Probing nanoscale magnetism with quantum sensors: from antiferromagnets to 2D materials

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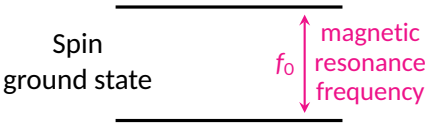

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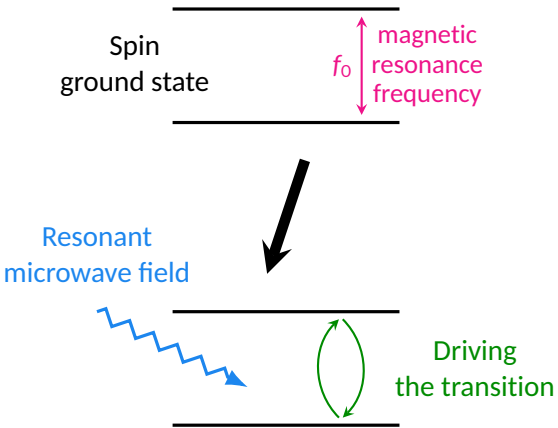

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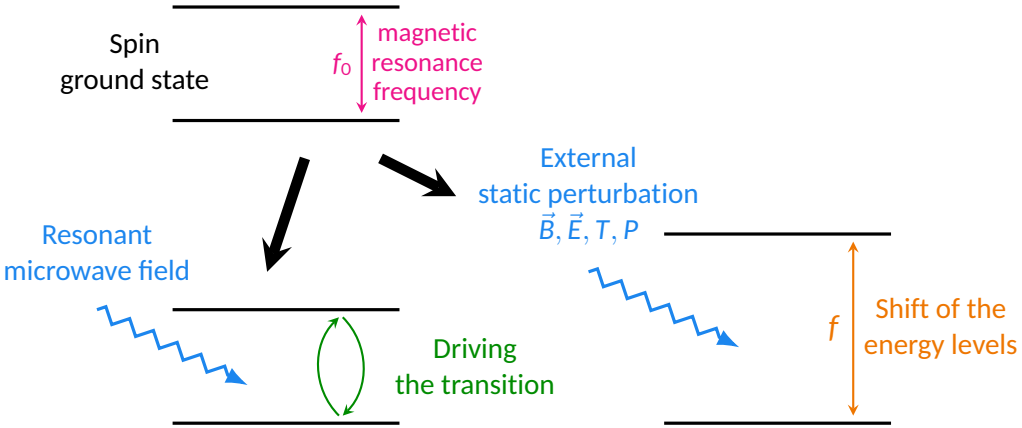

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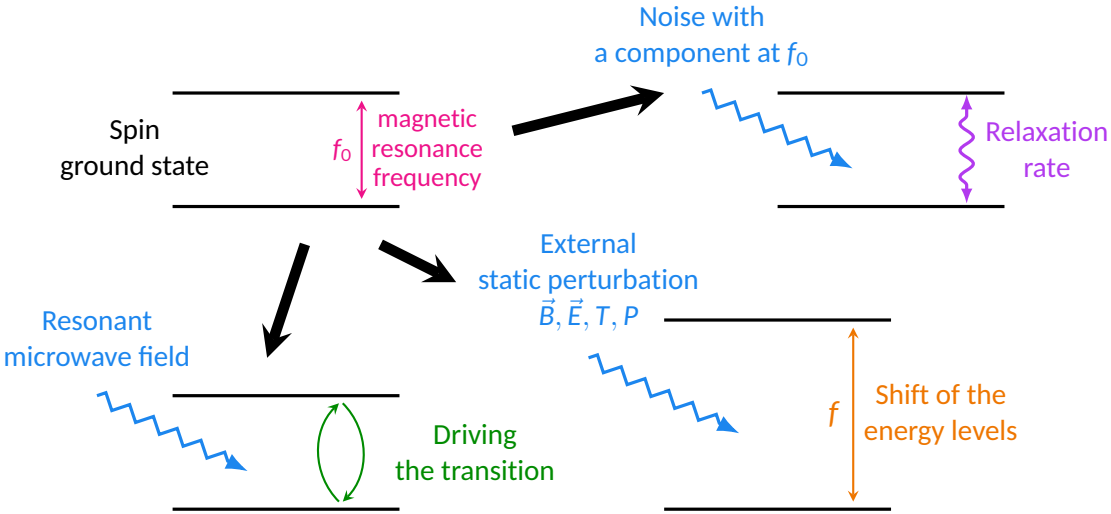

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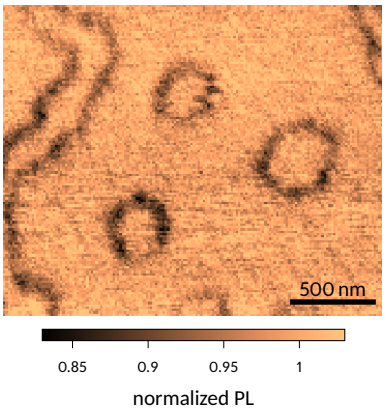

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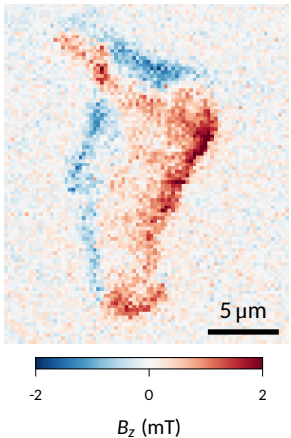

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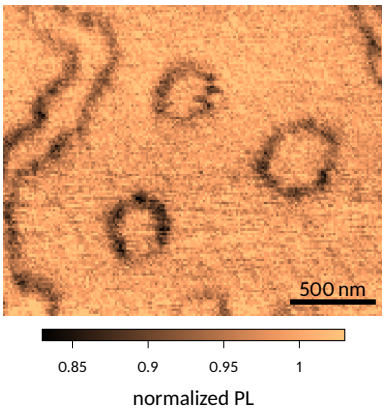

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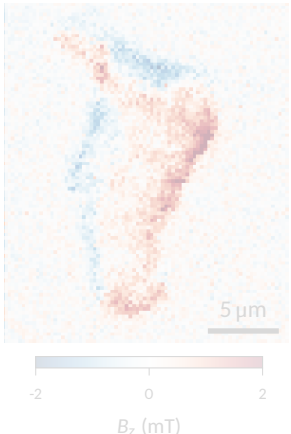
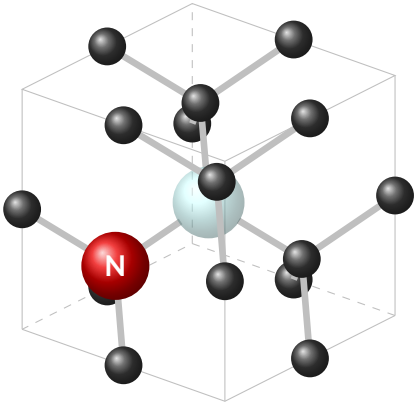


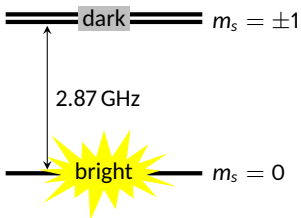
The NV center in diamond



- Artificial atom: energy levels in the diamond bandgap
- Photostable defect
- Spin S=1
- Individual defects can be isolated/implanted
- Ambient conditions

Principle of static magnetic field measurement

Spin-dependent fluorescence



NV ground state
spin $S = 1$

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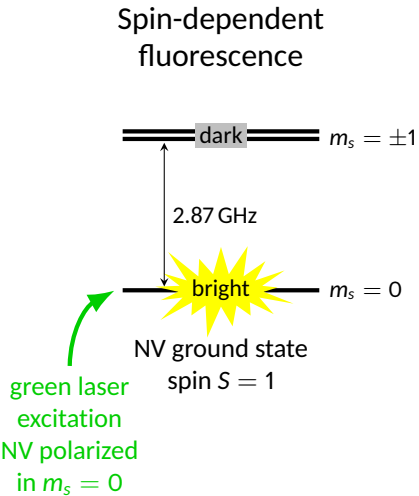

