

# *Opportunities in Nanomagnetism\**

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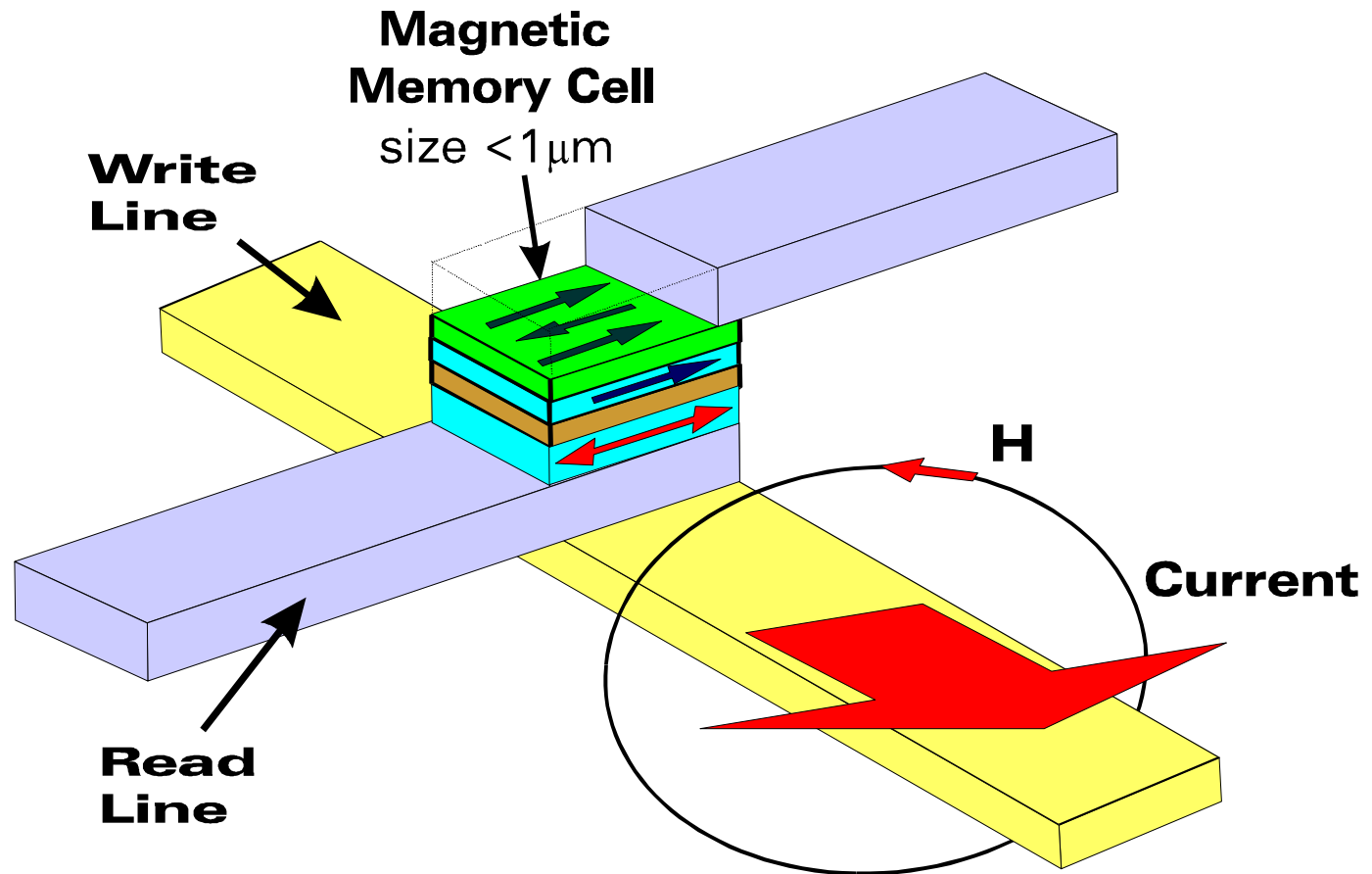
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# Magnetic Random Access Memory

