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# Scanning SQUID-on-tip microscopy of 2D and chiral magnetism

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#### Faraday's iron filings



#### Scanning tunnelling spectroscopy on atomic-scale



FIG. 44. (Color) SP-STS data  $(60 \times 60 \text{ nm}^2)$  revealing the spin dependence of the 2D electronic confinement states in nanoscale Co islands which manifests itself by a spin-dependent oscillation amplitude of the confinement states for differently magnetized Co nanoislands. From Pietzsch *et al.*, 2006.

### Magneto-optical imaging of local spin-polarization



Kato et al., Science **306**, 5703 (2004).

#### Lorentz microscopy of skyrmion crystals



Yu et al., Nature 465, 901 (2010).

## SQUID microscopy of edge currents



Nowack et al., Nat. Phys. 12, 787 (2013).

#### SQUID microscopy of twist-angle disorder



Uri et al., *Nature* **581**, 47 (2020).

#### Energence of 2D materials and vdW heterostructures



Figure 1 | **Two-dimensional layered materials and van der Waals heterostructures. a** | A broad library of two-dimensional layered materials (2DLMs) with varying chemical composition, atomic structures and electronic properties, with an increasing bandgap from left to right. **b**–**f** | Van der Waals heterostructures formed by integrating the dangling-bond-free 2DLMs with 0D nanoparticles or quantum dots (panel **b**), 1D nanowires (panel **c**), 1.5D nanoribbons (panel **d**), 3D bulk materials (panel **e**) and 2D nanosheets (panel **f**).

#### Liu et al., Nat. Rev. Mater. 1, 1 (2016)

#### Correlated states in atomically layered materials

#### ARTICLE

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## Unconventional superconductivity in magic-angle graphene superlattices

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Figure 2 | Gate-tunable superconductivity in magic-angle TBG. a, Two-probe conductance  $G_2 = l/V_{\rm bias}$  of device M1 ( $\theta = 1.16^\circ$ ) measured in zero magnetic field (red) and at a perpendicular field of  $B_{\perp} = 0.4$  T (blue). The curves exhibit the typical V-shaped conductance near charge neutrality (n = 0, vertical purple dotted line) and insulating states at the superlattice bandgaps  $n = \pm n_s$  which correspond to filling  $\pm 4$  electrons in each moiré unit cell (blue and red bars). They also exhibit reduced conductance at intermediate integer fillings of the superlattice owing to Coulomb interactions (other coloured bars). Near a filling 0 - 2 electrons per unit cell, there is considerable conductance enhancement at zero field that is suporessed in  $B_1 = 0.4$  T. This enhancement signals the onset of superconductivity. Measurements were conducted at 70 mK;  $V_{\text{bias}} = 10 \,\mu\text{V}$ . **b**, Four-probe resistance  $R_{aco}$  measured at densities corresponding to the region bounded by pink dashed lines in a, versus temperature. Two superconducting domes are observed next to the half-filling state, which is labelled 'Mott' and centred around  $-n/2 = -1.58 \times 10^{12} \,\text{cm}^{-2}$ . The remaining regions in the diagram are labelled as 'metal' owing to the metallic temperature dependence. The highest critical temperature observed in device M1 is  $T_c = 0.5 \,\text{K}$  (at 50% of the normal-state resistance), **c**, As in **b**, but for device M2, showing two asymmetric and overlapping domes. The highest critical temperature in this device is  $T_c = 1.7 \,\text{K}$ .

#### LETTER

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#### Layer-dependent ferromagnetism in a van der Waals crystal down to the monolayer limit

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Figure 3 | Layer-dependent magnetic ordering in atomically-thin Cr1<sub>3</sub>, a, MOKE signal on a monolayer (1L). Cr1<sub>3</sub> flake, showing hysteresis in the Kerr rotation as a function of applied magnetic field, indicative of ferromagnetic behaviour. b, MOKE signal from a bilayer Cr1<sub>3</sub> showing vanishing Kerr rotation for applied fields  $\pm 0.65$  T, suggesting antiferromagnetic behaviour. Insets depict bilayer (2L) magnetic ground states for different applied fields. c, MOKE signal on a trilayer (3L) flake, showing a return to ferromagnetic behaviour.

