

Magnetic nanostructures at IMN: multilayers, patterned elements & antidots

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Activities

Projects

- Spintronic devices for microwave detection and energy harvesting applications (NATO- Science for Peace and Security Programme, ref. SPS G5792)
- Magnetic Antidots (CSIC i-LINK program, ref.: i-LINK0783)

Collaborators



Manuel Vázquez's group → VSM, nanoMOKE



Elena Navarro → SQUID



D. Niarchos & Andreas Kaidatzis → Indust. Sputtering



Juan Escrig's group → Micromagnetic simulations

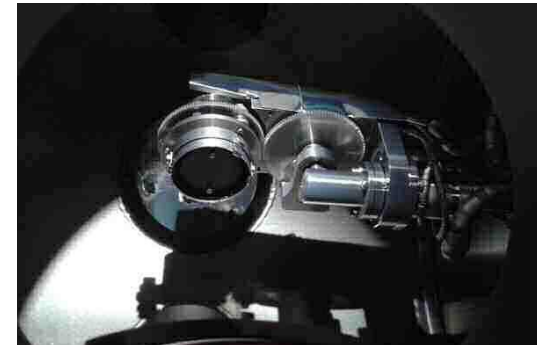
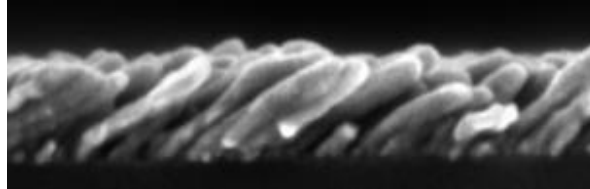


Fanny Beron & Kleber Pirota → FORC

Main equipment

UHV Sputtering

- 6 magnetron sources (AJA)
- DC and RF power supplies
- Fully moveable holder: tilt and rotation, i.e. suitable for **GLAD**
- Heater up to 700 °C



Focused Ion Beam - FIB

- nanoFIB IonLINE: ion-beam lithography, nanofabrication & engineering workstation , **resolution: 15 nm**
- Interferometer controlled stage, fabrication **area up to 100 cm²**

Electron Beam Lithography - EBL

- Hot cathode of W or LaB₆, Beam Energy: 25 KeV
- stitching 2.500 working fields (typical size 100 x 100 μm²) with error < 60 nm to get a maximum fabricated area of 25 cm²

Main equipment



SEM (Extreme High Resolution)

- **Subnanometer** Spatial resolution: 0.6 nm at 15 kV / 0.7 nm at 1 kV
- 5 different detectors for simultaneous and uncoupled topography / material contrast
- Extreme performance with **isolating / fragile samples** at very low landing energies down to 20 eV
- Quantitative element/phase analysis and mapping by **EDX**

Magnetic Force Microscopy

- Dimension Icon from Bruker
- Tip scanning: **large samples** can be analyzed
- Other modes: Quantitative nanomechanical properties (QNMP):
Young modulus, adhesion, dissipation, and deformation



