

# OOMMF Tutorial

## Part II: OOMMF Basics

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# Session schedule

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- ▶ Thur, 21-May-2020: Intro to Micromagnetics
- ▶ Tues, 26-May-2020: OOMMF Basics
- ▶ Tues, 2-June-2020: Pitfalls, writing an extension,  
batch processing
- ▶ Tues, 9-June-2020: Data analysis, pics, movies,  
dispersion curves, ...

All sessions start at 12:00 noon EDT.

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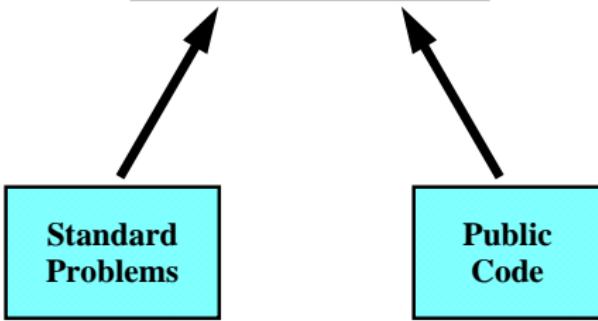
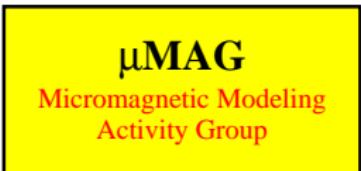
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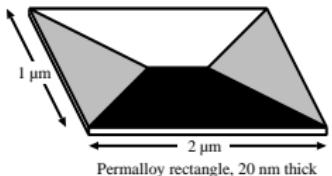
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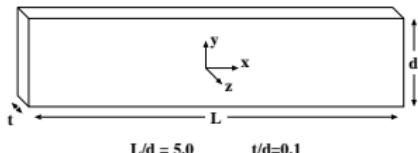
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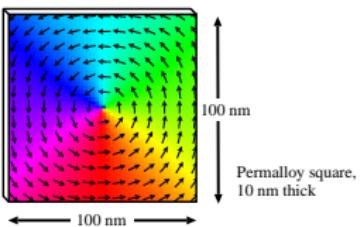
## Problem 1: Hysteresis



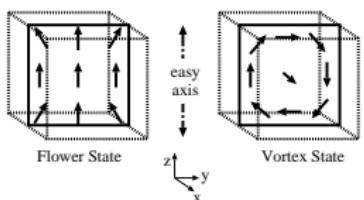
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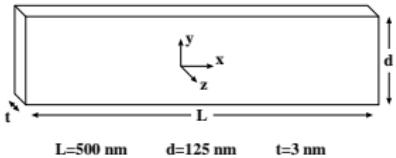
## Problem 5: CIP Spin Torque



