

# Towards *Unified Micromagnetic Modelling* with Ubermag


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## Idea Unified Micromagnetic Modelling

- specify micromagnetic problem once
- can choose which micromagnetic calculator to use

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## Preview: Ubermag



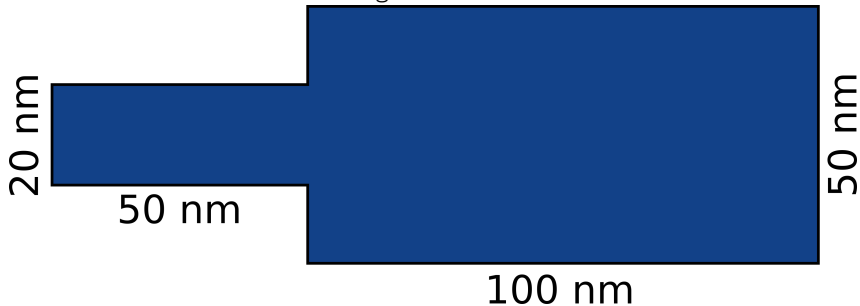
Ubermag automates steps 2 to 4.

Übermag

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## Example: Study domain wall skyrmion conversion (Zhou and Ezawa, 2014)

1nm thick Cobalt on a substrate inducing DMI



Zhou, Y., & Ezawa, M. 2014 Nature Communications 5, 8.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms5652>

## Define the problem: physics model

```
[2]: system = mm.System(name='dw_pair_conversion')

system.energy = (mm.Exchange(A=15e-12)
                 + mm.DMI(D=3e-3, crystalclass='Cnv_z')
                 + mm.UniaxialAnisotropy(K=0.5e6, u=(0, 0, 1)))

system.energy
```

[2]: 
$$-A\mathbf{m} \cdot \nabla^2 \mathbf{m} + D(\mathbf{m} \cdot \nabla m_z - m_z \nabla \cdot \mathbf{m}) - K(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{u})^2$$

```
[3]: system.dynamics = (
    mm.Precession(gamma0=mm.consts.gamma0) # gyromagnetic ratio (m/As)
    + mm.Damping(alpha=0.3) # Gilbert damping
    + mm.ZhangLi(u=400, beta=0.5) # STT parameter
)

system.dynamics
```

[3]: 
$$-\frac{\gamma_0}{1+\alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} - \frac{\gamma_0 \alpha}{1+\alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}) - \frac{1+\alpha\beta}{1+\alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{m}) - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{1+\alpha^2} \mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{m}$$

# Define the problem: geometry and initial magnetisation

```
[4]: Ms = 5.8e5 # saturation magnetisation (A/m)

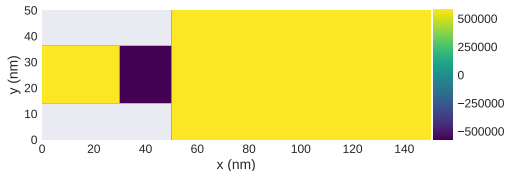
region = df.Region(p1=(0, 0, -50e-9), p2=(150e-9, 50e-9, 0))
mesh = df.Mesh(region=region, cell=(2e-9, 2e-9, 2e-9))

def Ms_fun(pos): # Sample shape
    x, y, z = pos
    if x < 50e-9 and (y < 15e-9 or y > 35e-9):
        return 0
    else:
        return Ms

def m_init(pos): # Magnetisation direction
    x, y, z = pos
    if 30e-9 < x < 50e-9:
        return (0.1, 0.1, -1)
    else:
        return (0.1, 0.1, 1)

system.m = df.Field(mesh, nvdim=3, value=m_init, norm=Ms_fun, valid='norm')

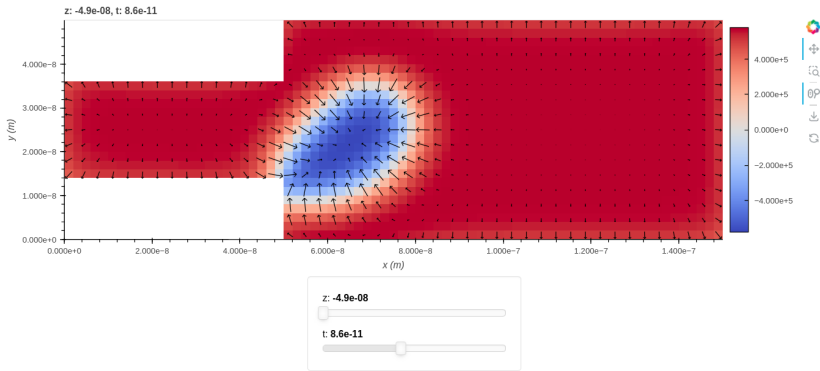
system.m.z.sel('z').mpl.scalar()
```