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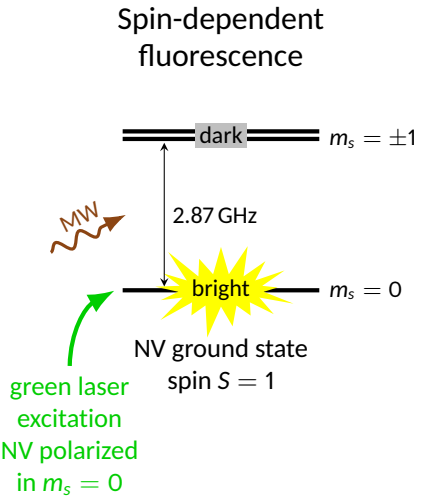

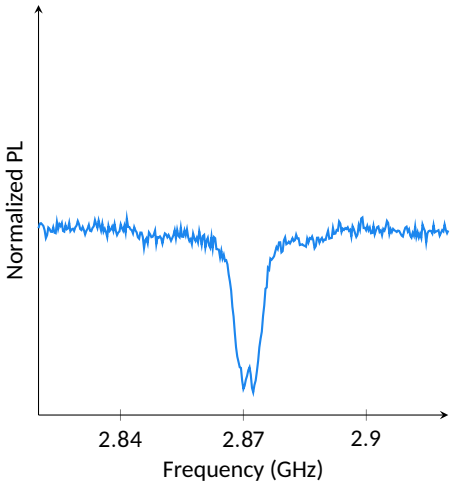

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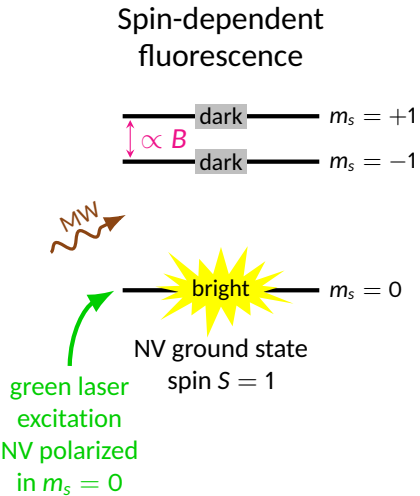

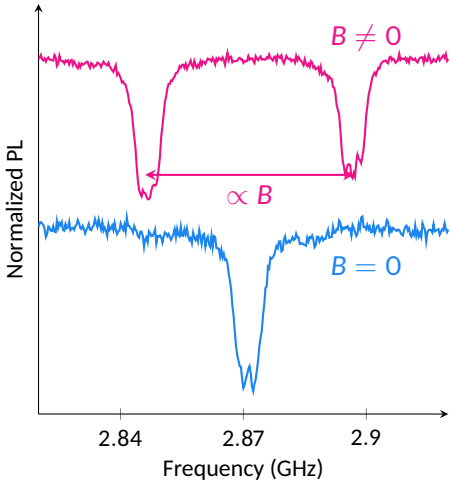

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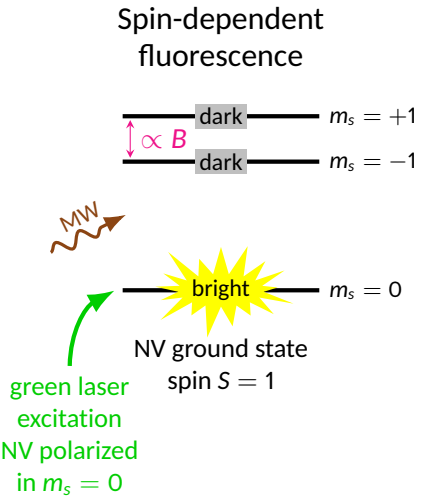
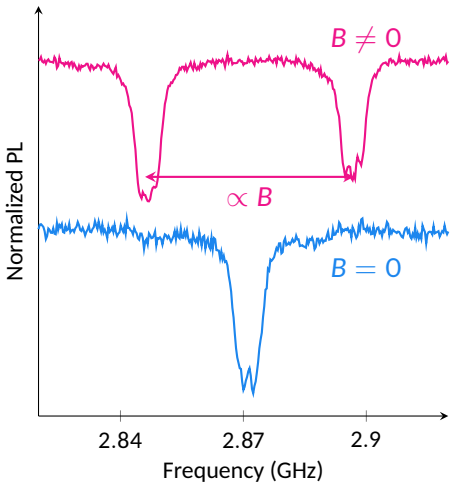
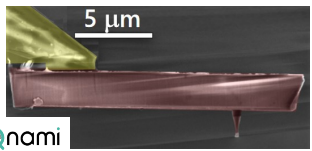




Sensitivity: a few $\mu T/\sqrt{Hz}$

Integration of the defect in a scanning probe microscope

Diamond
AFM tip



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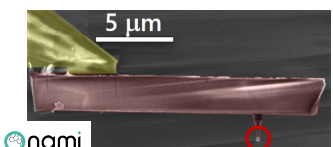

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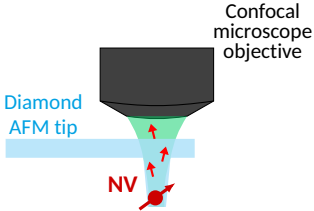

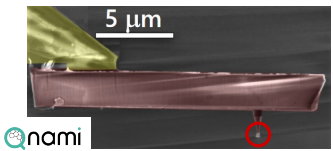

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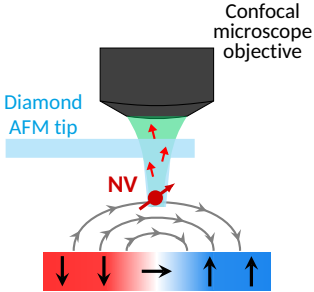

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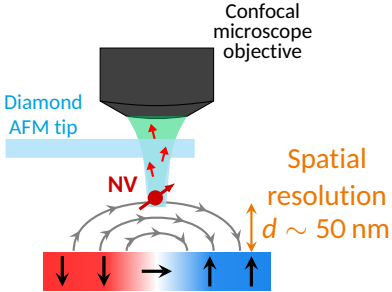

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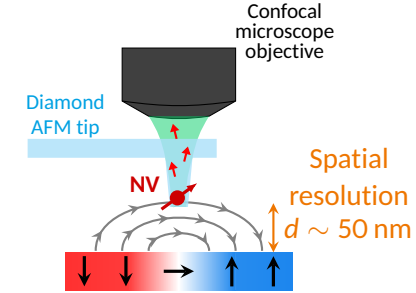

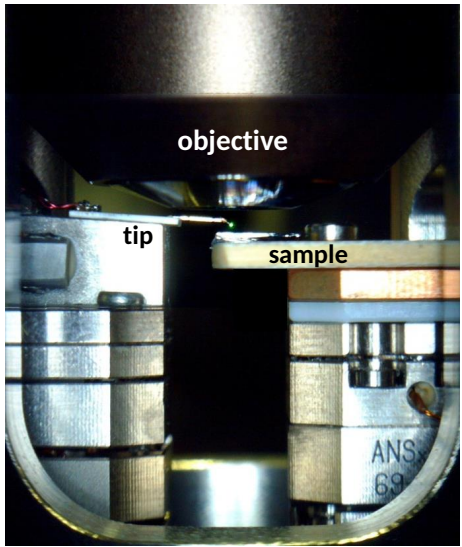

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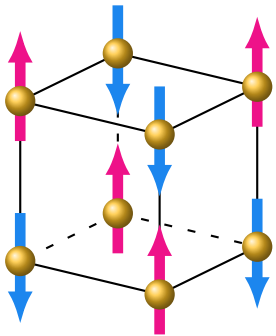