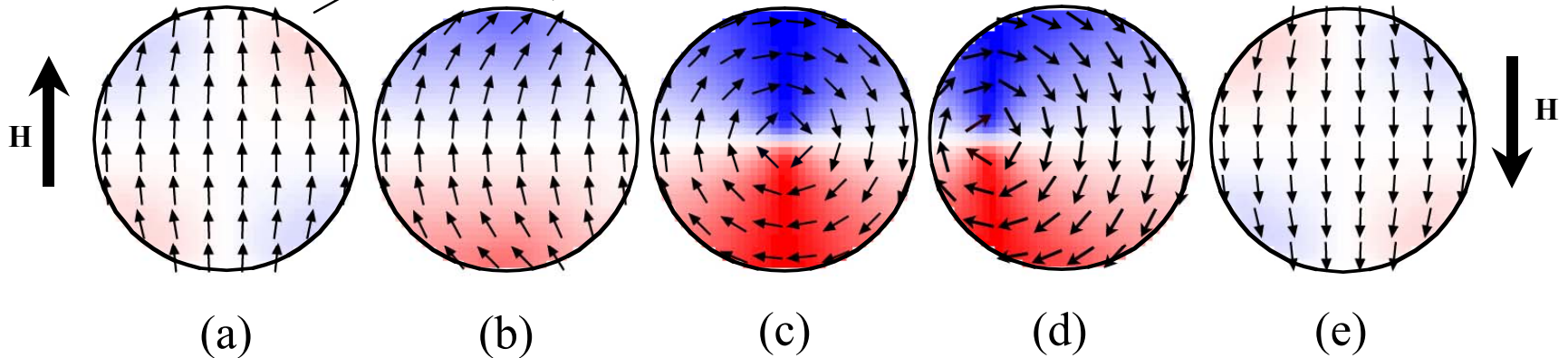
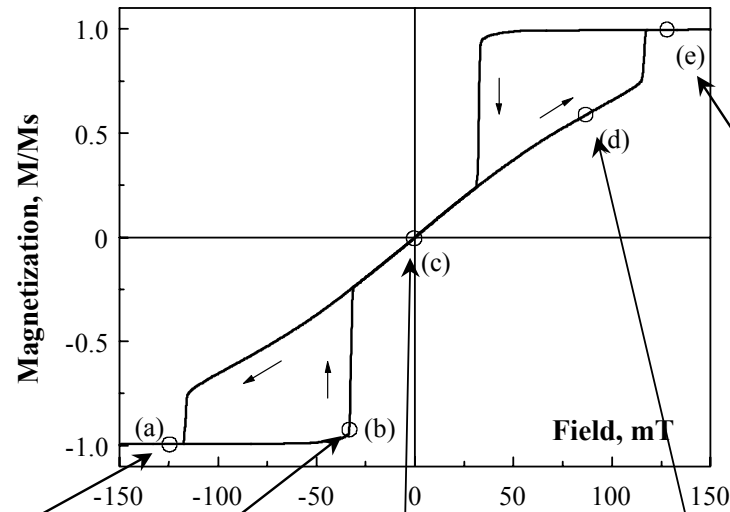


Now in production by Freescale Semiconductor (Motorola)