# (Interactive) data analysis

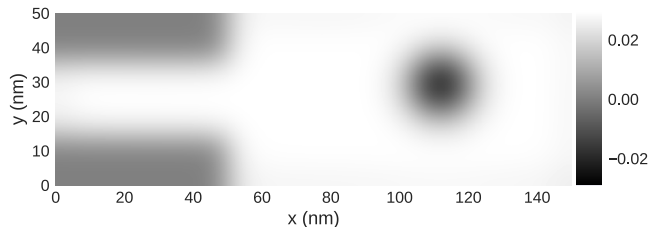
```
[6]: import micromagneticdata as mdata
data = mdata.Data(system.name)

data[-1].hv(kdims=['x', 'y'],
            vector_kw={'n': (45, 15)},
            scalar_kw = {'clim': (-Ms, Ms), 'cmap': 'coolwarm'})
```



# Simulate experimental signature (mag2exp)

```
[7]: import mag2exp
      holo_image = mag2exp.x_ray.holography(system.m, fwhm=(10e-9,10e-9))
      holo_image.mpl.scalar(cmap='gray', interpolation='spline16', symmetric_clim=True)
```



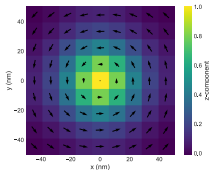
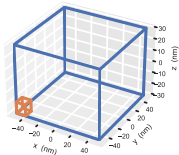
→ See poster Samuel Holt et al. for mag2exp.

# Ubermag overview (very short)



Automated  
backend

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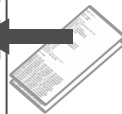


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## Domain-specific language for *micromagnetic problems*

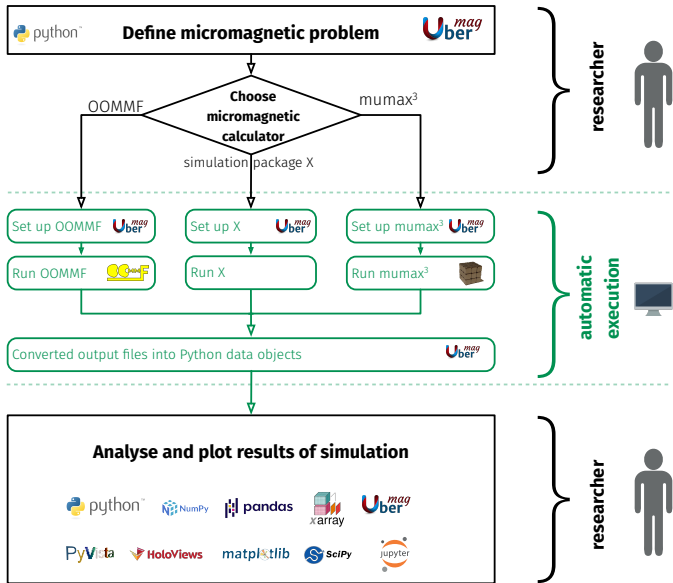
- express physics problem through Python library `micromagneticmodel`
- cannot *solve* the problem (but is *machine readable*)
- *separates* the problem definition from the (numerical) solving of the problem
  - problem description is independent of simulation package syntax

Beg, Pepper, Fangohr: *User interfaces for computational science: a domain specific language for OOMMF embedded in Python*, DOI 10.1063/1.4977225, eprint pdf (2017)