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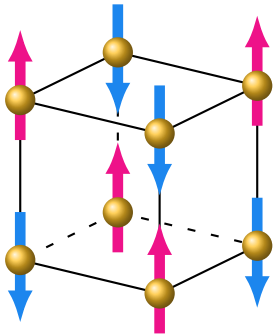

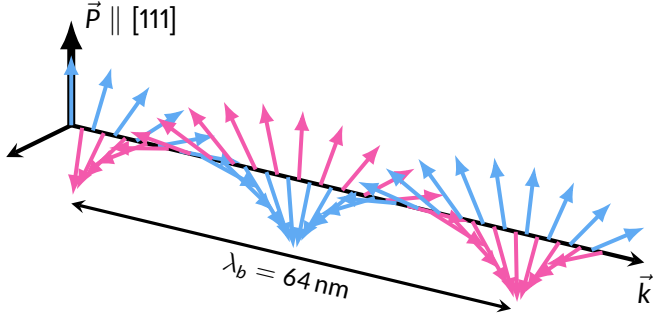

Fully compensated cycloid
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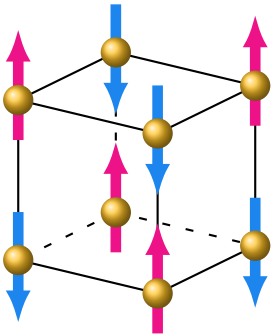

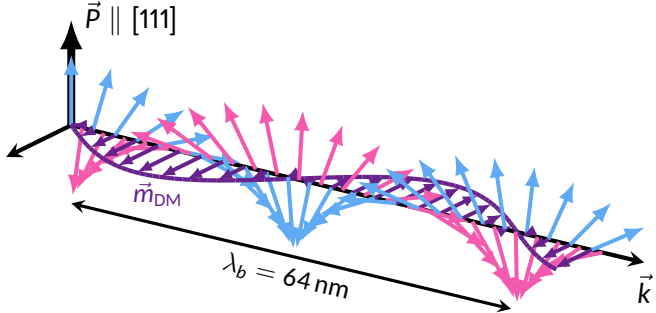

Spin density wave
Weak uncompensated moment
$\rightarrow$ **Small stray field**

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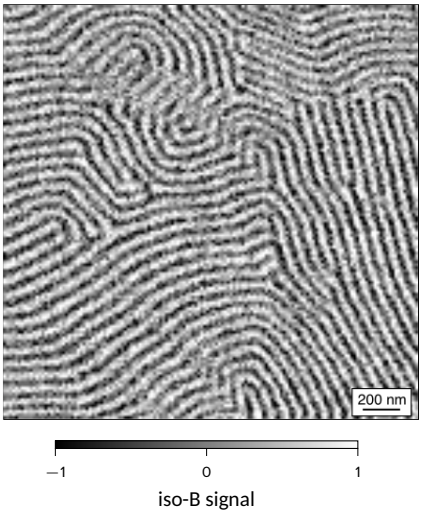

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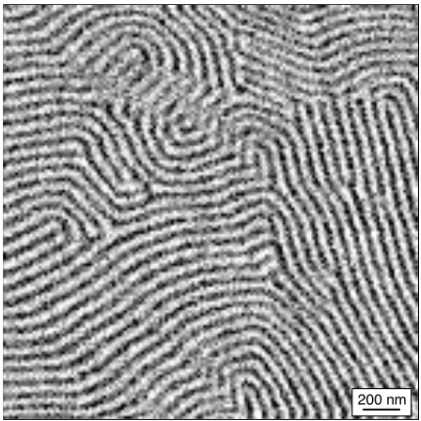

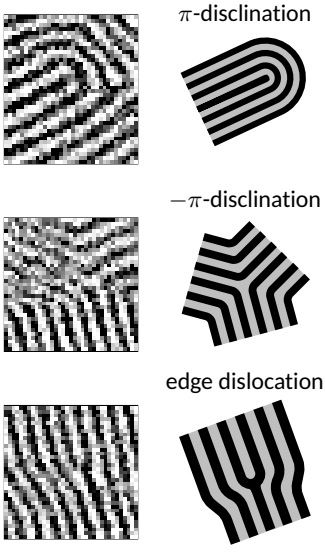

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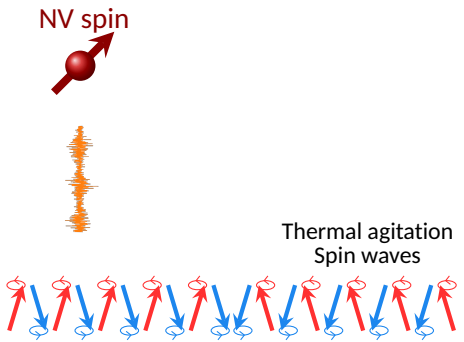

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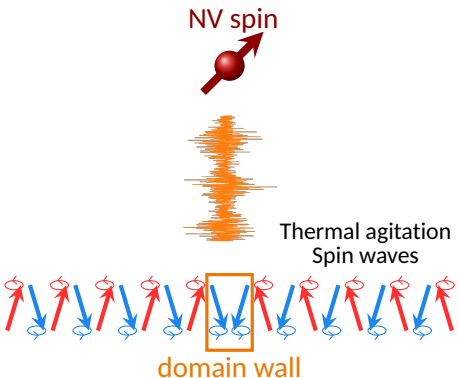

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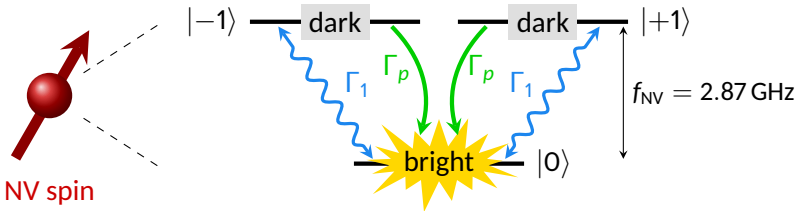

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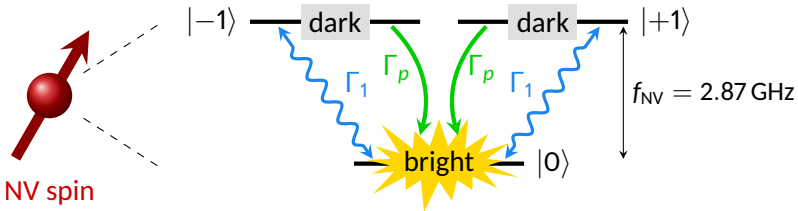

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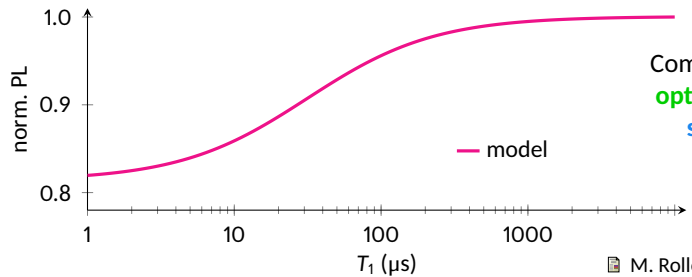

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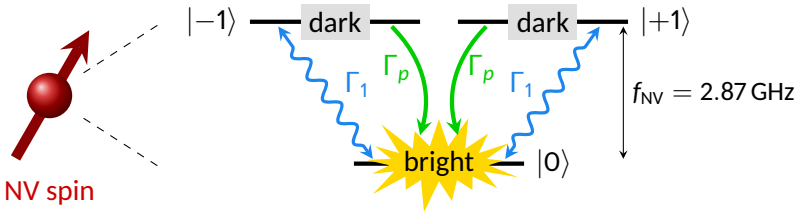