#### Contrast

#### Current density $\vec{J}$



#### Magnetization $\overrightarrow{M}$



#### Techniques



FIG. 2. Reported magnetic sensitivity  $\delta B \sqrt{T}$  for different sensor technologies versus size of the sensitive region. Effective linear dimension  $l_{\text{eff}}$  indicates  $\sqrt{\text{area}}$  for planar sensors and  $\sqrt[3]{\text{volume}}$  for volumetric ones. For pointlike systems such as single spins,  $l_{\text{eff}}$  indicates  $\sqrt[3]{\text{volume}}$  for a sphere with radius equal to the minimum source-detector distance. For work reporting sensitivity in units of magnetic dipole moment, we convert to field units using the reported sample distance. Excepting RFNVD, noise levels are the lowest reported value at frequency  $\leq 1$  kHz. An arrow indicates that the value is off the scale. SQUID, superconducting quantum interference device; SQUIPT, superconducting quantum interference proximity transistor; SKIM, superconducting kinetic impedance magnetometer; OPM, optically pumped magnetometer; FCOPM, OPM with flux concentrators; CEOPM, cavity-enhanced OPM; COPM, OPM with cold thermal atoms; BEC, Bose-Einstein condensate; RSC, Rydberg Schrödinger cat; NVD, nitrogen-vacancy center in diamond; RFNVD, radio-frequency NVD; FCNVD, NVD with flux concentrators; YIG, yttrium-aluminum-garnet; GMR, giant magnetoresistance; EMR, extraordinary magnetoresistance; MTJ, magnetic tunnel junction; MEMF, magnetoelectric multiferroic; HALL, Hall-effect sensor; GRA, graphene; PAFG, parallel gating fluxgate; MFM, magnetic force microscope, WGM, whispering-gallery mode magnetostrictive. Line shows  $E_R \equiv \langle \delta B^2 \rangle T l_{\text{eff}}^3 / (2\mu_0) = \hbar$ . Numeric labels refer to Table I.

Map weak magnetic field patterns with high spatial resolution

Mitchell & Palacios Alvarez, Rev. Mod. Phys. 92, 021001 (2020)

### Contrast & Techniques



Magnetic field component  $B_z$ 

### TECHNICAL REVIEWS

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## Nanoscale magnetic field imaging for 2D materials

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Abstract | Nanoscale magnetic imaging can provide microscopic information about length scales, inhomogeneity and interactions of materials systems. As such, it is a powerful tool to probe phenomena such as superconductivity, Mott insulating states and magnetically ordered states in 2D materials, which are sensitive to the local environment. This Technical Review provides an analysis of weak magnetic field imaging techniques that are most promising for the study of 2D materials: magnetic force microscopy, scanning superconducting quantum interference device microscopy and scanning nitrogen-vacancy centre microscopy.

**b** Scanning SQUID microscopy

# Zoom-in

c Scanning NV microscopy

Zoom-in





### Outline

- Introduction
- Scanning SQUID microscopy (SSM)
  - Imaging the surface of Cu<sub>2</sub>OSeO<sub>3</sub> with a SQUID-on-tip probe
  - Imaging 2D Cr<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>6</sub> with a SQUID-on-lever probe
- Nanowire-based magnetic force microscopy (MFM)
  - Imaging magnetic phase transition in 2D EuGe<sub>2</sub>

#### Superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID)



SQUID critical current:  $I^{c}(\Phi) = 2I_{0}^{c}\cos|\Box / \Phi_{0}|$ 

#### SCANNING SQUID MICROSCOPY

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#### Self-Aligned Nanoscale SQUID on a Tip

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Nano Lett. 2010, 10, 1046-1049

#### SQUID-on-tip sensor



Vasyukov et al., Nat. Nanotechnol. 8, 639 (2013)

#### Nanometer-scale scanning SQUID microscopy

Imaging current density in superconducting qubit devices from Wallraff group (ETHZ).

#### Scanning SQUID microscope Superconducting device



SSM using a SQUID-on-tip probe operating in at 4.2 K.