# Unified Micromagnetic Modelling (UMM)

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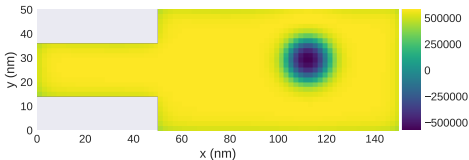
# Ubermag can use different calculators (OOMMF and mumax<sup>3</sup>)

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[5]: import oommfc as mc
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Running OOMMF (ExeOOMMFRunner) [2023/08/31 15:33]... (1.5 s)

Running OOMMF (ExeOOMMFRunner) [2023/08/31 15:33] took 25.8 s

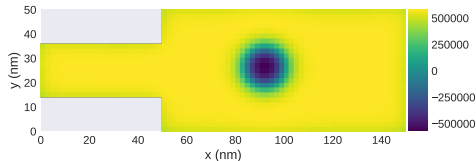


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[5]: import mumax3c as mc
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Running mumax3 (ExeMumax3Runner) [2023/09/05 14:59]... (0.7 s)

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5. Scientist does not need to learn the syntax of each micromagnetic calculator

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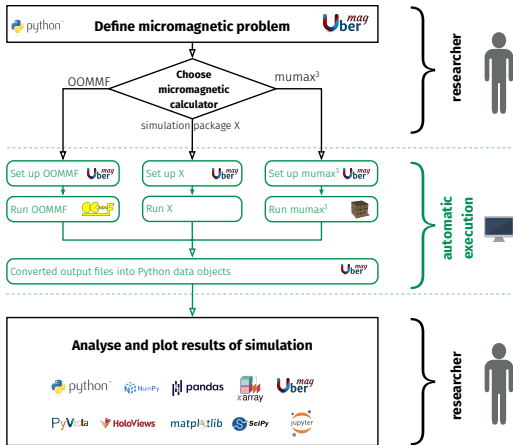
## Discovering inconsistencies

ability to easily compare different simulation packages reveals discrepancies: are these important?

## Summary

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# Summary Unified Micromagnetic Modelling (UMM)



## 1. UMM makes research more efficient

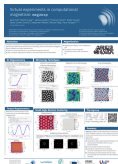
- automate what is possible
- define physics problem once, re-use in all simulation packages

## 2. Ubermag provides initial implementation for UMM

- supports\* OOMMF and mumax<sup>3</sup>
- contributions are welcome  
<https://github.com/ubermag/ubermag>

\* compatibility overview: <https://ubermag.github.io/documentation/compatibility.html>

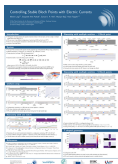
# Ubermag applications in poster session



Sam Holt, Simulate experimental measurements with `mag2exp`



Swapneel Pathak, ML-based classification of magnetisation configurations



Martin Lang, Controlling stable Bloch points with electric currents



## MAGnetic Multiscale MOdelling Suite (MaMMoS)

- project January 2024 to December 2027
- modelling magnetic systems
- contribute to green power generation
- machine learning
- software engineering
- positions to be advertised in the coming months
- please get in touch if interested

These slides are available at <https://s.gwdg.de/7ExWfu>



<https://ubermag.github.io/>

Marijan Beg, Martin Lang and Hans Fangohr, *Ubermag: Toward More Effective Micromagnetic Workflows*, in IEEE Transactions on Magnetics, vol. 58, no. 2, pp. 1-5, Art no. 7300205, 10.1109/TMAG.2021.3078896 (2022)


## Domain specific language for micromagnetic problems

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## Appendix

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## Current status for unified micromagnetic modelling in Ubermag

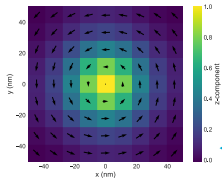
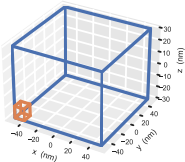
- Ubermag can use OOMMF and mumax<sup>3</sup> as micromagnetic calculator
  - not all features complete, see  
<https://ubermag.github.io/documentation/compatibility.html>
- Ubermag design is open to include more micromagnetic calculators such as magnum.np, micromagnum, Boris, ...
- finite-difference-based discretisation is supported best

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# Ubermag overview (longer)