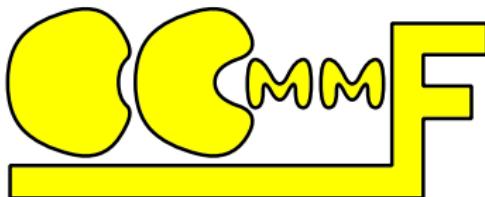
## Problem 3: Energy Minimization



## Problem 4: Dynamics



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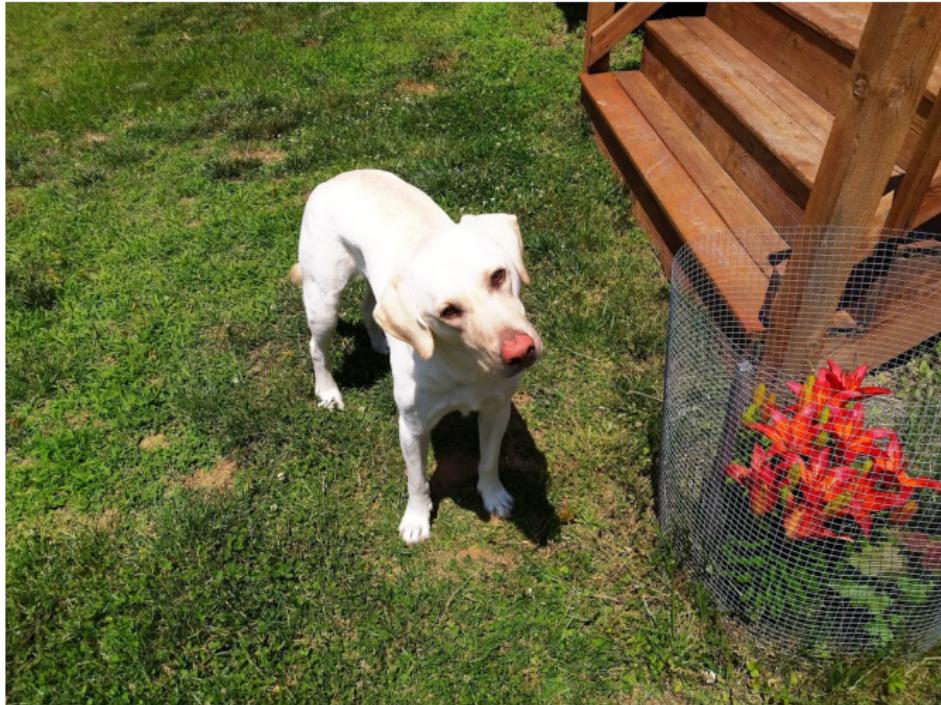
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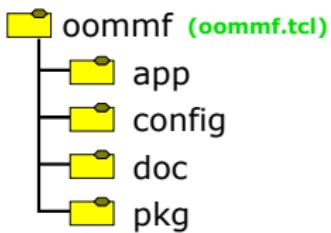
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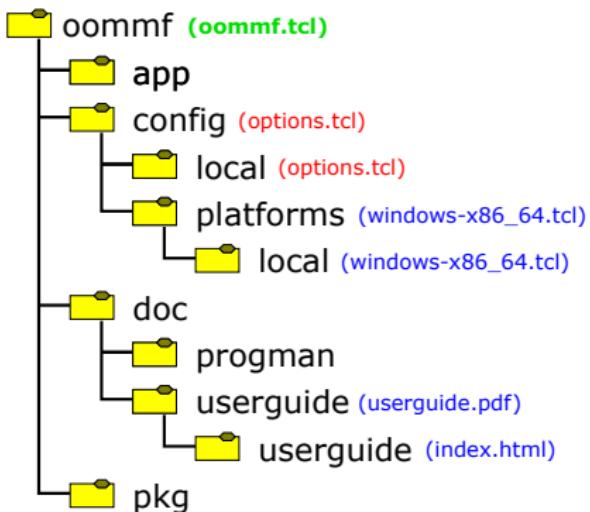
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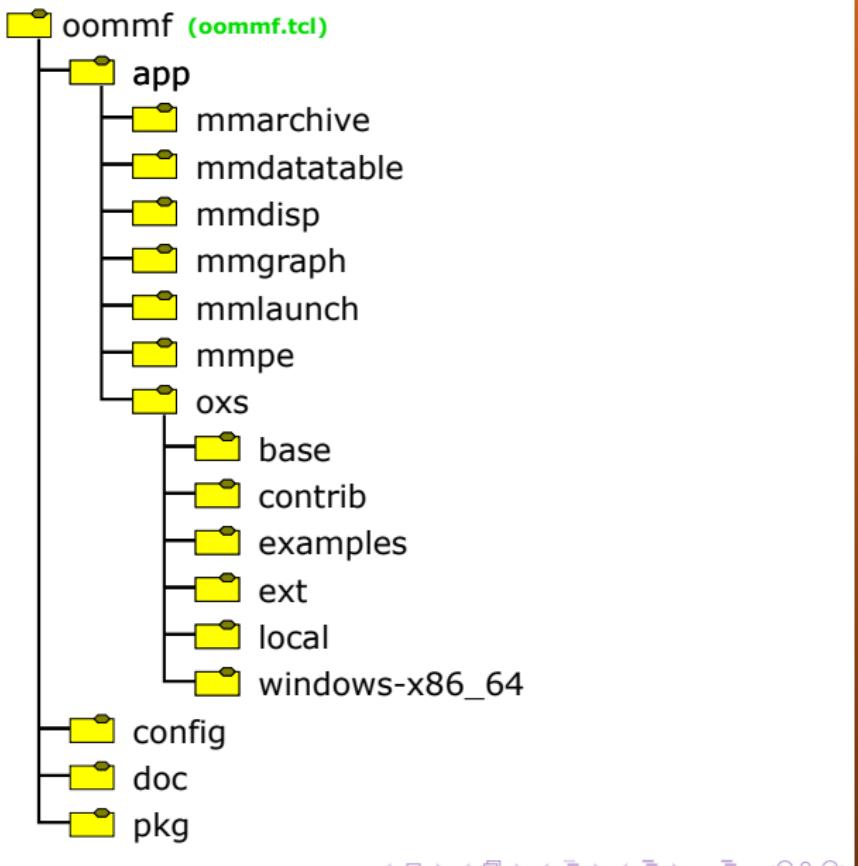
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# Widget overview

