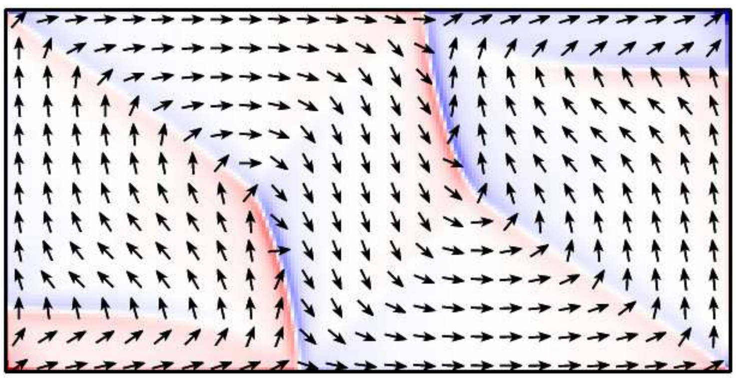
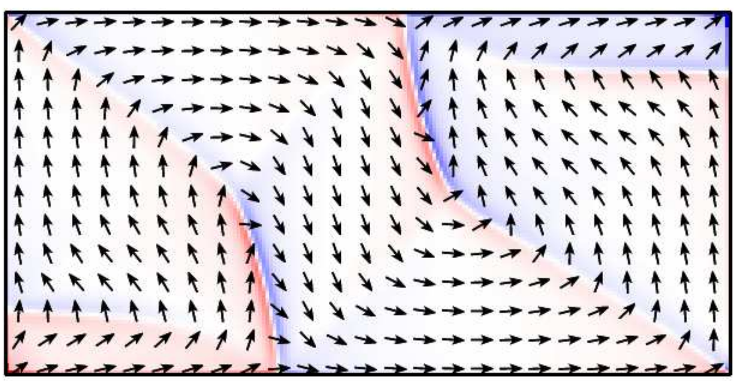


Iteration 7000



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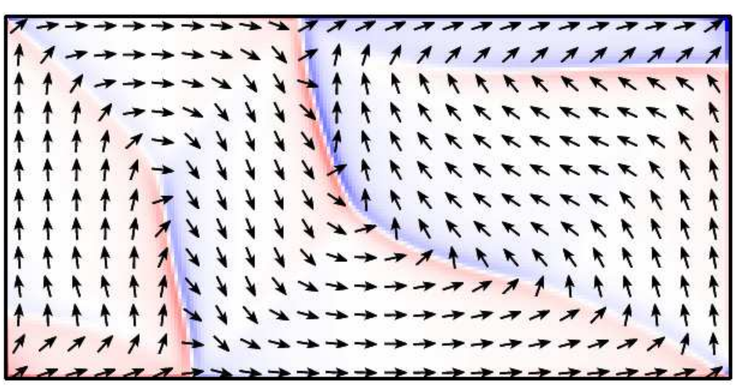

Iteration 21000

Conclusions

Coarse Demag:

- Easy to implement
- Proper far field
- Near field errors
  - Exchange effects
  - Local corrections?
- Good bang for the buck

μMAG Standard Problem No. 1:

- $\Delta \geq 10$ nm allows false cross-tie nucleation
- Track max angle at all times
- Non-stable equilibrium; requires symmetry breaking
- μMAG Standard Problem No. 1 is evil.

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Web Pages

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- μMAG:

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