Systems

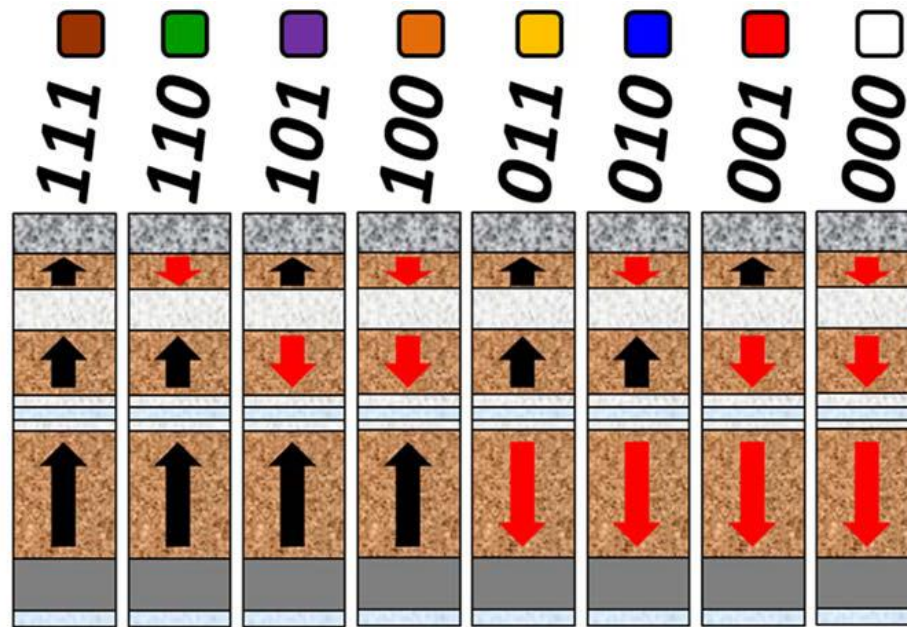
FePt multilayers for 3D Recording

Fe₈₀B₂₀ Microsquare Arrays

Magnetic Antidots

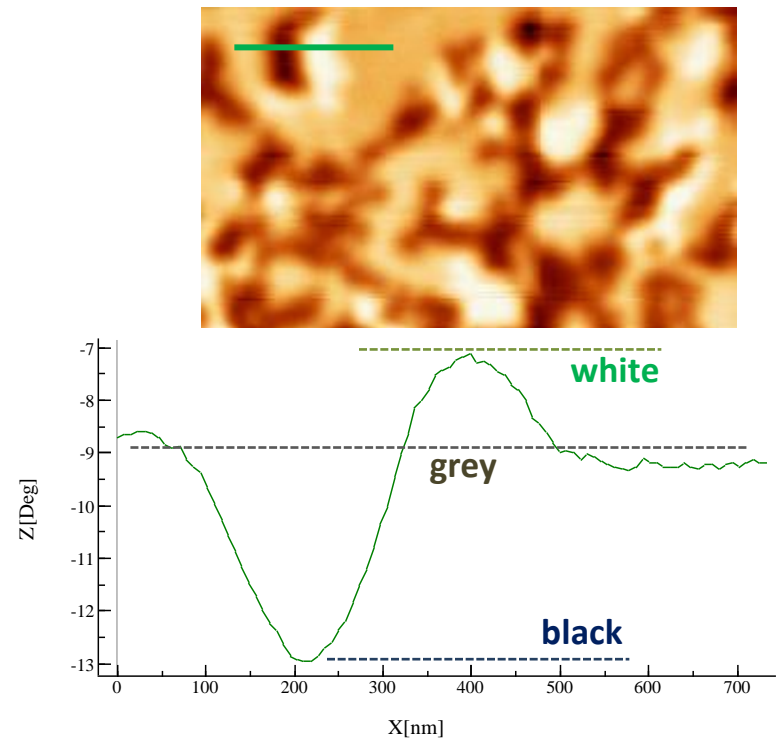
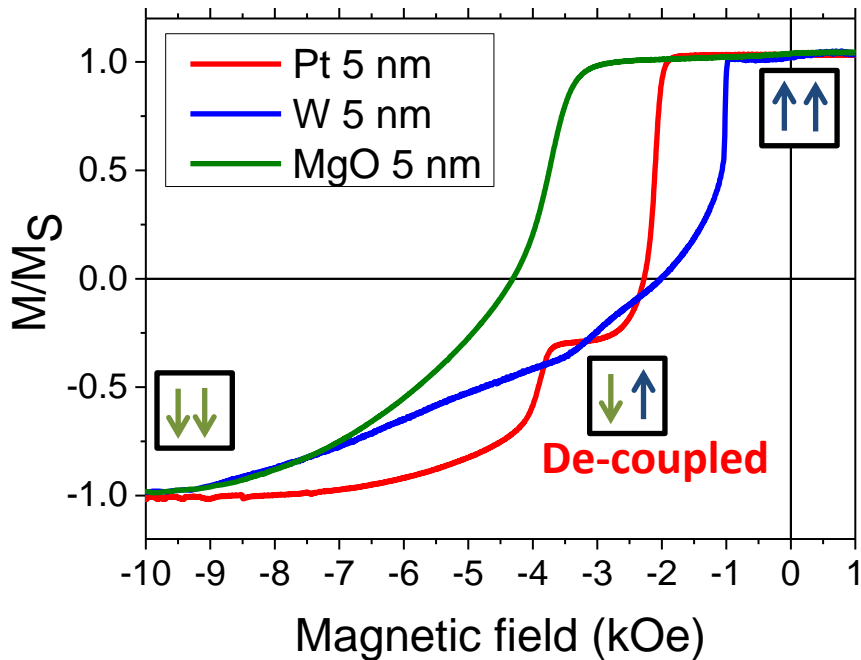
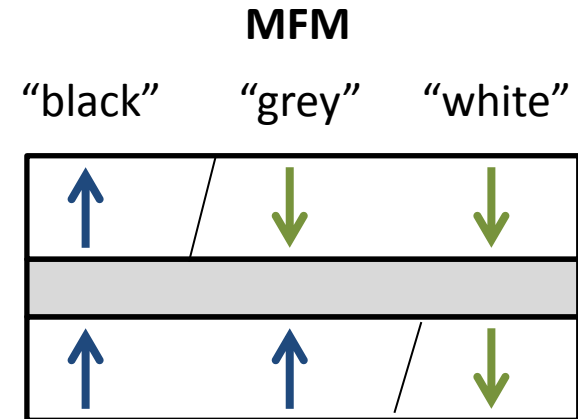
3D Recording: Storing more than 1 bit