- ▶ mmLaunch
- ▶ Oxsii
- ▶ mmDisp
- ▶ mmDataTable
- ▶ mmGraph
- ▶ mmArchive
- ▶ mmProbEd

# 3D visualization

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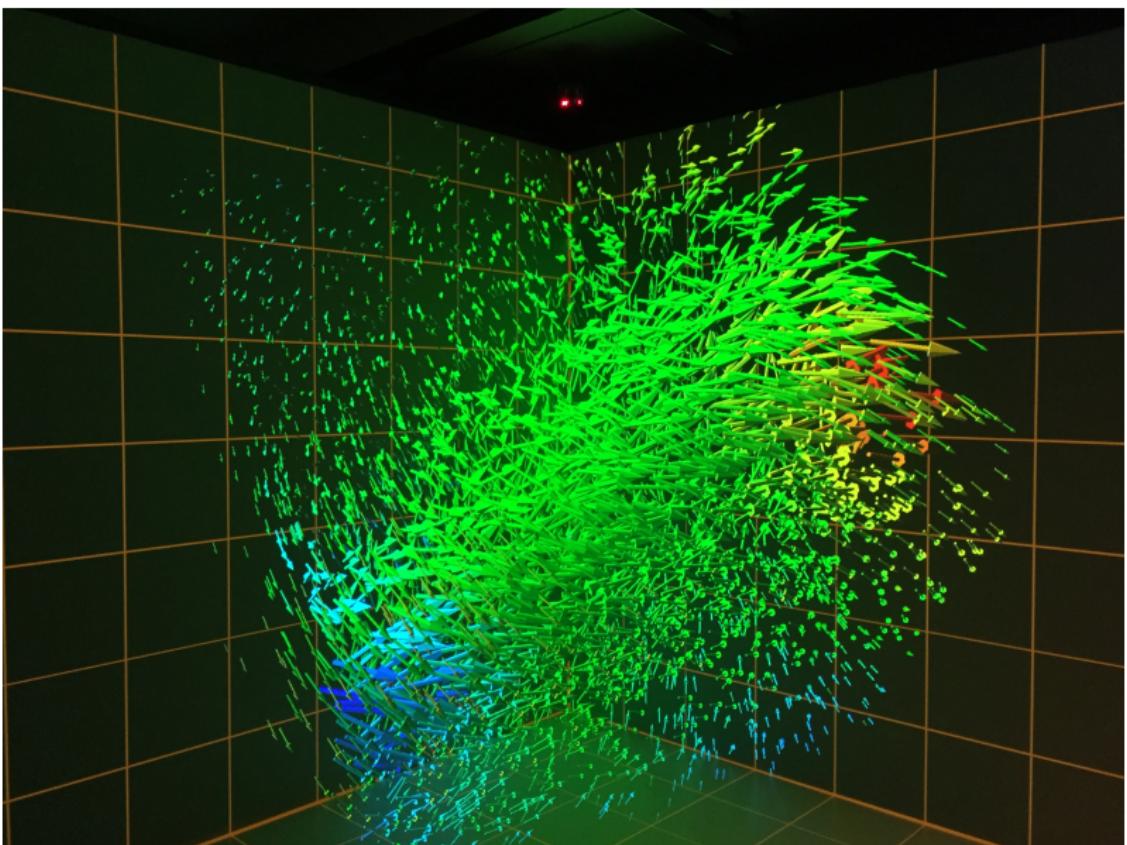
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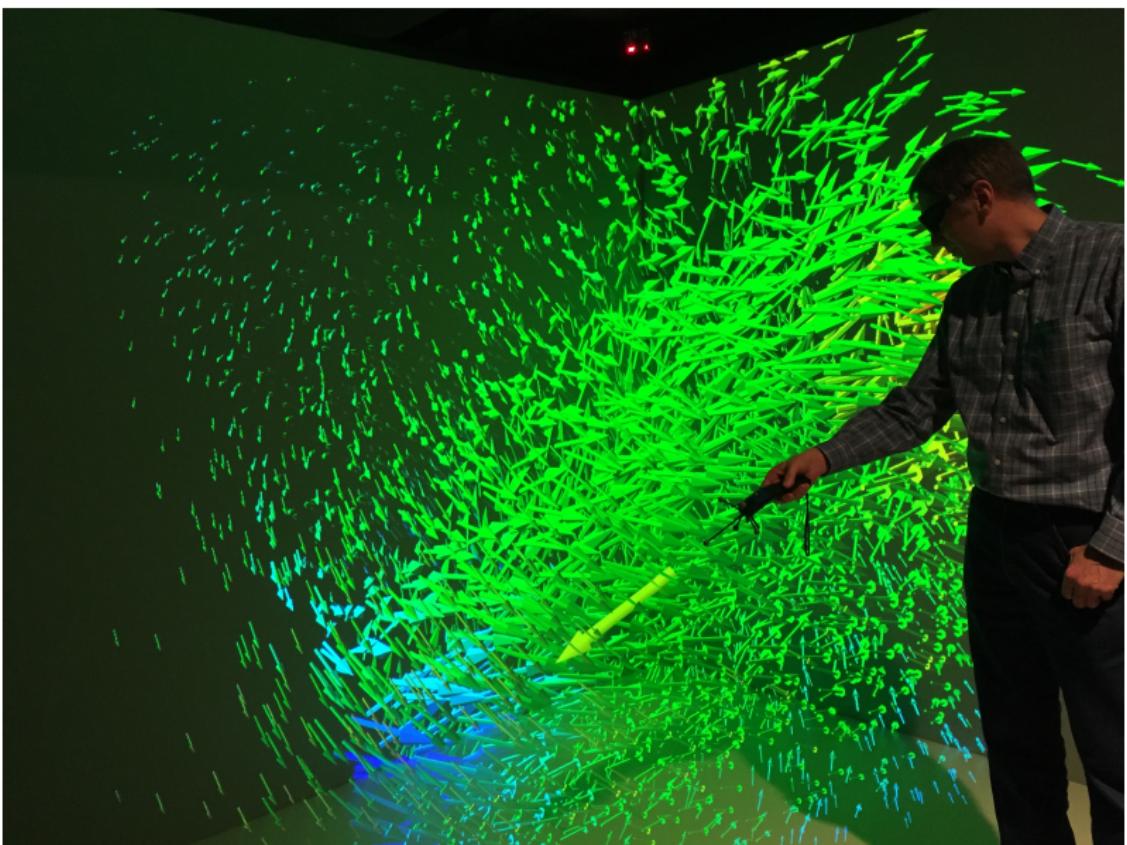
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# MIF file (Standard Problem 4)

```

# MIF 2.1
set pi [expr {4*atan(1.0)}]
set mu0 [expr {4*$pi*1e-7}]
set Hx -35.5 ;# Applied field in mT
set Hy -6.3 ;set Hz 0.0

Parameter xcellsize 2.5e-9
Parameter ycellsize 2.5e-9
Parameter zcellsize 3e-9

Specify Oxs_BoxAtlas:atlas {
    xrange {0 500e-9}
    yrange {0 125e-9}
    zrange {0 3e-9}
}
Specify Oxs_RectangularMesh:mesh [subst {
    cellsize {$xcellsize $ycellsize $zcellsize}
    atlas Oxs_BoxAtlas:atlas
}]

Specify Oxs_UniformExchange {
    A 13E-12
}
Specify Oxs_Demag {}
Specify Oxs_FixedZeeman [subst {
    multiplier [expr {0.001/$mu0}]
    field {$Hx $Hy $Hz}
}]

Specify Oxs_FileVectorField:m_init {
    atlas :atlas
    norm 1.0
    file sp4-start.omf
}

Specify Oxs_RungeKuttaEvolve:evolver {}
Specify Oxs_TimeDriver {
    evolver :evolver
    mesh :mesh
    stopping_dm_dt 0.01
    Ms 8e5
    m0 :m_init
}

