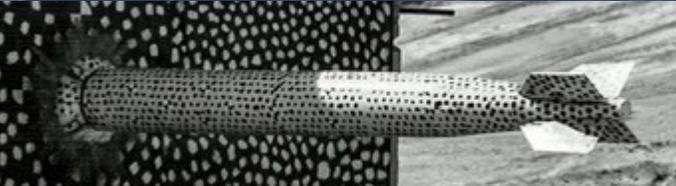
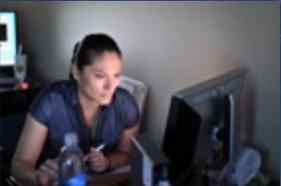




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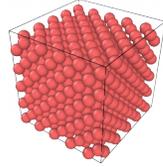
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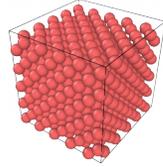


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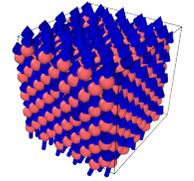
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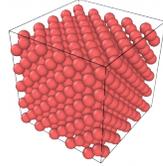


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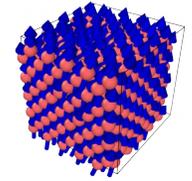
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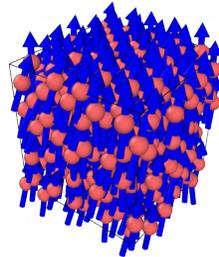
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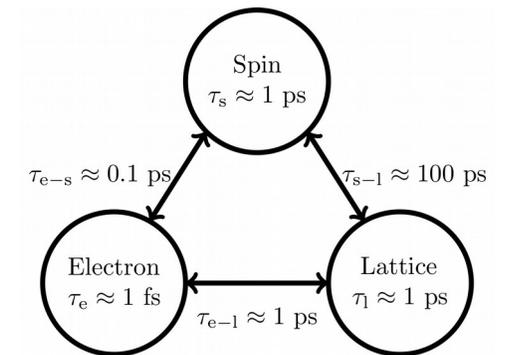
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Antropov, V. P., et al. (1996). Spin dynamics in magnets: Equation of motion and finite temperature effects. Phys. Rev. B, 54(2), 1019.

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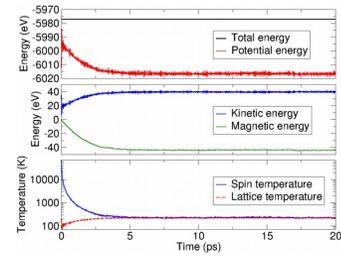
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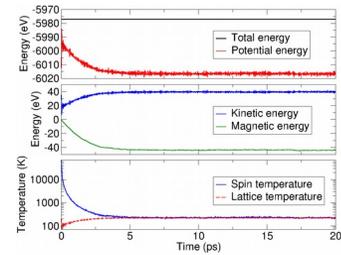


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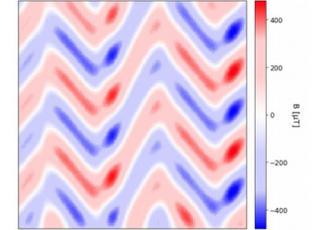
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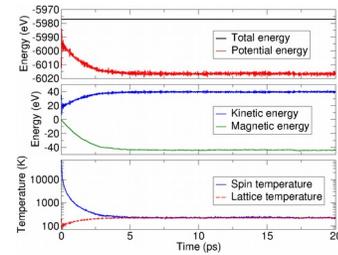


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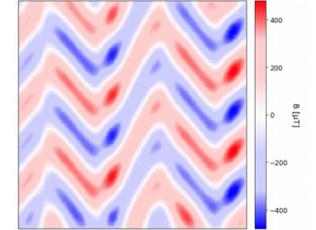
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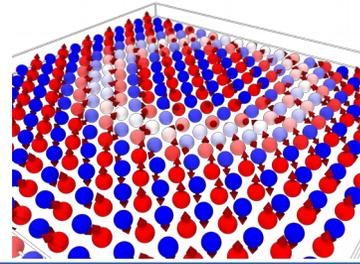
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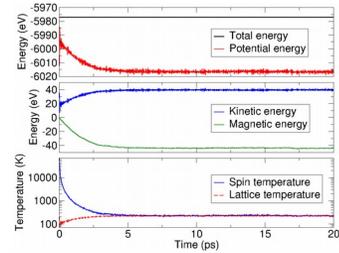