Multilevel Bits



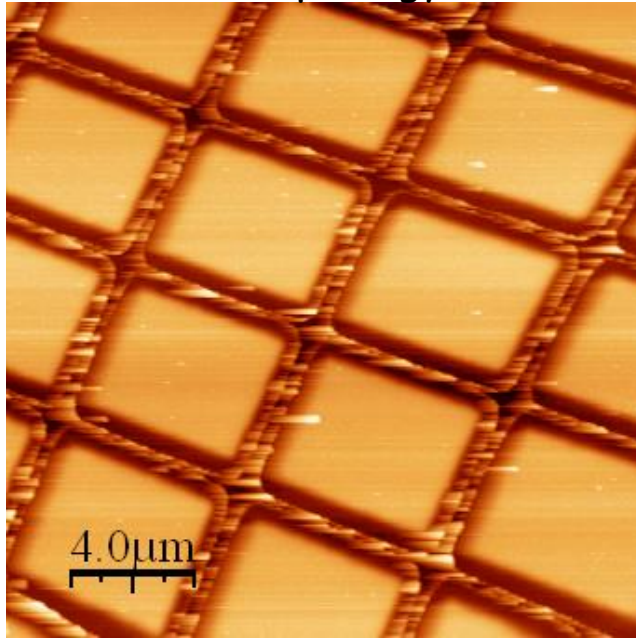
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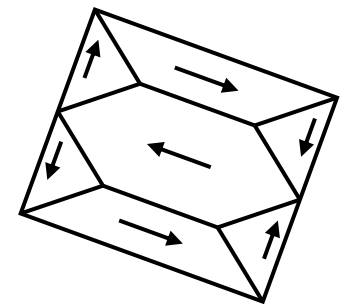
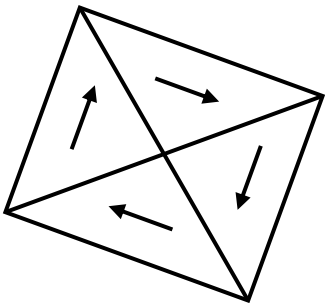
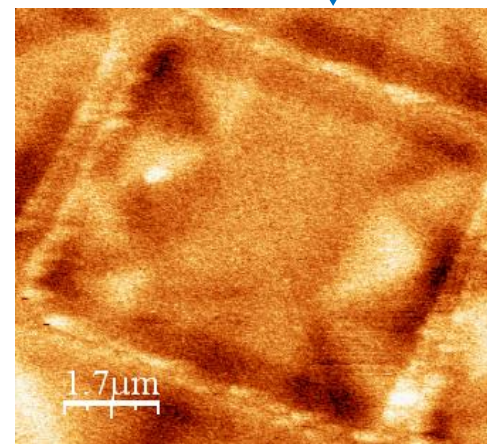
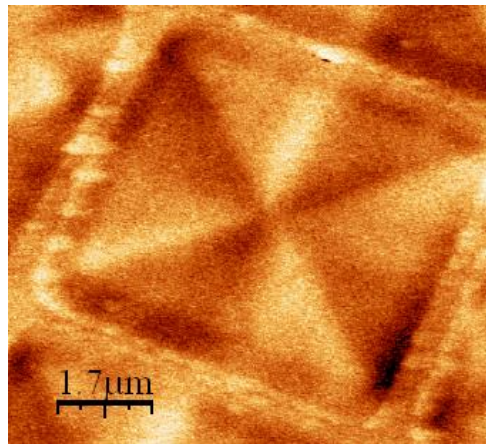
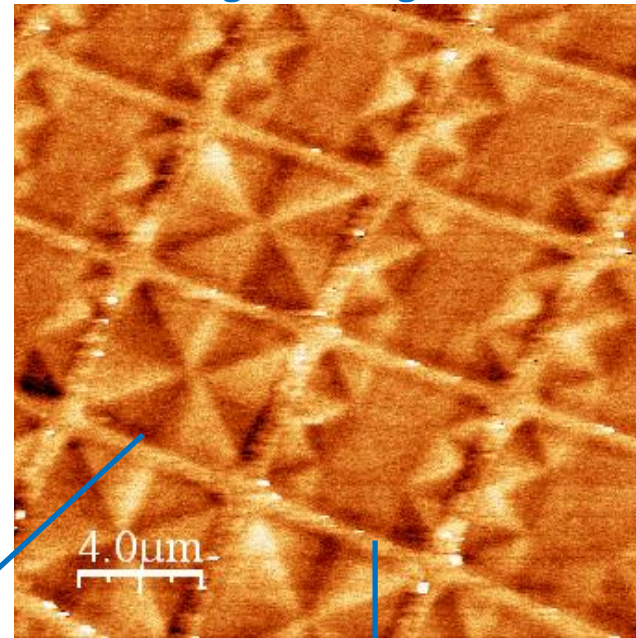