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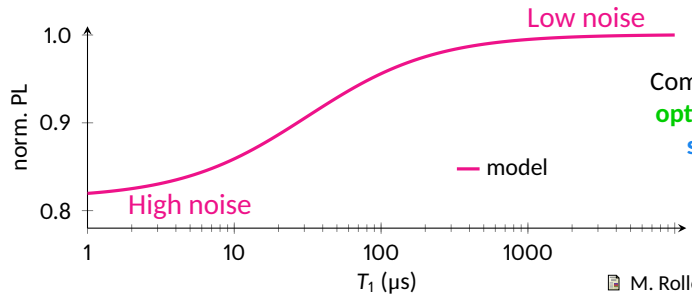

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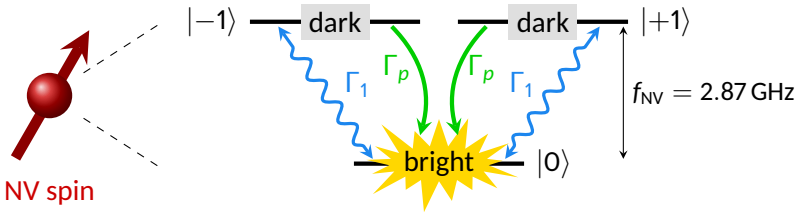

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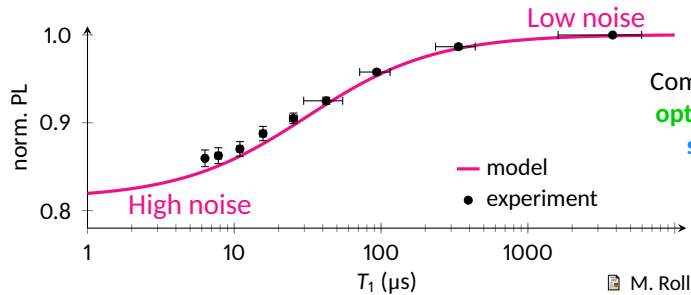

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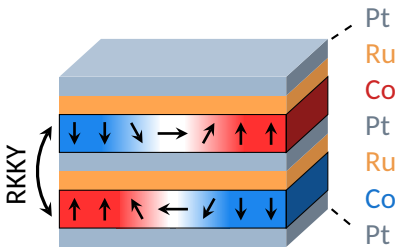
Synthetic antiferromagnets

Samples: LAF, Palaiseau (W. Legrand, K. Bouzehouane, N. Reyren, V. Cros)
Spintec, Grenoble (V.-T. Pham, J. Urrestarazu, O. Boulle)

Two **ferromagnetic** layers coupled **antiferromagnetically**



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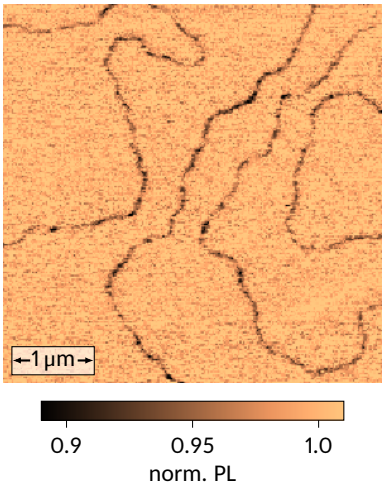
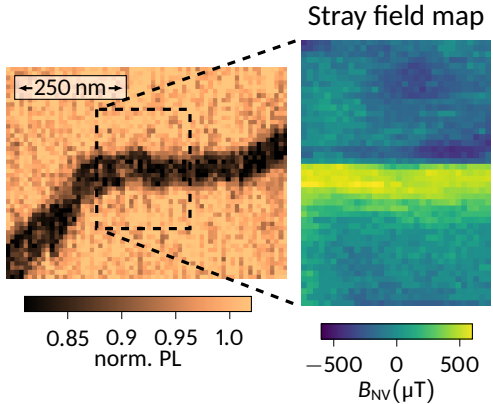
- No net magnetic moment
- Small stray field (vertical shift)
- Highly tunable properties
- Spin wave frequencies in the few GHz range

➔ Perfect test system
for noise imaging!

Detection of domain walls by relaxometry





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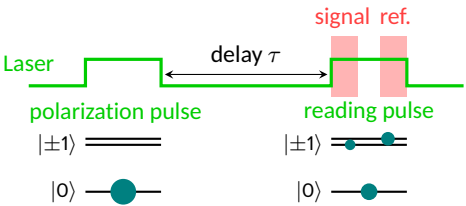

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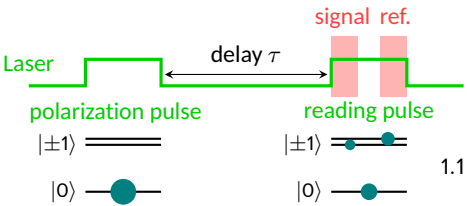

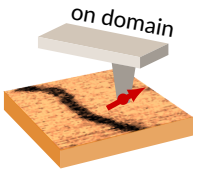

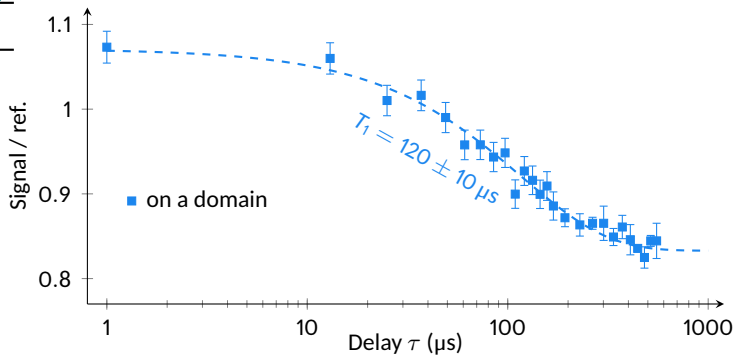

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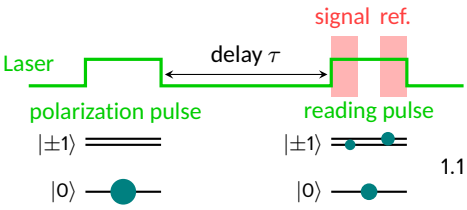

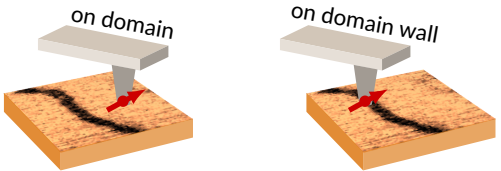

Clear diminution of T_1

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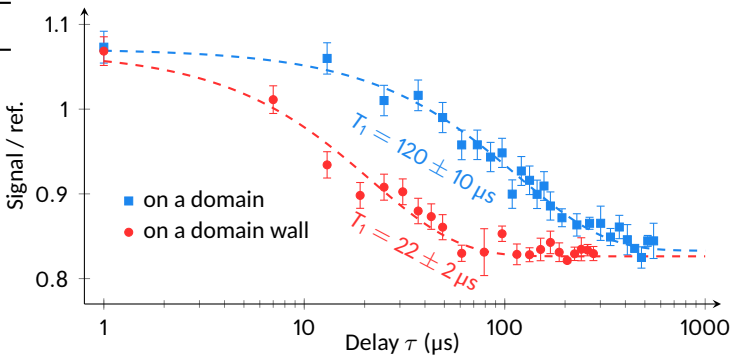

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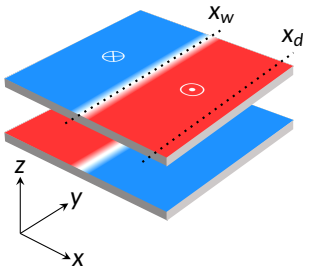

