

# JOOMMF

## Interactive Micromagnetic Simulations in Jupyter

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### Introducing JOOMMF

- provides a user-friendly interface to the finite difference code **OOMMF** (<http://math.nist.gov/oommf/>)
- enables the use of **Jupyter notebooks** ([jupyter.org](http://jupyter.org)), which can be run in any webbrowser (illustrated in Fig. 1)
- commands allow to run a full simulation workflow within a single notebook instead of using different tools in each step of the workflow (see Fig. 2)
- interaction of the frontend layer written in **Python 3** with OOMMF through .mif-configuration files<sup>1</sup>
- extendable to other code packages in the future
- freely available on github (<https://github.com/joommf>)
- website with documentation: [joommf.github.io](http://joommf.github.io)



Fig. 1: JOOMMF = Jupyter + OOMMF

### Single domain limit of a cubic magnetic particle<sup>2</sup>

**Micromagnetic standard problem 3**

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**Problem specification**

This problem is to calculate a single domain limit of a cubic magnetic particle. This is the size  $L$  of equal energy for the so-called flower state (which one may also call a splayed state or a modified single-domain state) on the one hand, and the vortex or curling state on the other hand.

Geometry:

A cube with edge length,  $L$ , expressed in units of the intrinsic length scale,  $l_{ex} = \sqrt{A/K_m}$ , where  $K_m$  is a magnetostatic energy density,  $K_m = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 M_s^2$ .

Material parameters:

- uniaxial anisotropy  $K_u$  with  $K_u = 0.1K_m$ , and with the easy axis directed parallel to a principal axis of the cube (0, 0, 1).
- exchange energy constant is  $A = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 M_s^2 l_{ex}^2$ .

More details about the standard problem 3 can be found in Ref. 1.

**Simulation**

Firstly, we import all necessary modules.

```
In [3]: import discretisedfield as df
import oommfc as oc
```

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The following two functions are used for initialising the system's magnetisation [1].

```
In [4]: import numpy as np

# Function for initialising the flower state.
def m_init_flower(pos):
    X, Y, Z = pos[0]/1e-9, pos[1]/1e-9, pos[2]/1e-9
    mx = 0
    my = 2*Z - 1
    mz = -2*Y + 1
    norm_squared = mx**2 + my**2 + mz**2
    if norm_squared <= 0.05:
        return (1, 0, 0)
    else:
        return (mx, my, mz)

# Function for initialising the vortex state.
def m_init_vortex(pos):
    X, Y, Z = pos[0]/1e-9, pos[1]/1e-9, pos[2]/1e-9
    mx = 0
    my = np.sin(np.pi/2 * (x-0.5))
    mz = np.cos(np.pi/2 * (x-0.5))
    return (mx, my, mz)
```

Python functions to initialize the flower and the vortex state

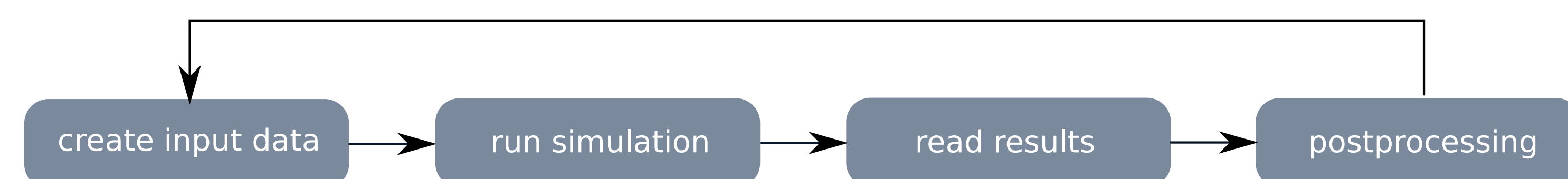


Fig. 2: Simulation workflow

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In [3]: def minimise_system_energy(L, m_init):
    N = 16 # discretisation in one dimension
    cubsize = 100e-9 # cube edge length (m)
    cellsize = cubsize/N # discretisation in all three dimensions.
    lex = cubsize/L # exchange length.