$\text{Fe}_{80}\text{B}_{20}$ Microsquare Arrays

Morphology



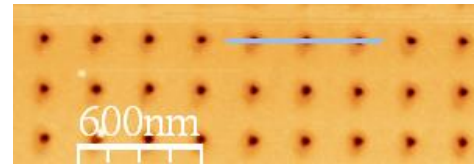
Magnetic signal



Magnetic Antidots: top-down approach



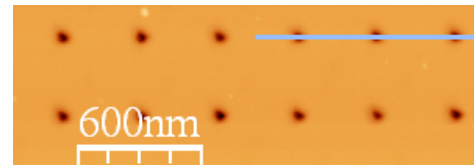
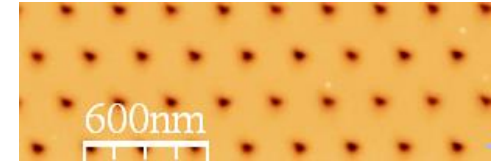
Square arrays



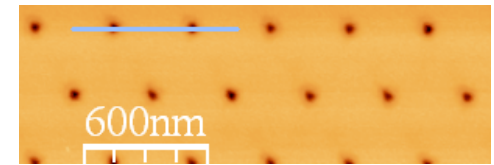
Lattice constant

240nm

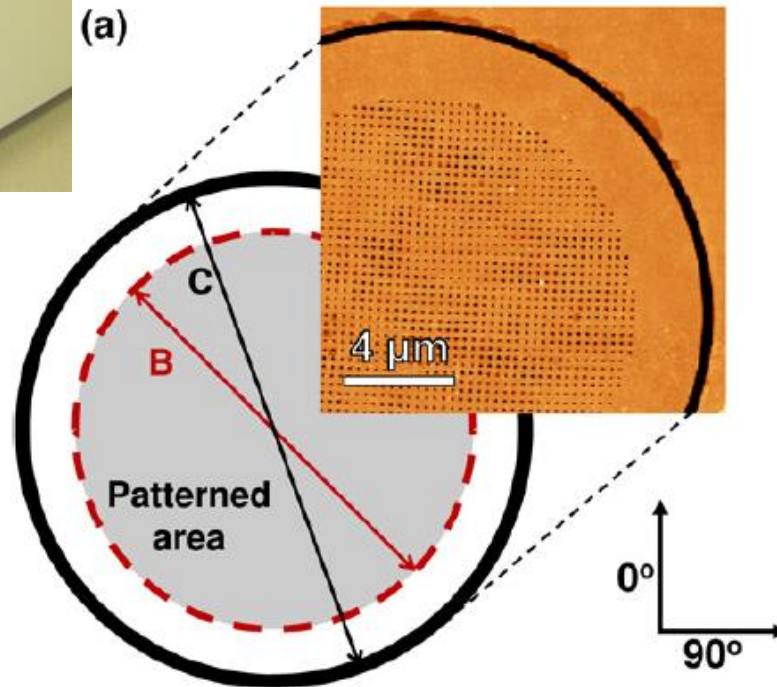
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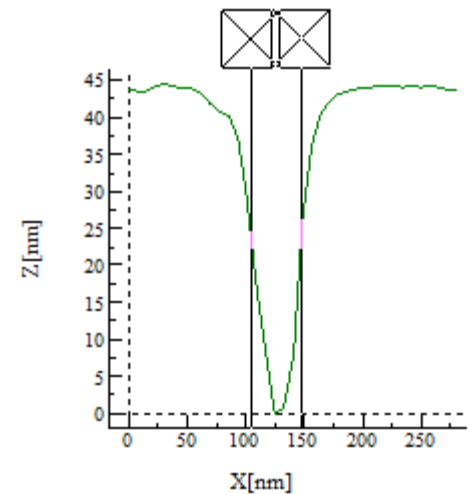
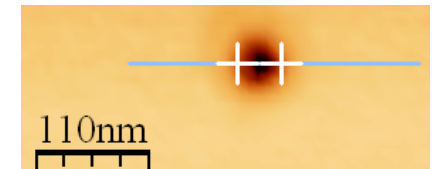
360nm



