

Temperature effects in the Object Oriented Micromagnetic Framework (OOMMF)

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To simulate the movement of the macroscopic magnetic moment in ferromagnetic systems under the influence of elevated temperatures, the stochastic version of the Landau-Lifshitz (LL) or the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation with a spin density of one per unit cell has to be used. To apply the stochastic LL to micromagnetic simulations, where the spin density per unit cell is generally higher, a conversion has to be performed. Details can be found in the literature¹. Briefly:

To determine the scaling between the physical temperature (T_{eff}) and the input parameter used as simulation temperature (T_{sim}) the lattice constant (a_{eff}) and the length of a elementary simulation cell (a_{sim}) has to be set into relation. The temperature T_{sim} as used in the simulation as input parameter can be determined from the physical temperature T_{eff} by:

$$T_{sim} = \frac{a_{sim}}{a_{eff}} T_{eff} \quad (1)$$

The range where scaling can be applied one has to consider the temperature effects on the exchange length of the system.¹ Cell sizes of 1-2 nm in combination with time steps around 1 fs are a reasonable starting points. Sample files for OMMF are attached. These files can be used to determine the Curie temperature for the classical bulk magnets, iron, nickel and cobalt.

References

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