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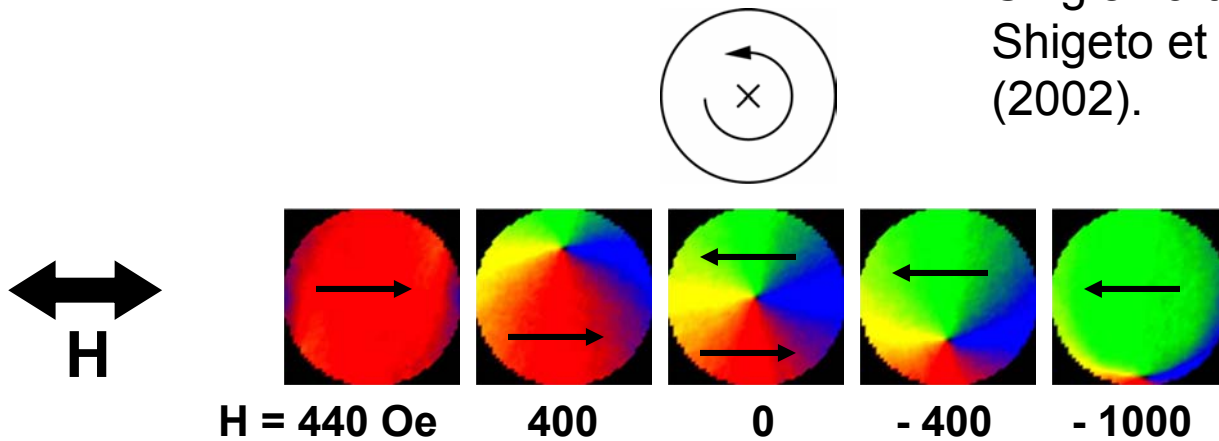
# Magnetic Vortex State in Disk-shaped Nanomagnets



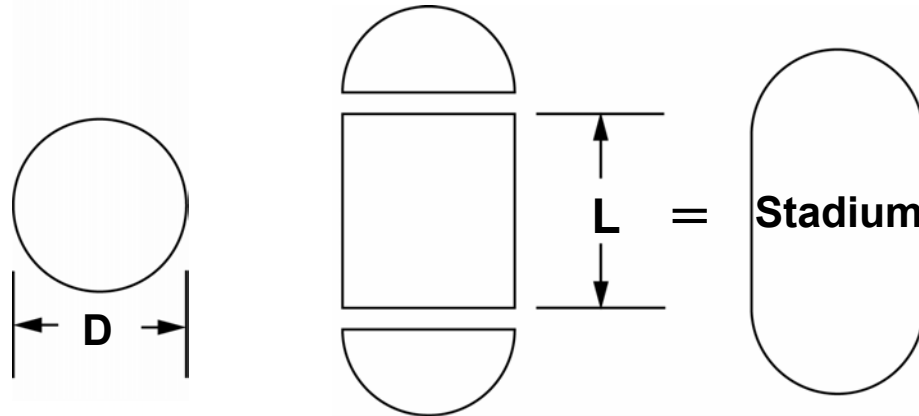
Magnetization reversal due to formation of the magnetic vortex state in circular dot

# Submicron Permalloy Stadia

Single vortex in a dot- T.  
Shigeto et al., APL **80**, 4190  
(2002).