(a)



Hole diameter: 40 nm



Films

Cr2/Py27/Pt5

Cr2/Co20/Pt5

Cr2/Co20/Py9/Pt5

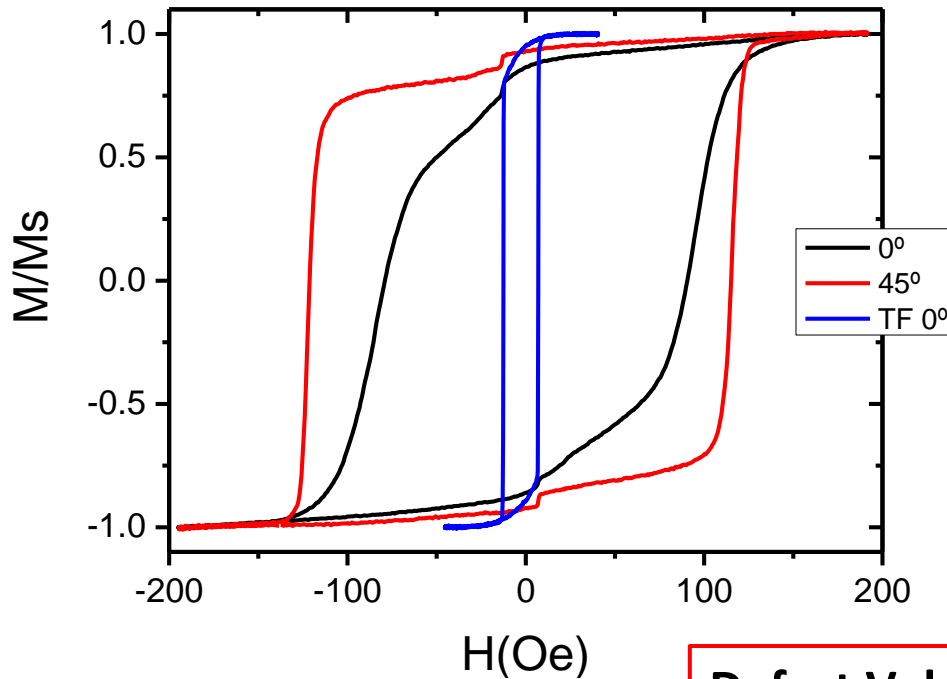
Cr2/Co20/Py27/Pt5

Subst: Si / 500 nm SiO₂

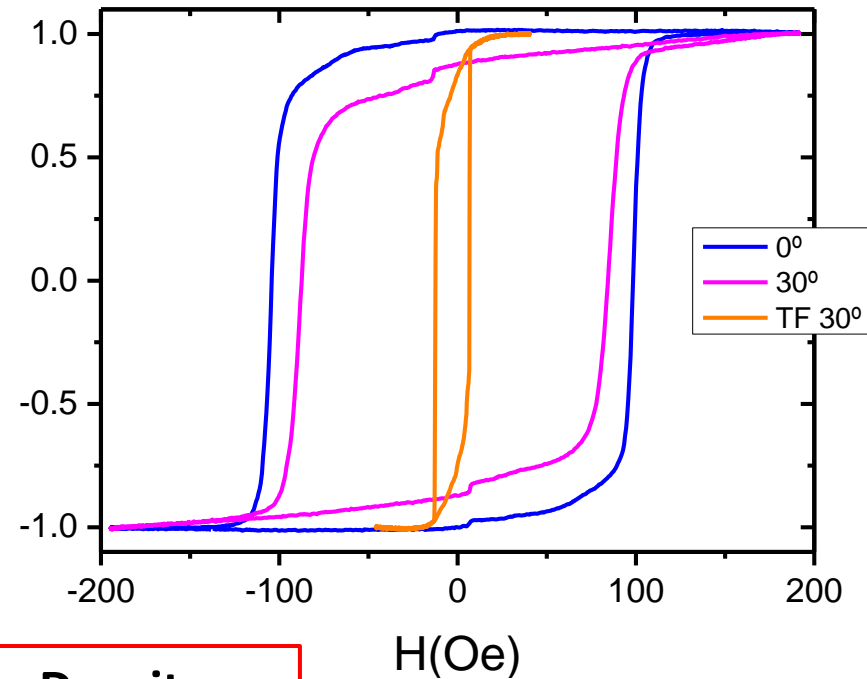
Magnetic Antidots: hysteresis loops

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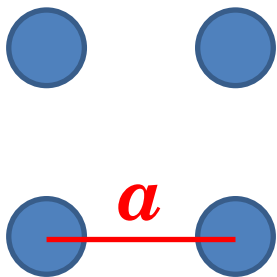
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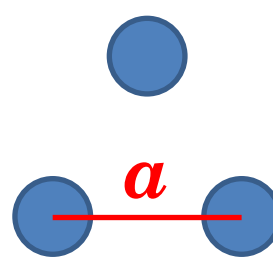
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Defect Volume Density

