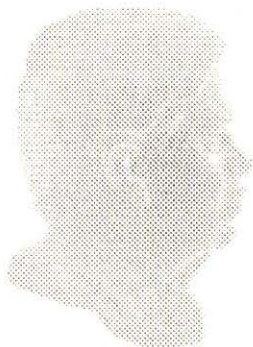


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Structure of the Bloch point in spherical nanoparticle

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Bloch point is the simplest 3D topological singularity in micromagnetism [1]. Such a singularity naturally appears during the process of the vortex polarity switching i. e. the reversal of the vortex core magnetization (polarity) [2]. The ultrafast switching of the vortex polarity is a key point for usage them as elements of high-speed magnetic random access memory.

We consider different types of Bloch Points (BP_q^p) in a spherical sample of radius R , which are described by the singular distribution of normalized magnetization $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) = (\sin \Theta \cos \Phi, \sin \Theta \sin \Phi, \cos \Theta)$ of the form: $\Theta = p\vartheta - \alpha$, $\Phi = q\varphi - \gamma(r)$, where $\mathbf{r} = (r, \vartheta, \varphi)$ is a radius-vector, $p = \pm 1, =\alpha \in [0, \pi]$, and $q = \pm 1$. Such BP_q^p singularities correspond to different observed structures during vortex polarity switching [2, 3]. The BP_q^p does not form a remanent state in a spherical particle; we stabilize it by external gradient field $\mathbf{H} = h\mathbf{r}$. We study the equilibrium distribution $\gamma(r)$: analytically for small h and numerically for a wide range of fields; its value is mainly defined by competition between magnetostatic and external field. Without field $\gamma = \arccos(-p/4)$ for $q=1$ which provides smaller energy than previous estimations [4]. We also study BP_q^p singularities in a spherical layer. The critical field, which stabilized the Bloch point decreases when the inner radius increases. All analytical results are confirmed by spin-lattice simulations [5].

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