Transmon qubit with flux-control line coming from the bottom (scale bar 10 μm).

Marchiori et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 121, 052601 (2022)

#### Imaging magnetic configurations at the surface of bulk Cu<sub>2</sub>OSeO<sub>3</sub>



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#### Cu<sub>2</sub>OSeO<sub>3</sub> – Chiral Magnet

- Characteristics:
  - Insulating skyrmion-hosting material
  - Chiral magnet of the B20-type (MnSi, Mn<sub>1-x</sub>Co<sub>x</sub>Si, MnGe, FeGe, ...)
  - Cubic crystal symmetry



Bloch skyrmion

Milde et al., Science **340**, 1076 (2013)

#### Sample & scanning SQUID







 $B_{a} (mT)$ 





















 $B_a$  (mT)
























## Tilted Conical Phase: Θ (B)





















































 $B_a$  (mT)



 $B_a$  (mT)




### No translational or orientational order



## Skyrmion manipulation









## Cu<sub>2</sub>OSeO<sub>3</sub> Results

- Images of the low-temperature magnetic skyrmion phase at the surface of bulk Cu<sub>2</sub>OSeO<sub>3</sub>
- Images reveal clusters of skyrmions whose disordered configurations are dominated by pinning effects
- Although some configurations observed at the surface are consistent with what is observed in measurements of the bulk, we find evidence for surface states
- Individual skyrmions can be manipulated by local electric fields in an insulator
- No skyrmions are created or destroyed

#### Magnetic imaging by "force microscopy" with 1000 Å resolution

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We describe a new method for imaging magnetic fields with 1000 Å resolution. The technique is based on using a force microscope to measure the magnetic force between a magnetized tip and the scanned surface. The method shows promise for the high-resolution mapping of both static and dynamic magnetic fields.

Appl. Phys. Lett. 50 (20), 18 May 1987

# Magnetic force microscopy: General principles and application to longitudinal recording media

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## MFM achieves down to 10 nm resolution



Schwenk, Ph.D. Thesis in Physics, University of Basel (2016).



Schmid et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 197201 (2010).

## Nanowires as force sensors and scanning probes



Rossi, Ph.D. Thesis in Physics, University of Basel (2019).

#### NW Cantilevers

**Table 1.** Experimentally determined parameters of singly-clamped NW cantilevers. Here the diameter *d* is the average cross-sectional width and  $\omega_0/2\pi$  is the average frequency of the fundamental flexural mode doublet. The quality factor *Q* is the average value of the fundamental flexural mode doublet, taken for a freestanding NW, far from any sample surface and measured at low ambient pressures. RT stands for room temperature.