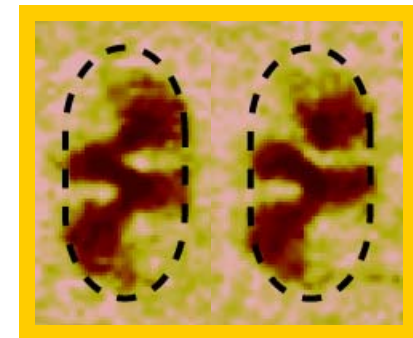
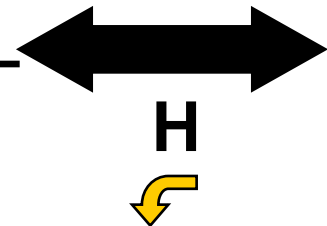
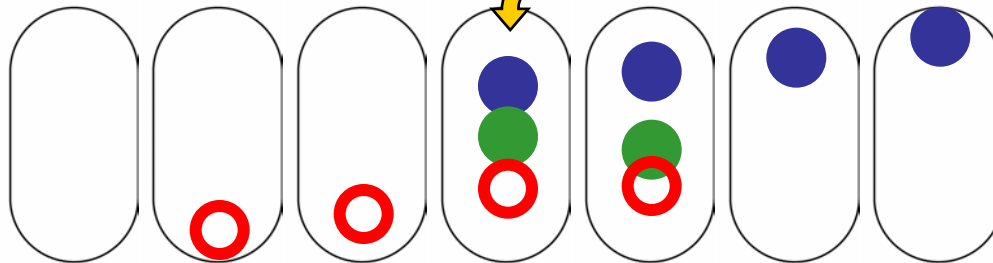
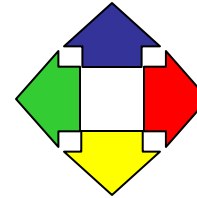
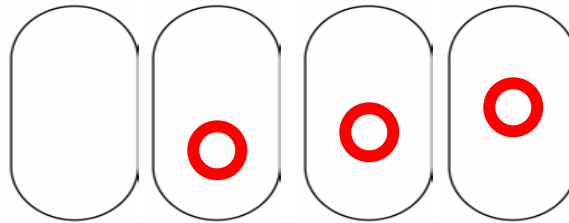
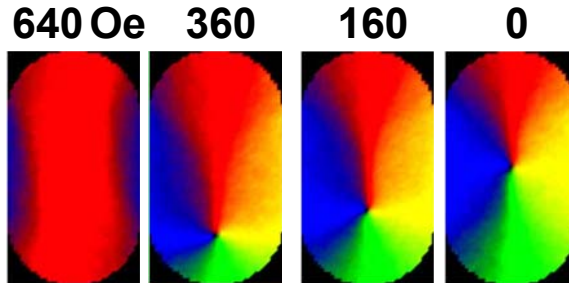
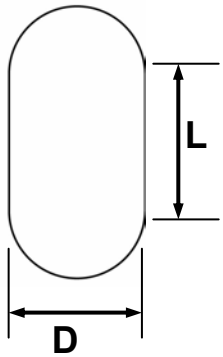
**D = 400 nm**



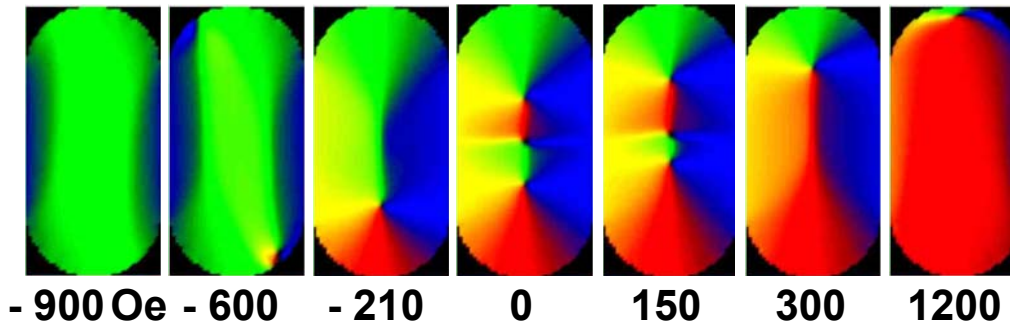
- Structures
- Nucleation
- Interactions