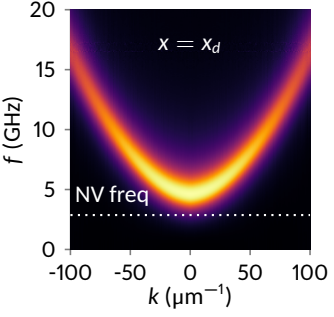

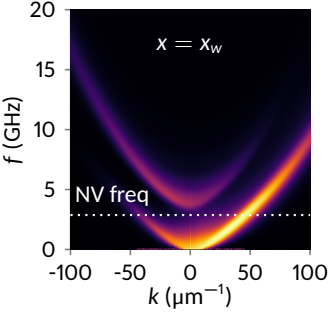

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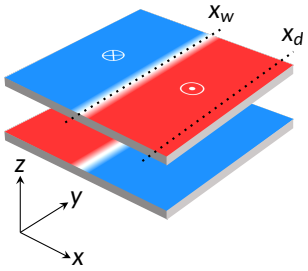

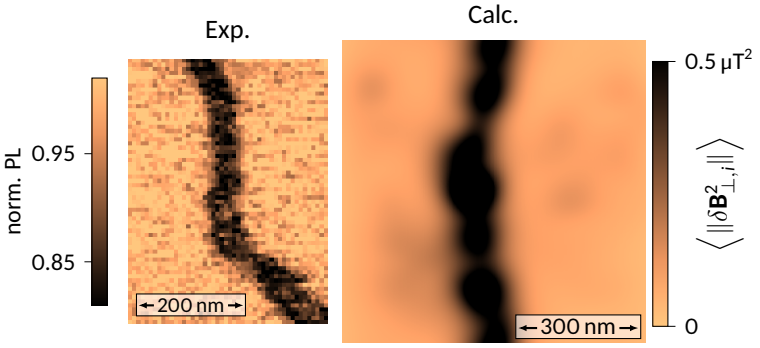

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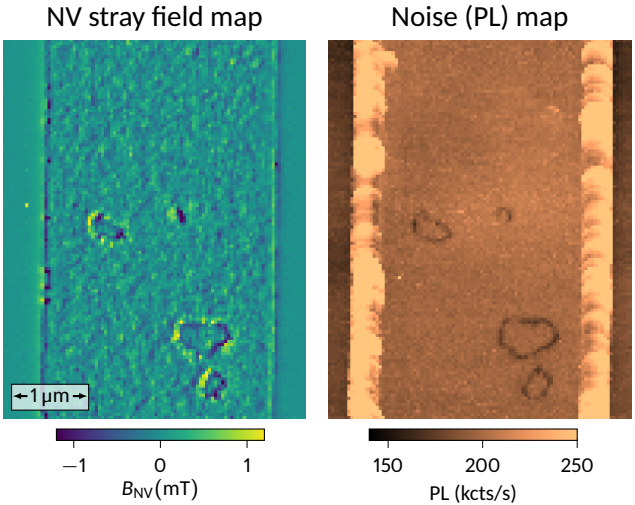

- Oop field of about 150 mT applied for nucleation
- Skyrmions and big bubbles pinned

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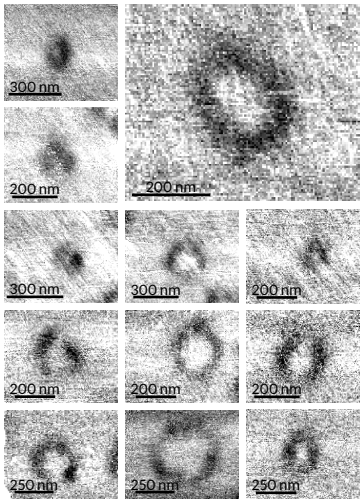

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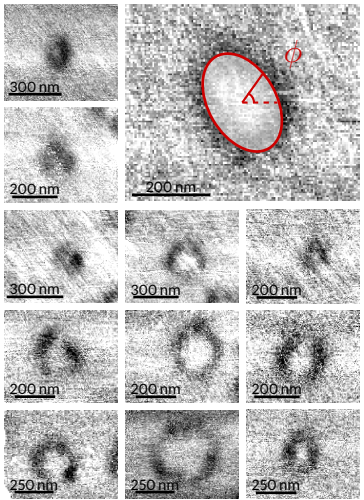

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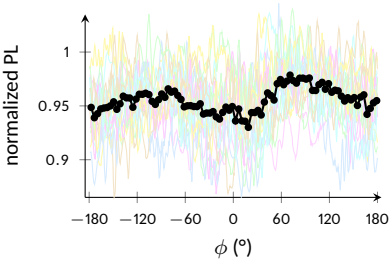

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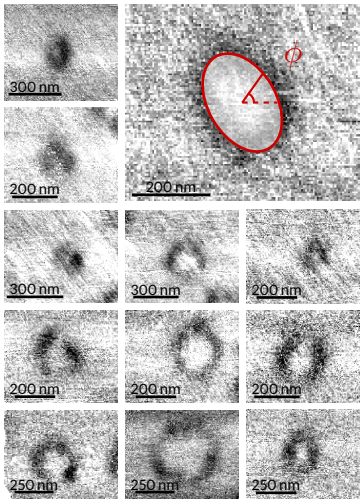

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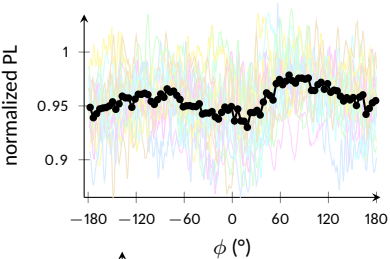
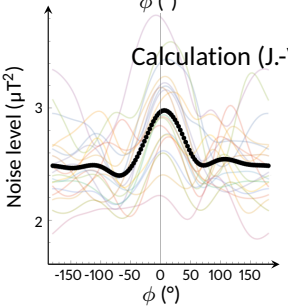
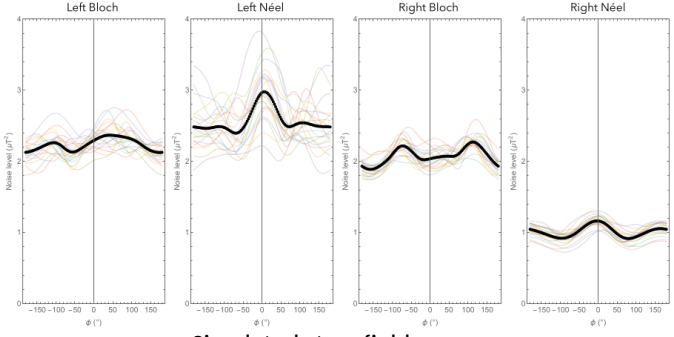


Calculation (J.-V. Kim, C2N)

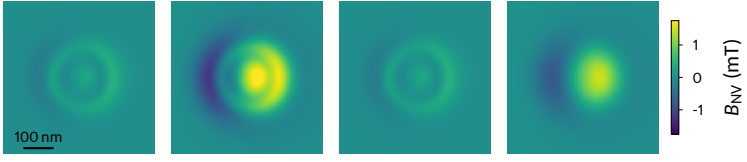


Expected pattern on other skyrmion types

Simulated noise distribution along the contour



Simulated stray field maps



- The pattern allows us to identify Néel skyrmions
- Strong difference in noise amplitude expected between Néel left and Néel right skyrmions…
- … while the stray field maps are very similar!

Do we also expect this for domain walls? Yes!