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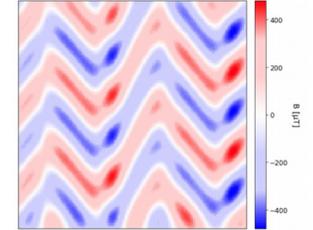
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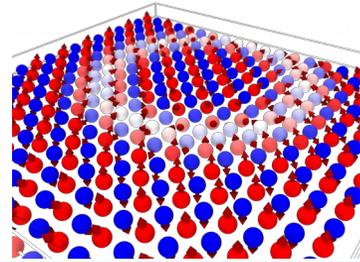
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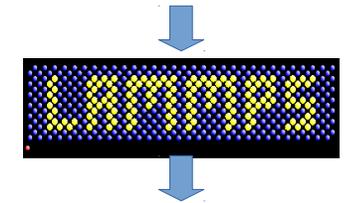
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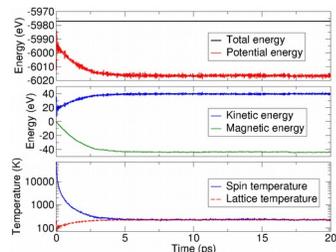


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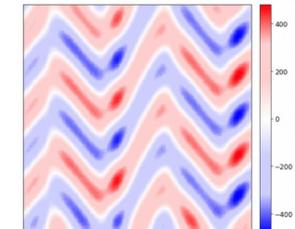
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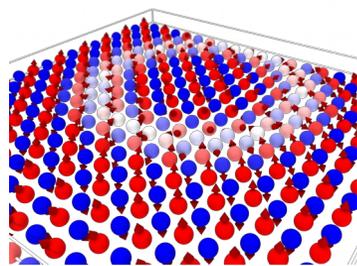
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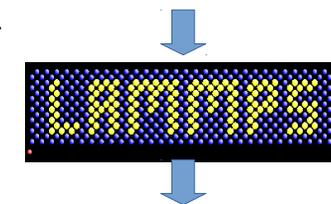
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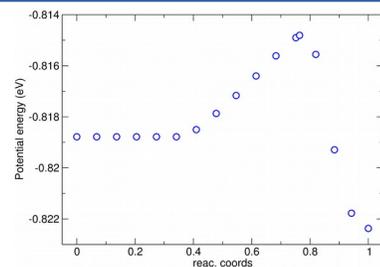
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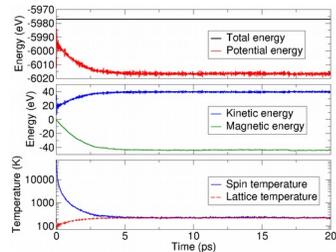