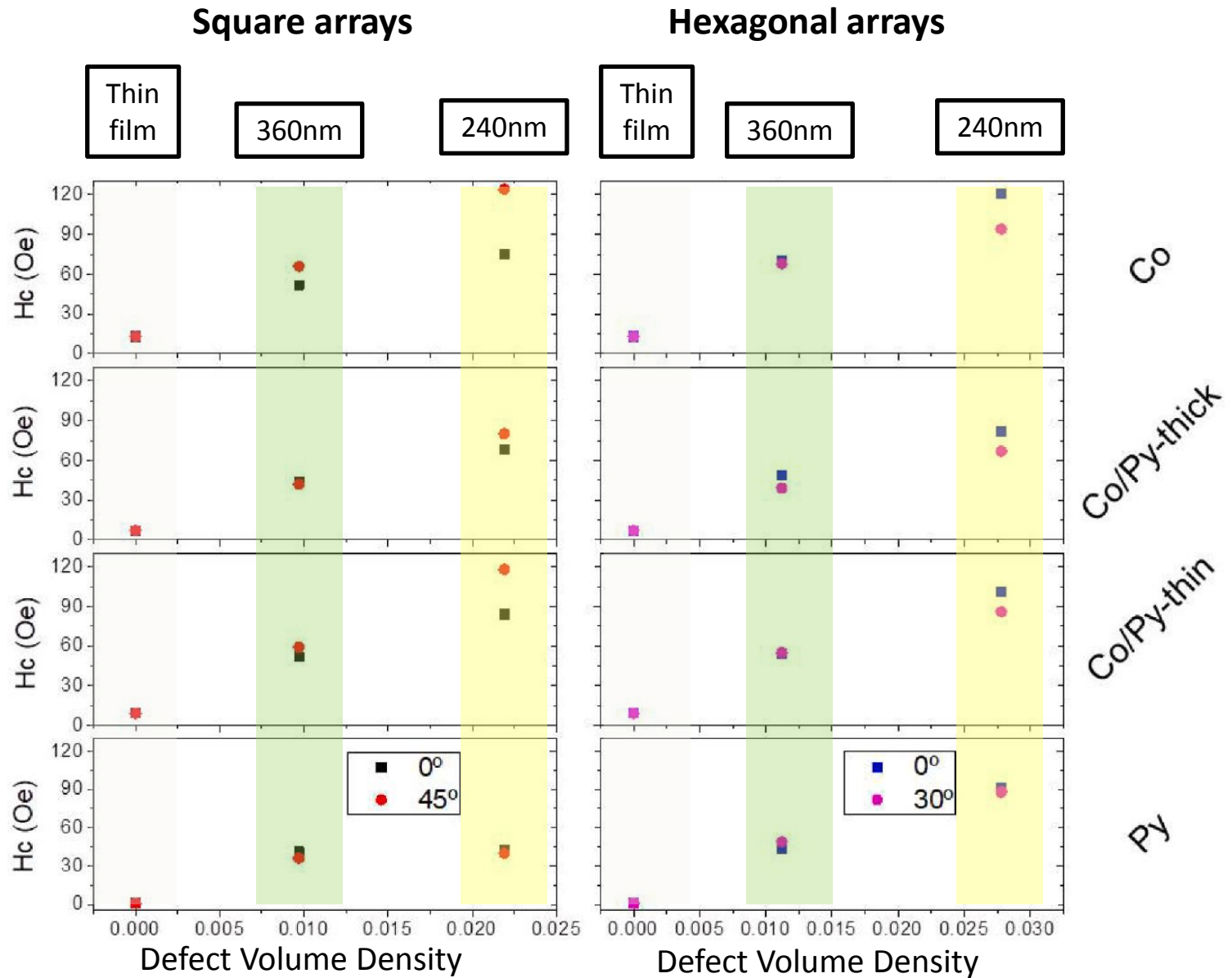


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