    Km = 1e6 # magnetostatic energy density (J/m**3)
    Ms = np.sqrt(2*Km/oc.mu0) # magnetisation saturation (A/m)
    A = 0.5 * oc.mu0 * Ms**2 * lex**2 # exchange energy constant
    K = 0.1*Km # Uniaxial anisotropy constant
    u = (0, 0, 1) # Uniaxial anisotropy easy-axis

    p1 = (0, 0, 0) # Minimum sample coordinate.
    p2 = (cubsize, cubsize, cubsize) # Maximum sample coordinate.
    cell = (cellsize, cellsize, cellsize) # Discretisation.
    mesh = oc.Mesh(p1=(0, 0, 0), p2=(cubsize, cubsize, cubsize),
    cell=(cellsize, cellsize, cellsize)) # Create a mesh object.

    system = oc.System(name="stdprob3")
    system.hamiltonian = oc.Exchange(A) + oc.UniaxialAnisotropy(K, u) + oc.Demag()
    system.m = df.Field(mesh, value=m_init, norm=Ms)

    md = oc.MinDriver()
    md.drive(system)

    return system
```

function, that returns the relaxed system object, argument L is the cube length in units of lex

the "system" object contains a set of properties, such as "hamiltonian" and "m"

here, the OOMMF configuration file (\*.mif) is created for the energy minimization

energy minimization is executed starting from the vortex state

energy minimization is executed starting from the flower state

### Energy crossing

Now, we can plot the energies of both vortex and flower states as a function of cube edge length. This will give us an idea where the state transition occurs.

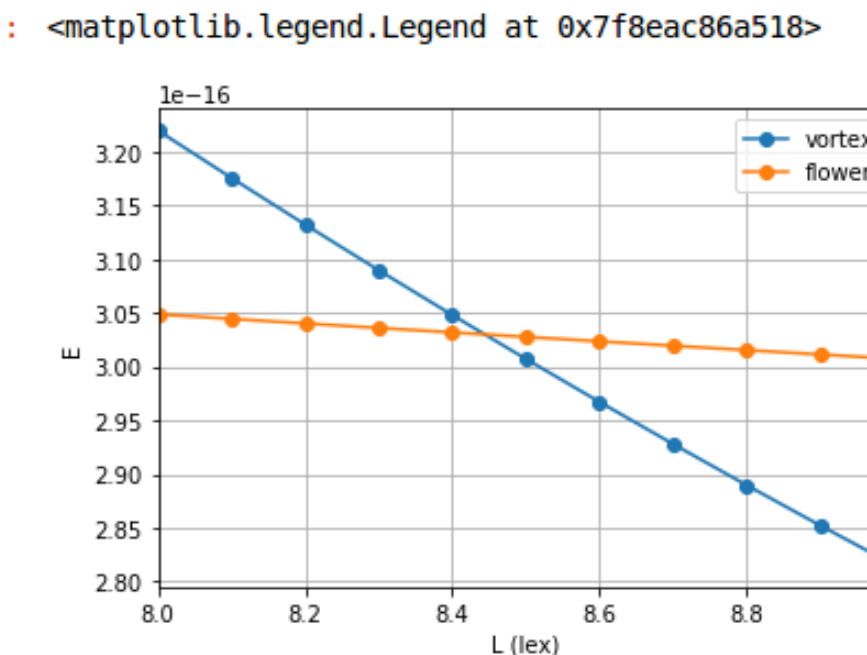
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In [6]: L_array = np.linspace(8, 9, 11) # values of L for which the system is relaxed.

vortex_energies = []
flower_energies = []

for L in L_array:
    vortex = minimise_system_energy(L, m_init_vortex)
    flower = minimise_system_energy(L, m_init_flower)
    vortex_energies.append(vortex.total_energy())
    flower_energies.append(flower.total_energy())

# Plot the energy dependences.
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(L_array, vortex_energies, 'o-', label='vortex')
plt.plot(L_array, flower_energies, 'o-', label='flower')
plt.xlabel('L (lex)')
plt.ylabel('E')
plt.xlim([8.0, 9.0])
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
```

for-loop to step through the values for the cube length L and compute the corresponding energies



We now know that the energy crossing occurs between  $8l_{ex}$  and  $9l_{ex}$ , so a bisection algorithm can be used to find the exact crossing.

```
In [7]: from scipy.optimize import bisect

def energy_difference(L):
    vortex = minimise_system_energy(L, m_init_vortex)
    flower = minimise_system_energy(L, m_init_flower)
    return vortex.total_energy() - flower.total_energy()

cross_section = bisect(energy_difference, 8, 9, xtol=0.1)

print("The transition between vortex and flower states occurs at {}*lex".format(cross_section))
The transition between vortex and flower states occurs at 8.4375*lex
```

Python's "scipy"-module provides a wide range of useful algorithms for further data evaluation

### References

[1]  $\mu$ MAG Site Directory <http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/~rdm/mumag.org.html>

<sup>1</sup> Beg, M., Pepper R., Fangohr H., AIP Advances 7, 056025 (2017)

<sup>2</sup> mumag Standard Problem #3: <http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/~rdm/mumag.org.html>