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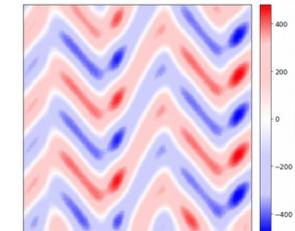
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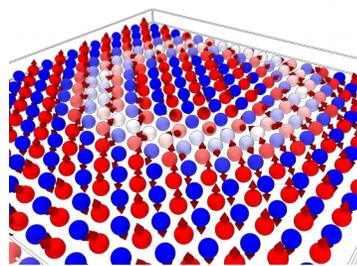
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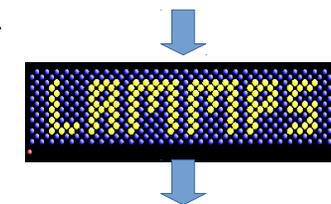
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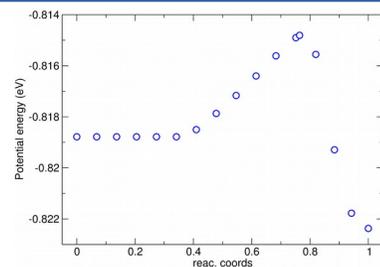
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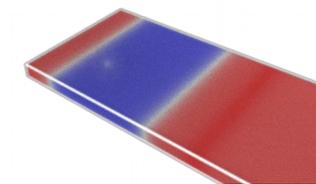
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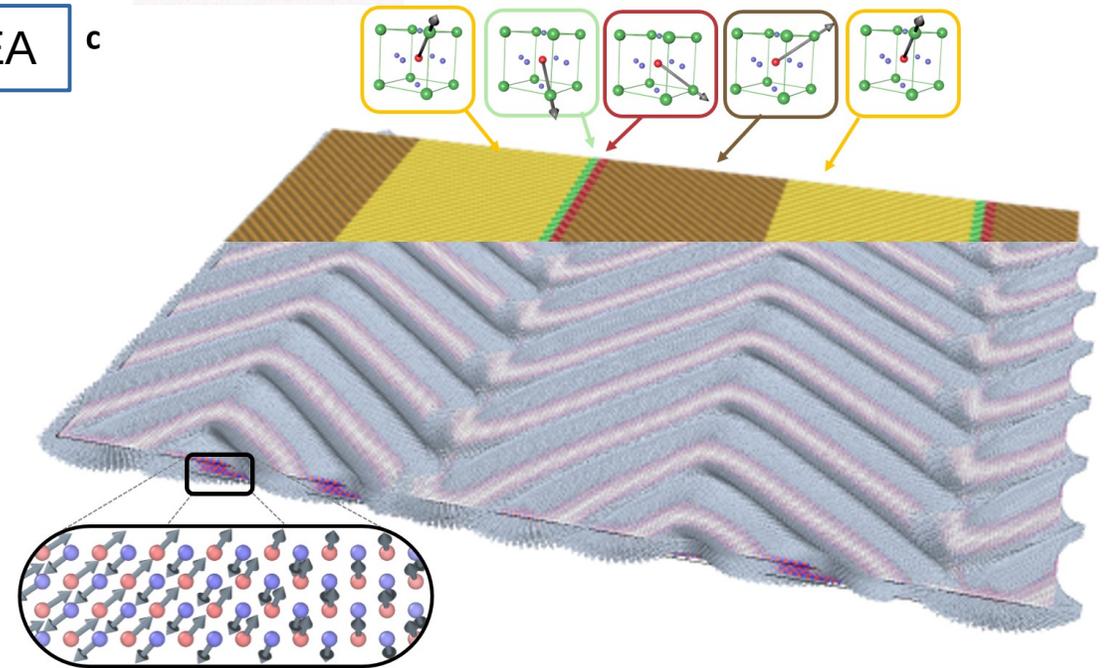
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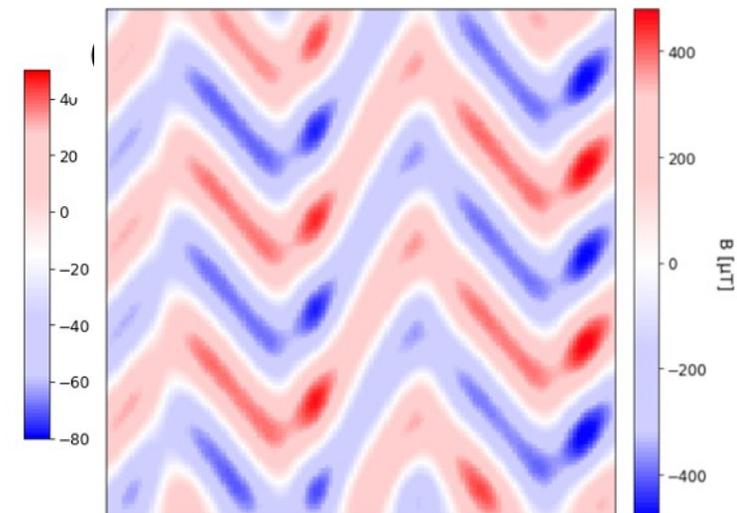
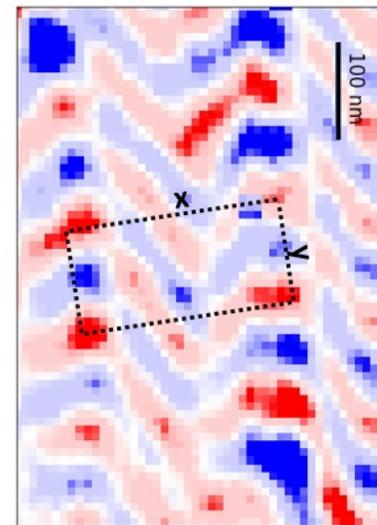
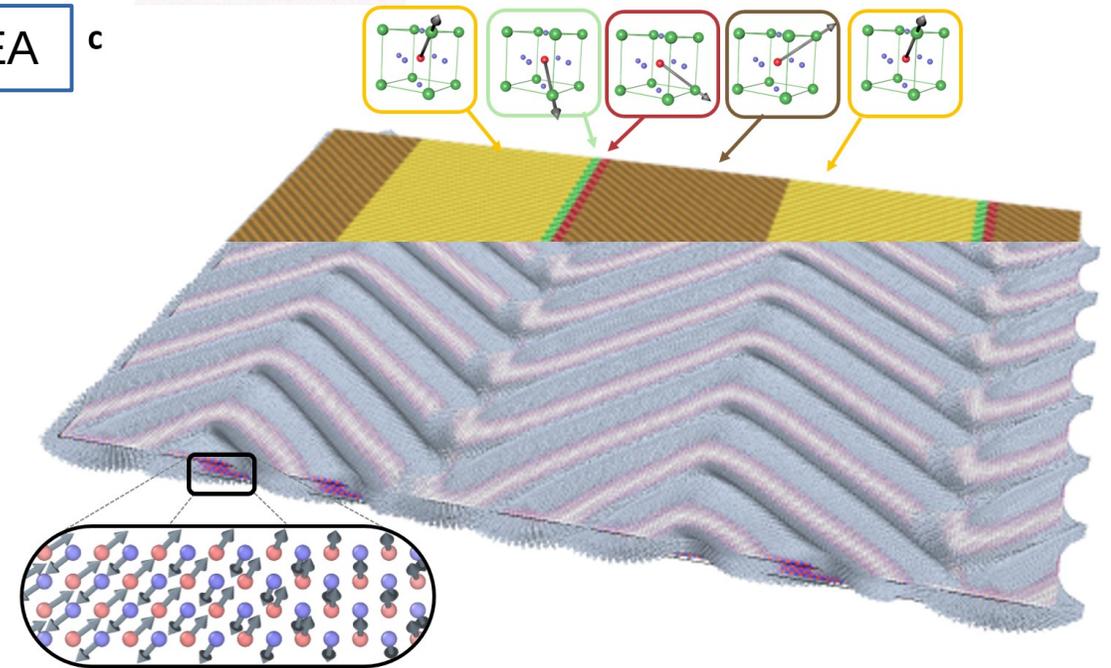