# Virtual Particles

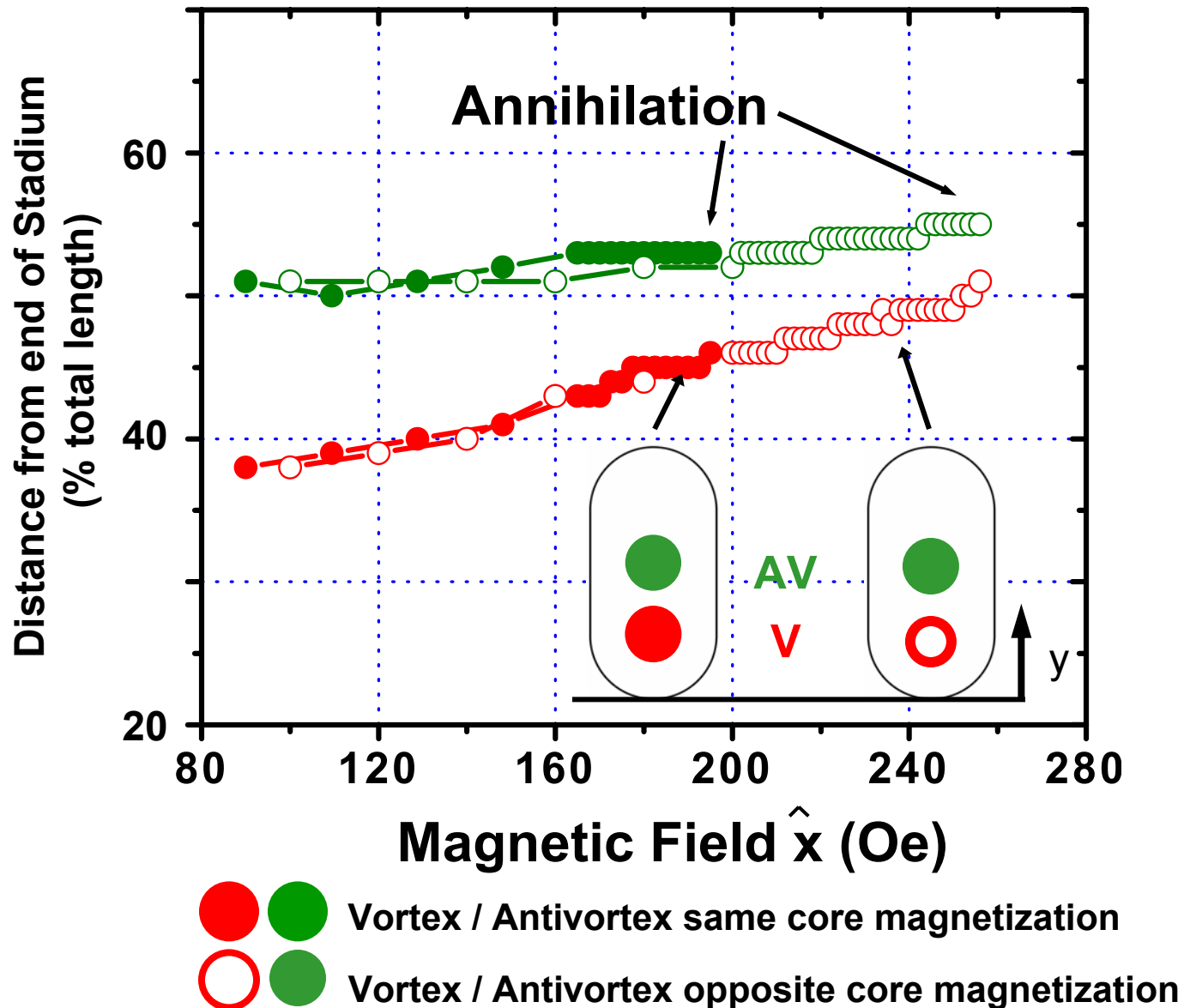
$D = 400 \text{ nm}$   
 $L = 300 \text{ nm}$



$D = 400 \text{ nm}$   
 $L = 500 \text{ nm}$



# Core Interactions





In the reversal process, past a critical aspect ratio, vortex-antivortex pair creation facilitates the reversal.

Understanding the vortex-antivortex nucleation and annihilation is not as simple as we thought as the associated energies do not vary much so it is all hidden in the dynamics.

**Cuteness factor-** like field theory in stop action animation - for Casimir effect, black hole decay, and Kosterlitz-Thouless transition.