```

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# MIF file - annotated

MIF Header → # MIF 2.1

```
set pi [expr {4*atan(1.0)}]
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set Hx -35.5 ;# Applied field in mT
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```

Tcl set up

Command

line params

```
Parameter xcellsize 2.5e-9
Parameter ycellsize 2.5e-9
Parameter zcellsize 3e-9
```

```
Specify Oxs_BoxAtlas:atlas {
    xrange {0 500e-9}
    yrange {0 125e-9}
    zrange {0 3e-9}
}
```

Atlas  
( $\geq 1$ )

Mesh (1) →

```
Specify Oxs_RectangularMesh:mesh [subst {
    cellsize {$xcellsize $ycellsize $zcellsize}
    atlas Oxs_BoxAtlas:atlas
}]
```

Energy terms  
(as needed)

```
Specify Oxs_UniformExchange {
    A 13E-12
}
```

```
Specify Oxs_Demag {}
```

```
Specify Oxs_FixedZeeman [subst {
    multiplier [expr {0.001/$mu0}]
    field {$Hx $Hy $Hz}
}]
```

Vector field

(as needed)

```
Specify Oxs_FileVectorField:m_init {
    atlas :atlas
    norm 1.0
    file sp4-start.omf
}
```

Driver (1) →

```
Specify Oxs_RungeKuttaEvolve:evolver {} ← Evolver (1)
```

```
Specify Oxs_TimeDriver {
    evolver :evolver
    mesh :mesh
    stopping_dm_dt 0.01
    Ms 8e5
    m0 :m_init
}
```

< Optional output requests >

# Tour of Oxs\_Ext classes

## ► Atlases

Oxs\_BoxAtlas

Oxs\_ScriptAtlas

Oxs\_ImageAtlas

Oxs\_MultiAtlas

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## ► Meshes

Oxs\_RectangularMesh

Oxs\_PeriodicRectangularMesh

## ► Scalar fields

Oxs\_UniformScalarField

Oxs\_AtlasScalarField

Oxs\_ScriptScalarField

Oxs\_RandomVectorField

Oxs\_VecMagScalarField

Oxs\_ImageScalarField

## ► Vector fields

Oxs\_UniformVectorField

Oxs\_AtlasVectorField

Oxs\_ScriptVectorField

Oxs\_RandomVectorField

Oxs\_MaskVectorField

Oxs\_FileVectorField

# Tour of Oxs\_Ext classes (cont.)

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## ► Energies

Oxs\_UniaxialAnisotropy

Oxs\_Demag

Oxs\_UZeeman

Oxs\_StageZeeman

Oxs\_UniformExchange

Oxs\_Exchange6Ngbr

Oxs\_TwoSurfaceExchange

Oxs\_DMExchange6Ngbr

## ► Evolvers

Oxs\_CGEvolve

Oxs\_RungeKuttaEvolve

Anv\_SpinTEvolve

## ► Drivers

Oxs\_MinDriver

Oxs\_TimeDriver