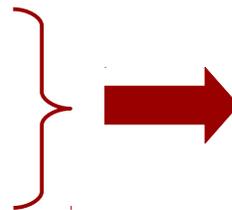
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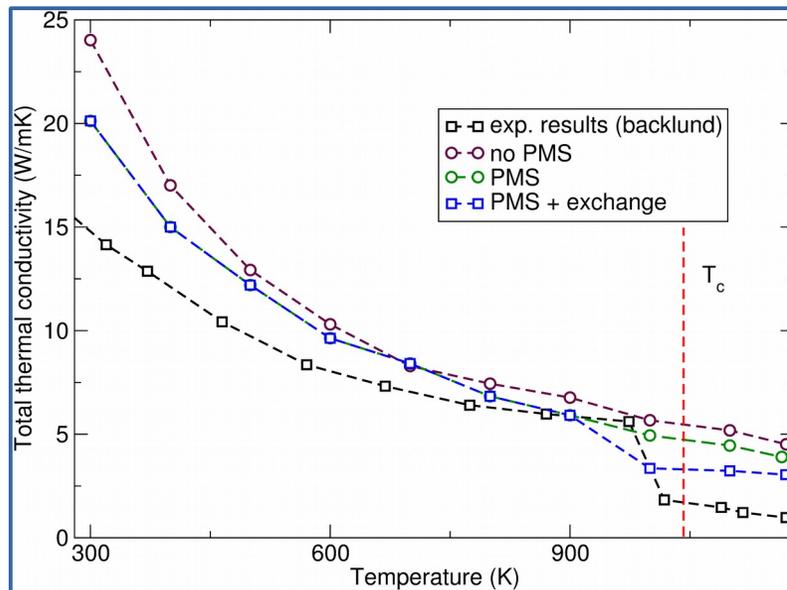
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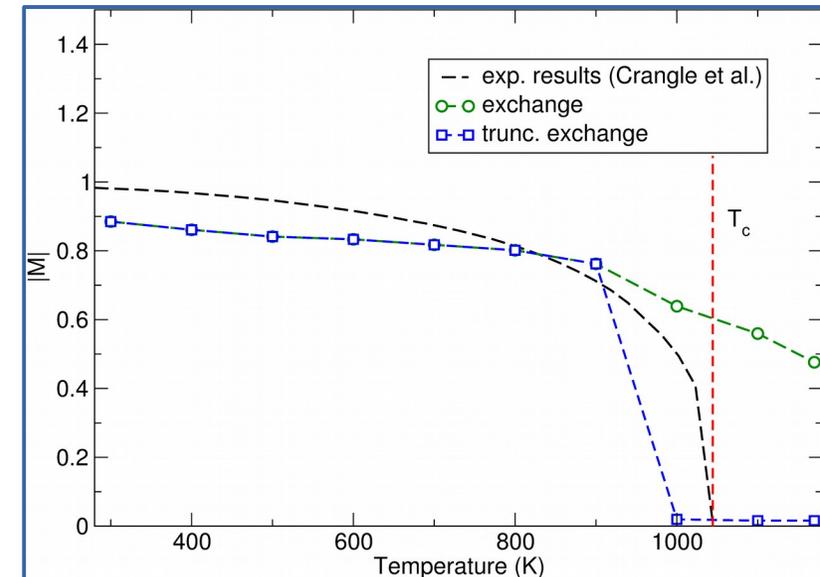
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- ▶ Development of better exchange models and statistics could greatly improve the accuracy.