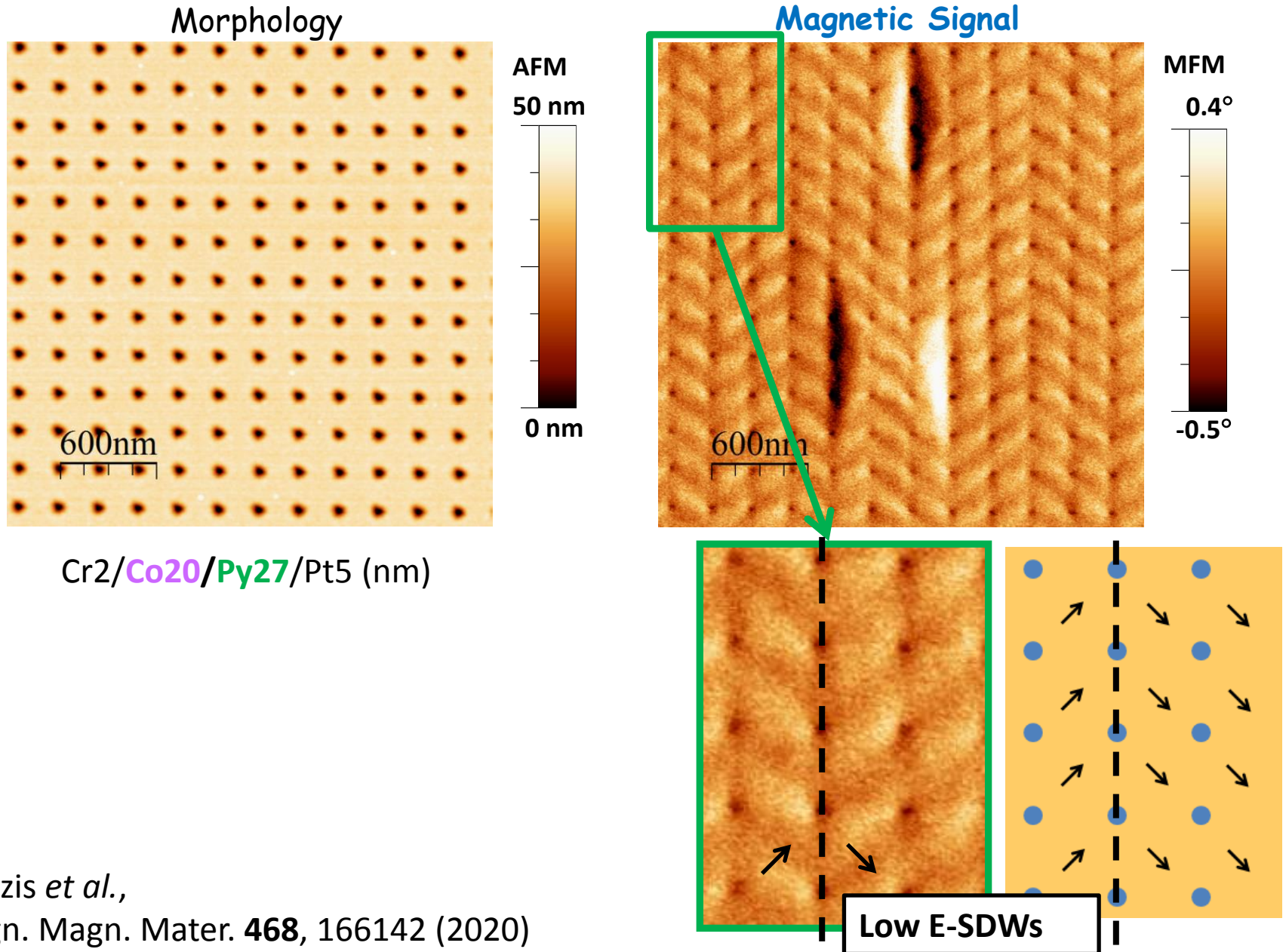