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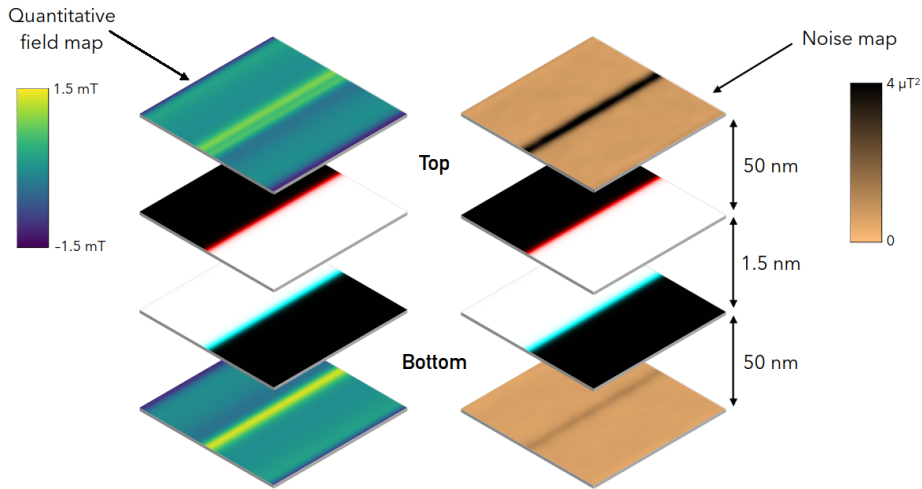

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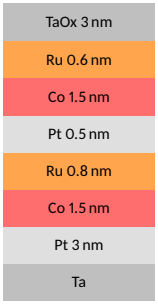

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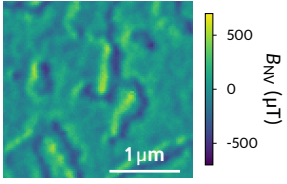

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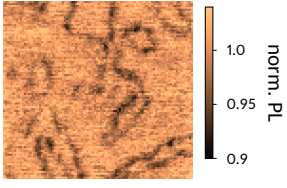

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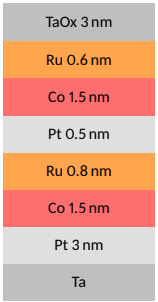

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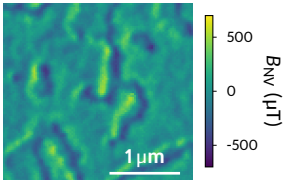

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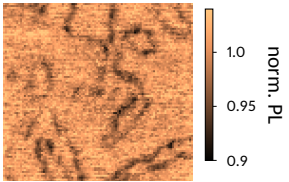
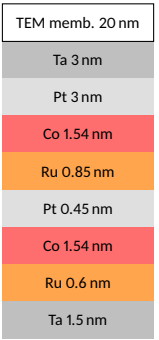


Inverted stack: Néel right



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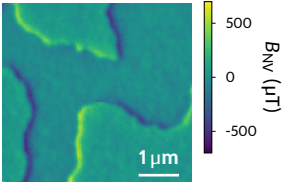

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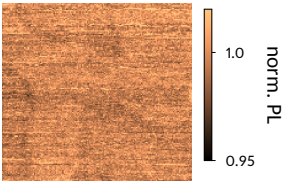

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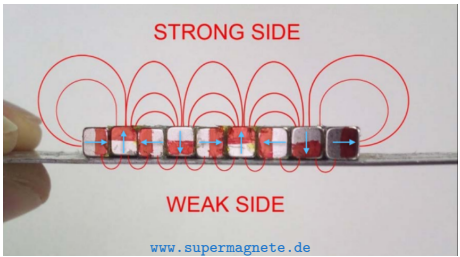
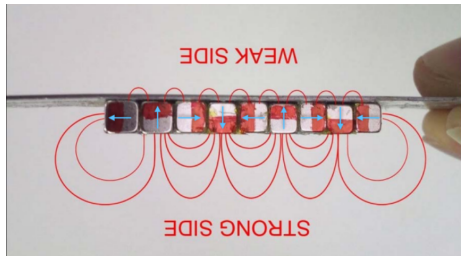
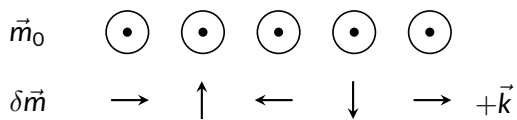
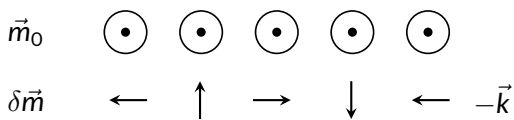
Origin of this effect, 1st ingredient : Spin waves = fridge magnets

Halbach arrays









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Origin of this effect, 2nd ingredient: DMI

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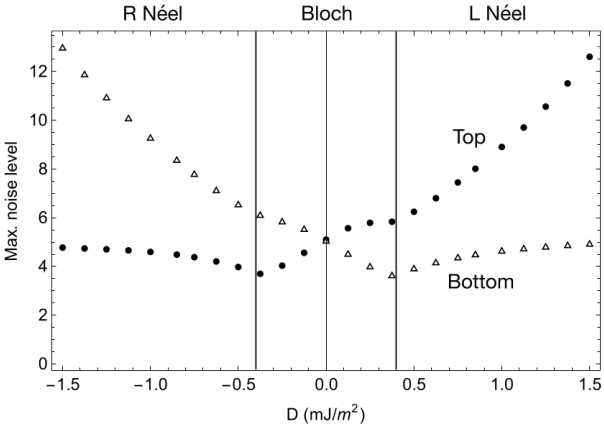
Calculation made for a **single** ferromagnetic layer

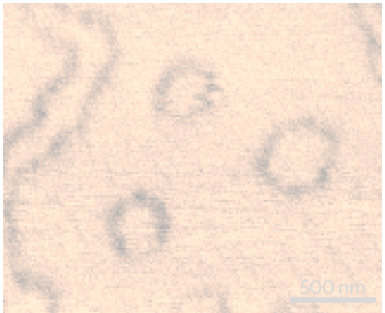


- DMI induces non-reciprocity in the spin wave dispersion
- This results in the selection of a propagation direction for the modes producing the detected noise
- These modes create noise only on one side of the film!

Outline

NV centers in diamond

Probe magnetic textures using spin wave noise



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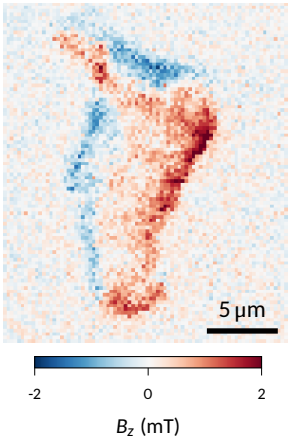
Integrate the sensor in a van der Waals heterostructure



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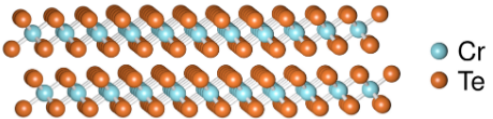

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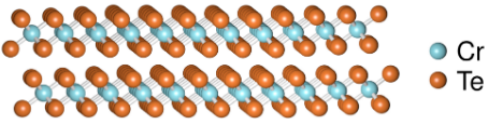

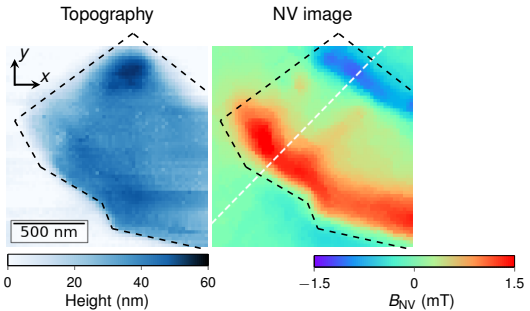

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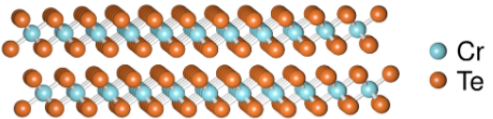

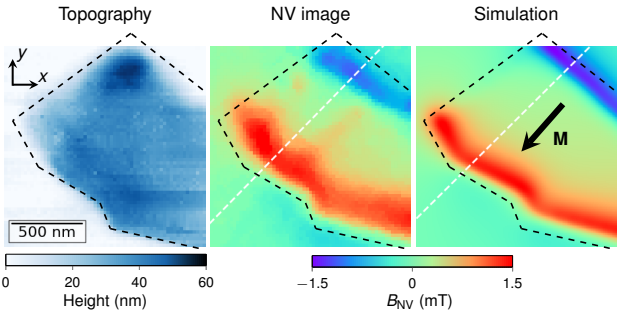

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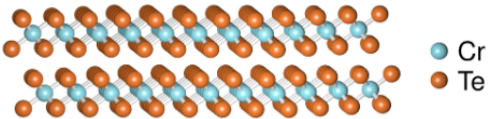