## ● Lattice thermal conductivity



Bäcklund, N. G. (1961). . Journal of Phys. and Chem. of Solids, 20(1-2), 1-16.

## ● Norm of total magnetization



J. Crangle and GM Goodman, Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. A 321, 477 (1971). Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. A, 321, 477.

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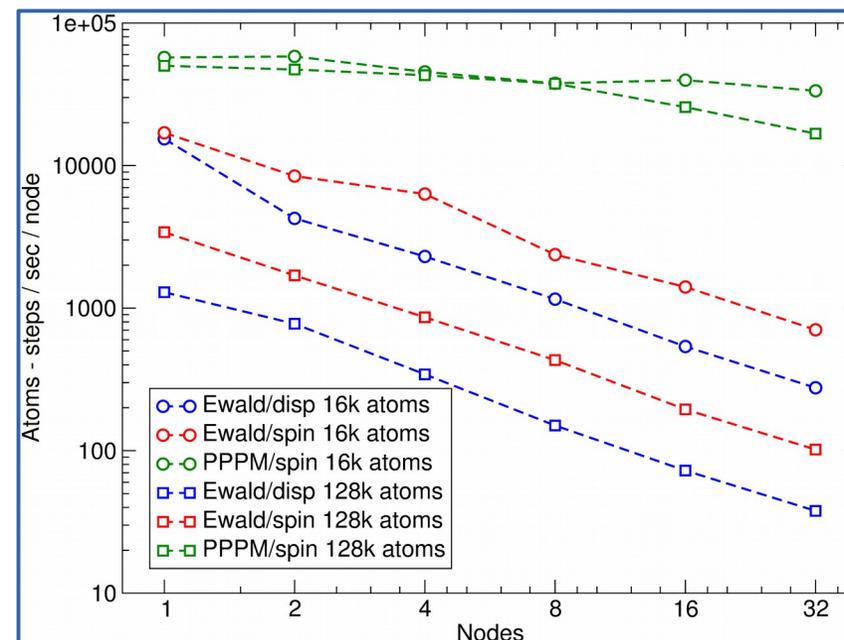
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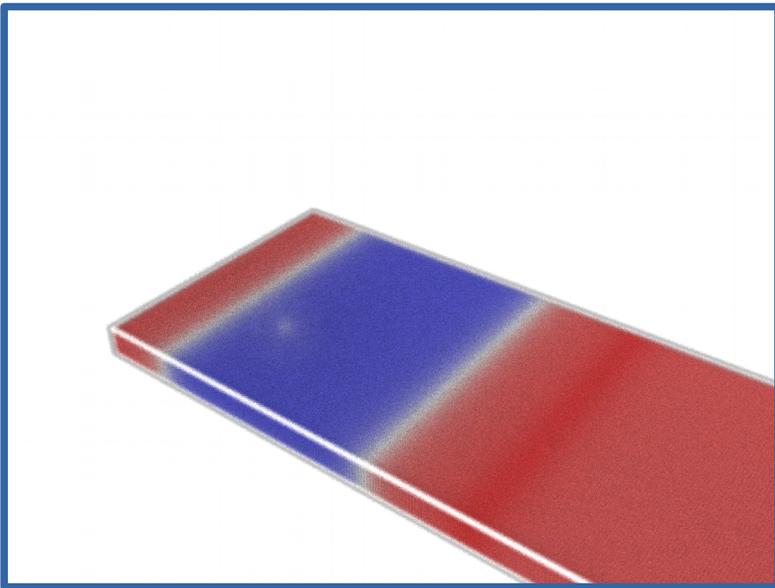
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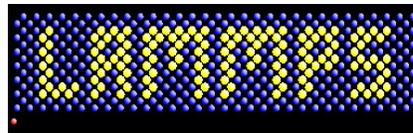


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● And at Temple U.: Axel and Richard.

<https://github.com/lammps/lammps>

● And at CEA: Pascal Thibaudeau, Michel Viret, Jean-Yves Chauleau, Theophile Chirac.

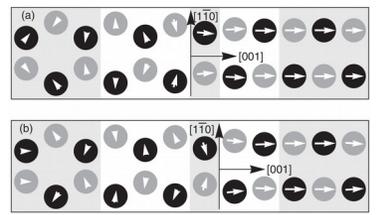
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# Potential improvements, ongoing developments



## Pressure and temperature effects

- ▶ Need to account for longitudinal spin fluctuations.

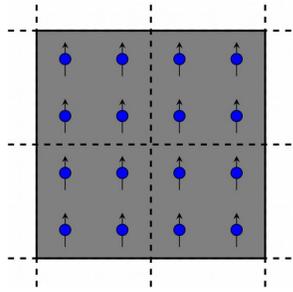


- ▶ Example: magneto-structural phase transitions (alpha → epsilon in iron)

Surh, M. P., et al. (2016). Magnetostructural transition kinetics in shocked iron. *Phys.Rev.Lett.*, 117(8), 085701.

## Electronic degrees of freedom in MD

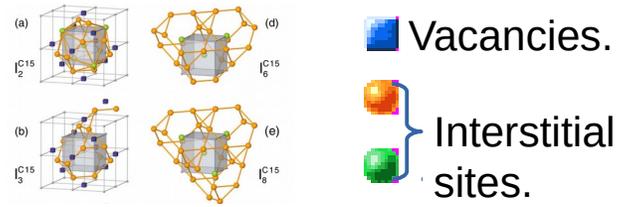
- ▶ TD-DFT parametrization of a 3-temperature model:



- ▶ Longitudinal spin fluctuations parametrized on Te.

## Phase-transition and defects in metals

- ▶ Irradiation-based defects in bcc iron:

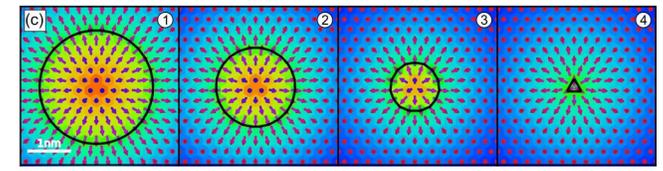


- ▶ Need Ab initio exchange parameters.