```
% set a 5
5
% set b 3
3
% set c [expr {$a+$b}]
8
% puts "The sum of $a and $b is $c"
The sum of 5 and 3 is 8
% puts {The sum of $a and $b is $c}
The sum of $a and $b is $c
% puts [subst {The sum of $a and $b is $c}]
The sum of 5 and 3 is 8
% incr b
4
% incr b 2
6
% incr b -3
3
% for {set a 1; set sum 1} {$a<=5} {incr a} {
    set sum [expr {$sum*$a}]
}
% puts $sum
120
% if {$sum<100} {
    puts "sum=$sum is small"
} else {
    puts "sum=$sum is big"
}
sum=120 is big
% exit
```

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# Intro to Tcl

```

command argument 1 argument 2
      ↓      ↓
% set a 5
5 white space
% set b 3 literal value
3 variable
% set c [expr {$a+$b}] execute enclosed command
8 expr command variable substitution
% puts "The sum of $a and $b is $c"
The sum of 5 and 3 is 8 quoted element
% puts {The sum of $a and $b is $c} braced element
The sum of $a and $b is $c
command % puts [subst {The sum of $a and $b is $c}]
The sum of 5 and 3 is 8
% incr b
4 incr command (integers only)
% incr b 2
6
% incr b -3
for command 3 cmd arg expr arg cmd arg cmd arg
% for {set a 1; set sum 1} {$a<=5} {incr a} {
    set sum [expr {$sum+$a}]
}
% puts $sum
if command 120 expr arg
% if {$sum<100} {
    puts "sum=$sum is small" cmd arg
} else {
    puts "sum=$sum is big" cmd arg
}
sum=120 is big
% exit

```

# Intro to Tcl

```
% list answers {}
answers {}

% proc factorial { n } {
    # Factorial routine; appends results to answers
    global answers
    set prod 1
    while {$n>1} {
        set prod [expr {$prod*$n}]
        incr n -1
    }
    lappend answers $prod
    return $prod
}
% factorial 7
5040
% factorial 3
6
% factorial 10
3628800
% puts $answers
5040 6 3628800
```

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<https://www.tcl-lang.org/>

<https://wiki.tcl-lang.org/page/Online+Tcl+and+Tk+Tutorials>

<https://wiki.tcl-lang.org/page/Dodekalogue>

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# Homework: Problem 1, Part A

Write a MIF file for this problem:

Part dimensions: 500 nm x 200 nm x 0.6 nm

$M_s = 1.1 \text{e}6 \text{ A/m}$ ,  $A = 1.6 \text{e}-11 \text{ J/m}$

$K_1 = 5.1 \text{e}5 \text{ J/m}^3$  along the  $(0,0,1)$  axis

DMI:  $D = 3.5 \text{e}-3 \text{ J/m}^2$ , Free boundaries

Use the Oxs\_DMExchange6Ngbr extension to model the DMI.

<https://www.lps.u-psud.fr/spip.php?article2252>

**Initial magnetization configuration:** Ignoring z-coords, let P be the point (50 nm, 50 nm) relative to the lower left hand corner of the simulation. Set  $\mathbf{m}=(0,0,1)$  for all points closer to P than 16 nm. Set  $\mathbf{m}=(0,0,-1)$  for all points farther from P than 23 nm. For points in-between, set m to point towards P. Write a Tcl proc to use with Oxs\_ScriptVectorField to set up this initial configuration.

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## Homework: Problem 1, Part A (cont.)

Use Oxs\_CGEvolve to relax the initial state towards equilibrium. Try different cell sizes in the range 1 nm to 4 nm. The magnetization should relax into a skyrmion. If the skyrmion forms but wanders away from the initial location, introduce a small region with larger K1 near P to pin the skyrmion. See how small K1 needs to be to hold the skyrmion in place.

In Part B we will introduce a spin current to move the skyrmion.