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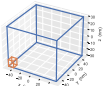
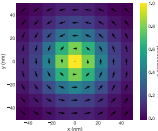
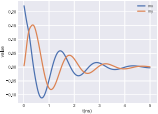





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### Ubermag example: Vortex dynamics



```

In [1]: import discretisedfield as df
import micromagneticmodel as mm
import oommfc as mc

In [2]: system = mm.System(name='vortex_dynamics')
system.energy = mm.Exchange(A=13e-12) + mm.Demag()
system.dynamics = (mm.Precession(gamma0=mm.consts.gamma0)
+ mm.Damping(alpha=0.2))

In [3]: region = df.Region(p1=(-50e-9, -50e-9, -30e-9),
p2=(50e-9, 50e-9, 30e-9))
mesh = df.Mesh(region=region,
cell=(10e-9, 10e-9, 10e-9))
system.m = df.Field(mesh, dim=3, norm=4e5,
value=lambda p: (-1e9*p[1], 1e9*p[0], 0.1))

In [4]: md = mc.MinDriver()
md.drive(system)

Running OOMMF (ExeOOMMFRunner) [2022/02/07 10:00]... (0.5 s)

In [5]: system.m.orientation.plane('z').mpl()

In [6]: system.energy += mm.Zeeman(H=(1e4, 0, 0))
md.drive(system)
system.energy.zeeman.H = (0, 0, 0)
td = mc.TimeDriver()
td.drive(system, t=5e-9, n=500)

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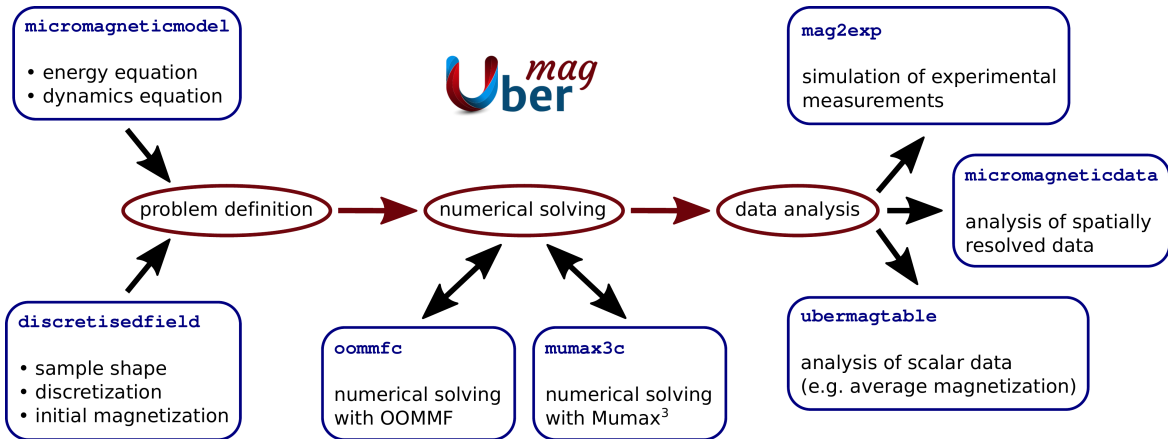
In [7]: system.table.data(['t', 'mx', 'my', 'mz', 'E'])
Out [7]:

```

	t	mx	my	mz	E
0	1.00e-11	2.22e-01	4.80e-03	2.16e-01	1.52e-17
1	2.00e-11	2.17e-01	1.02e-02	2.14e-01	1.52e-17
..	..	..	..	..	..
498	4.98e-09	-0.39e-03	1.12e-03	2.03e-01	1.49e-17
499	5.00e-09	-0.42e-03	1.01e-03	2.03e-01	1.49e-17

500 rows x 5 columns

# Ubermag workflow and packages



# Installation options

- Ubermag:
  - `pip install ubermag` (Python only, needs separate install of OOMMF)
  - `conda install -c conda-forge ubermag` (contains OOMMF)
- OOMMF:
  - install binary package (Windows) from NIST
  - compile from source (Linux, OSX) from NIST
  - conda (`conda install -c conda-forge oommf`)
  - Docker (`docker pull oommf/oommf`)
  - Spack (`spack install oommf`)