Marinica, M. C., et al. (2012). *Physical Review Letters*, 108(2), 025501.

## Kinetic of magnetism

- ▶ Visit of Hannes Jonsson's group in January.

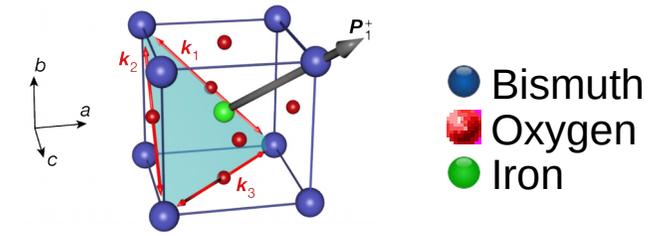


- ▶ Implementation of a magnetic NEB, and begin development of a spin-lattice version.

Bessarab, P. F., et al. (2018). Lifetime of racetrack skyrmions. *Scientific reports*, 8(1), 3433.

## Simulation of multiferroics

- ▶ Example: bismuth oxide

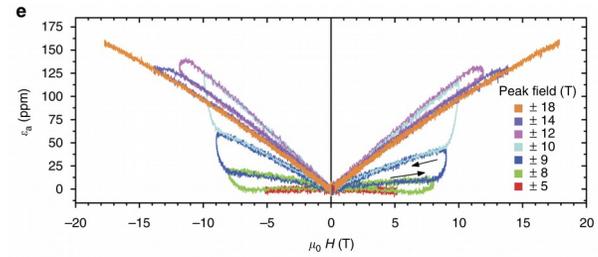


- ▶ Magnetic (AF) and ferroelectric orders.

Juraschek, D. M., et al. (2017). Dynamical multiferroicity. *Physical Review Materials*, 1(1), 014401.

## Magnetostriction

- ▶ Models for effects of the SOC



- ▶ Example: cobalt, gadolinium, uranium dioxide

Jaime, M., et al. (2017). *Nature communications*, 8(1), 99.

# Accounting for the spin-lattice interactions



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● The current version accounts for six magnetic interactions:

▶ Exchange interaction:

$$\mathbf{H}_{exchange} = - \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^N J(r_{ij}) \vec{s}_i \cdot \vec{s}_j$$

- Simulation of ferromagnetism, antiferromagnetism, ferrimagnetism, ...

▶ Zeeman interaction:

$$\mathbf{H}_{Zeeman} = -\mu_B \mu_0 \sum_{i=0}^N g_i \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{H}_{ext}$$

- Interaction with an external magnetic field (constant or time dependent).

▶ Uniaxial anisotropy:

$$\mathbf{H}_{an} = - \sum_{i=1}^N K_{an}(\mathbf{r}_i) (\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)^2$$

- Simulation of magnetocrystalline anisotropy or shape anisotropy.
- ✗ Poor lattice dependence.

▶ Magneto-electric interaction:

$$\mathbf{H}_{me} = - \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^N \left( \vec{E} \times \vec{e}_{ij} \right) \cdot (\vec{s}_i \times \vec{s}_j),$$

- Interaction between spins and electric dipoles.
- Simulation of multiferroic materials.

Katsura, H., et al. (2005). Spin current and magnetoelectric effect in noncollinear magnets. Phys. Rev. Lett., 95(5), 057205.

▶ Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya:

$$\mathbf{H}_{dm} = \sum_{i,j=1,i \neq j}^N \vec{D}(r_{ij}) \cdot (\vec{s}_i \times \vec{s}_j),$$

- Simulation of an effect of the spin-orbit coupling
- Very trendy (chiral magnetism, skyrmions...)

▶ Néel pair anisotropy:

$$\mathbf{H}_{Néel} = - \sum_{i,j=1,i \neq j}^N g_1(r_{ij}) \left( (\mathbf{e}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{s}_i)(\mathbf{e}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{s}_j) - \frac{\mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j}{3} \right)$$

- Other way to account for effects of the spin-orbit coupling.
- Simulation of magnetocrystalline anisotropy and magneto-elasticity.

Bruno, P. (1988). Magnetic surface anisotropy of cobalt and surface roughness effects within Neel's model. J. Phys. F: Metal Physics, 18(6), 1291.