Material	Cross-section	<i>d</i> (nm)	$L (\mu m)$	$\omega_0/2\pi$ (kHz)	$k (N m^{-1})$	Q	Reference
GaAs/AlGaAs	Hexagonal	350	25	417	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	50 000 (4 K)	[9, 10]
GaAs	Hexagonal	234	16.8	598	$8.3 \times 10^{-3}$	46 553 (4 K)	[11]
GaAs	Hexagonal	100	<25	1197	$8.3 \times 10^{-3}$	4900 (RT)	[12]
GaAs/AlGaAs	Hexagonal	390	20	795	$9 \times 10^{-2}$	6700 (4K)	[13]
GaAs	Hexagonal	130	14.5	465		2000-3000 (RT)	[14]
InAs	Hexagonal	60-80	4-5.5	2023.9	$3.6 \times 10^{-3}$	1752 (RT)	[15]
SiC	Circular	150	52	113	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	2890 (RT)	[1]
SiC	Circular	200	50	78	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	1000 (RT)	[16]
SiC	Circular	120	165	6.7	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	3000 (RT)	[17]
SiC	Circular	284	128	33	_	36 000 (RT)	[18]
SiC	Circular	206	93	43	_	159 000 (RT)	[18]
SiC	Circular	50	7	1519	_	2500 (RT)	[19]
SiC	Circular	300	6	6140	1.5	33 (RT, Air)	[20]
Si	Circular	44	14.4	210.5	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$	9250 (RT)	[21]
Si	Circular	46	12.9	273	$6.6 \times 10^{-5}$	7250 (RT)	[21]
Si	_	35	15	1060	$6.5 \times 10^{-4}$	25 000 (8 K)	[6]
Si	_	50	15	333	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	18 000 (6 K)	[7]
Si	Circular	50	15	197.5	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	3000-3500 (RT)	[22]
Si	Elongated circular	60, 80	20	342	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	8150 (4K)	[8]
Si	Hexagonal	100-300	5-10	2000-6000	-	2000 (RT)	[23]
Si	Hexagonal	165	12.7	1772.4	-	3000 (RT)	[24]
Si	Hexagonal	90	9.3	2504.3	-	3000 (RT)	[24]
Si	Hexagonal	100-200	6-8	3500-4000	$2.4 - 5 \times 10^{-2}$	3000-3500 (RT)	[25]
Si	Hexagonal	150 (clamp), 60 (tip)	11.3	2480	_	-	[26]
Si	Hexagonal	39-400	2-20	1000-12 000	-	3000-25 000 (RT)	[27]
Si (metallized)	Hexagonal	142	2.25	200 000	110.3	2000 (25 K)	[28]
Si (metallized )	Hexagonal	118	2.1	188 000	62.9	2500 (25 K)	[28]
Si	Hexagonal	81	1.69	215 000	31.4	5750 (25 K)	[28]
Si	Hexagonal	74	2.77	80 000	6.0	13 100 (25 K)	[28]
CNT	Circular	50	18	270	$\sim 10^{-4}$	250 (RT)	[29]
CNT	Circular	1-3	5	38 178.5	$4.5 \times 10^{-8}$	2245 (RT)	[30]
CNT	Circular	4	1.2	5955	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}$		[31]
CNT	Circular			363.5	$4.8 \times 10^{-6}$	571 (RT)	[31]

#### Braakman & Poggio, Nanotechnology **30**, 332001 (2019).

## GaAs NWs



## NW force microscope



## NW force microscope



Rossi, Ph.D. Thesis in Physics, University of Basel (2019).

### Interferometric diplacement detection



## Scanning nanowire microscopy



Rossi et al., Nat. Nanotechnol. 12, 150 (2017).

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## NWs with magnetic tips



## Quantifying sensitivity



Rossi et al., Nano Lett. 19, 930 (2019).

## Quantifying sensitivity

#### MBE-grown MnAs-tipped NWs



 $F_{min} = 4 \text{ aN}/(\text{Hz})^{1/2}$ <u>At 250 nm spacing:</u>  $dB/dx_{min} = 11 \text{ mT/m}(\text{Hz})^{1/2}$ 

Kirtley, Rep. Prog. Phys. 73, 126501 (2010)

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 $M_{min} = 50 \ \mu_{B} / (Hz)^{1/2}$  $\Phi_{min} = 1 \ \mu \Phi_{0} / (Hz)^{1/2}$  $I_{min} = 10 \ nA / (Hz)^{1/2}$ 

Kirtley, Rep. Prog. Phys. 73, 126501 (2010)

## Nanowires as force sensors and scanning probes



Si NWs (Budakian Group, Waterloo)

## Magnetic Force Microscopy of bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub>



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## Magnetism in 2D EuGe<sub>2</sub>

- Monolayer exhibits in-plane ferromagnetism (FM)
- Multi-layer (bulk) is stacked antiferromagnetically (AFM)
- layer dependent transition from AFM to FM evolves gradually from bulk to the monolayer, with evidence of a coexistence of both AFM and FM orders (exchange bias)



Averyanov et al., Nano Research 13, 3396 (2020); Tokmachev et al., Materials Horizons 6, 1488 (2019).

## Bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub>: Samples





## Bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub>: Applying out-of-plane field



### Bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub>: Temperature dependence



### Bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub>: Temperature dependence



## Bilayer EuGe<sub>2</sub> Results

- Out-of-plane magnetic saturation above 4 T
- Temperature-dependent measurements in remanence show magnetic phase transition around 10 K
- Images suggest FM/AFM domains with characteristic length of order 100 nm

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