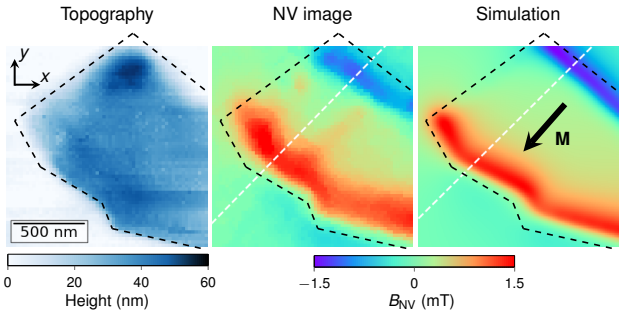

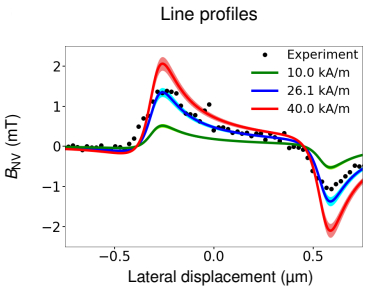

$CrTe_2$ is not stable in air → encapsulation with h-BN

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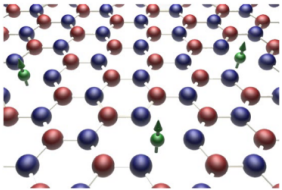

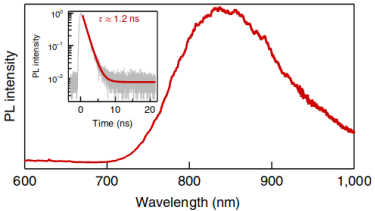

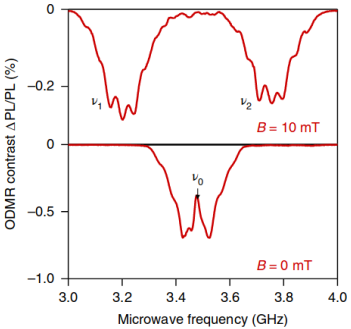

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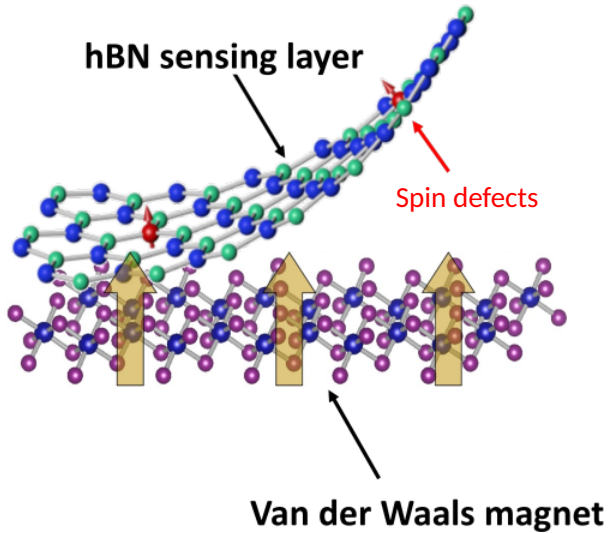

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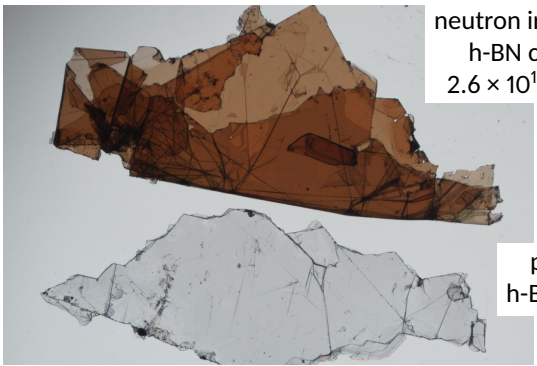

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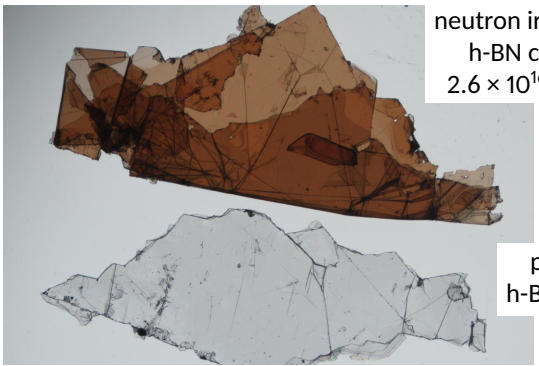

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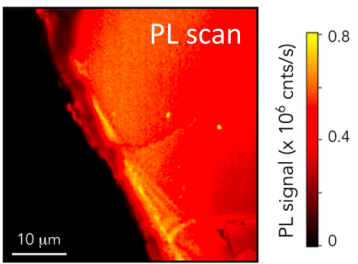

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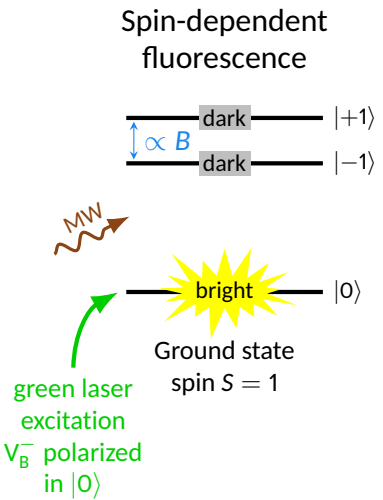

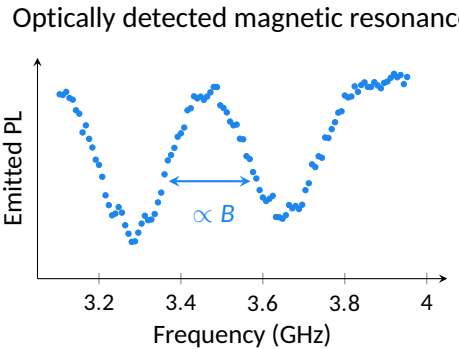

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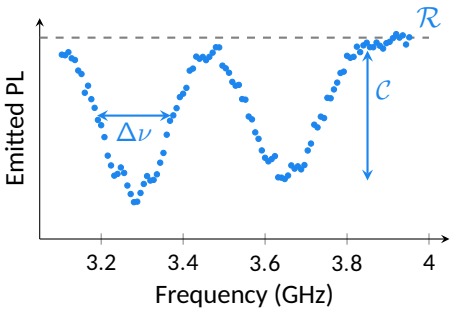

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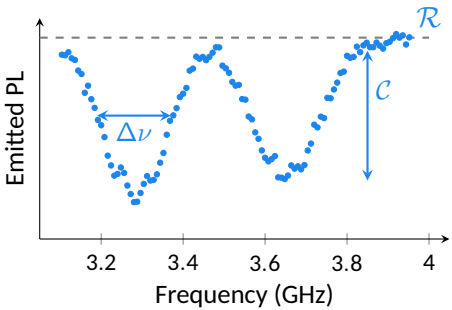

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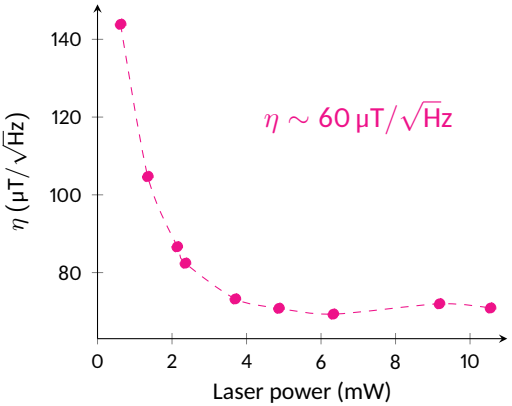