$$\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{d}{a} \right)^2$$

Coercivity vs. Defect Volume Density

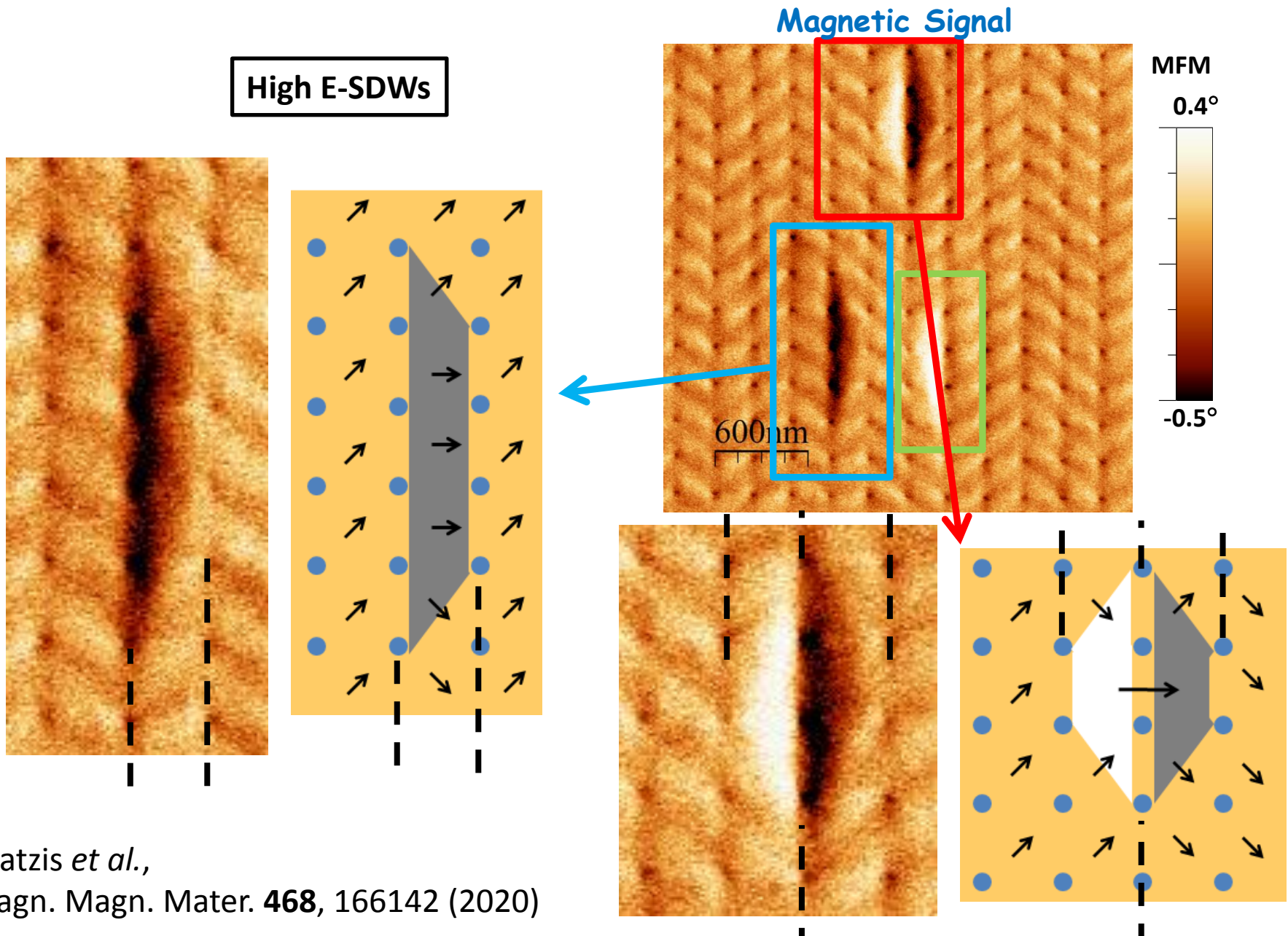


Magnetic Antidots: domain structure



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