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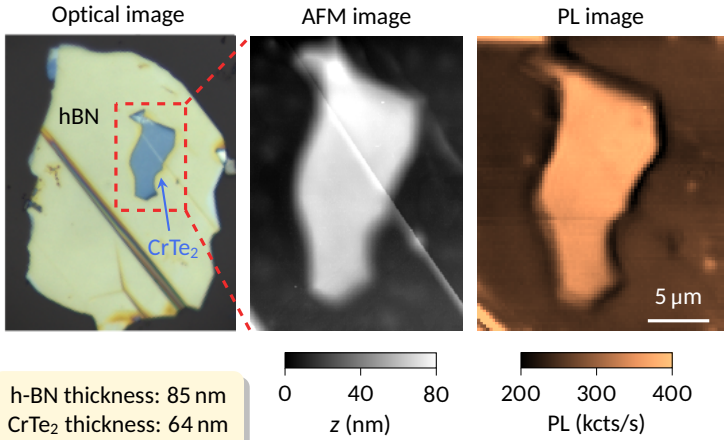

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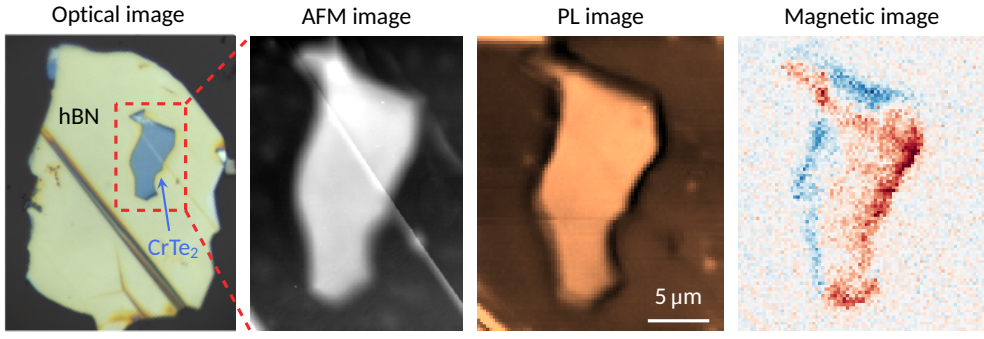

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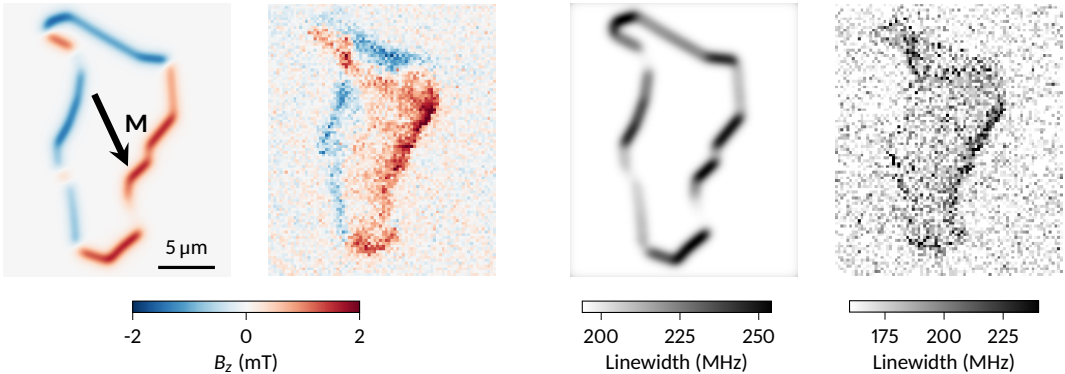
Comparison with simulations

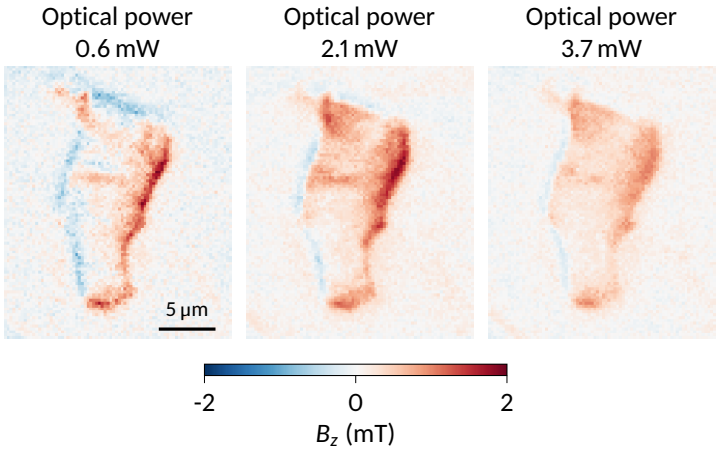
Two averaging procedures are necessary:

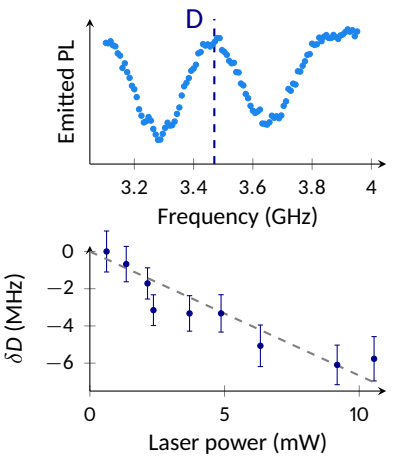
- Vertically, over the h-BN film thickness
- Laterally, over the gaussian profile of the laser beam



$\rightarrow$ **Being really quantitative is difficult, using thinner flakes would help!**

Effect of heating





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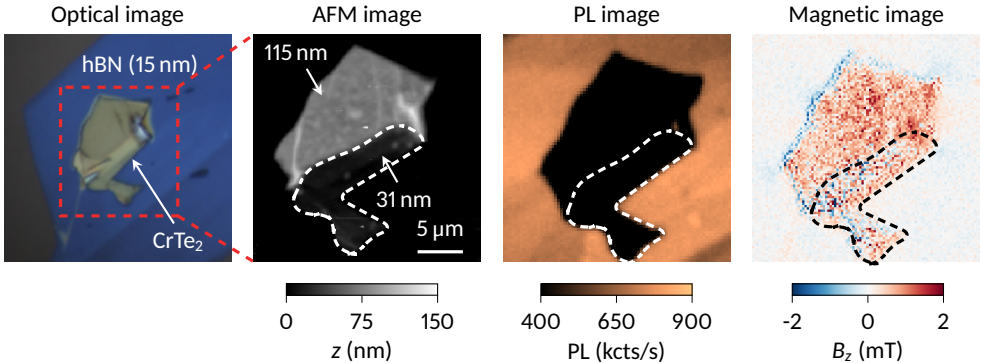
Using thinner flakes



- PL quenching effect at the metallic surface of $CrTe_2$
- Need for larger laser excitation power
- Heating of the magnetic material, crossing T_C

Summary

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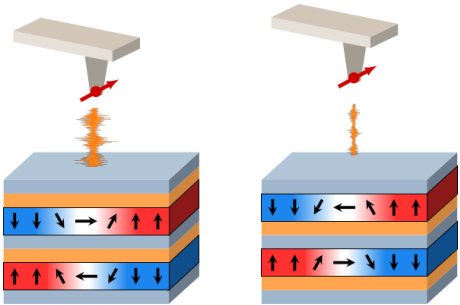

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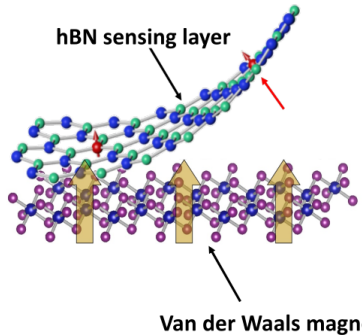

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