

***Peculiarities of Buzdin and Chimera Steps in the
IV-Curve of Superconductor
Ferromagnetic φ_0 Josephson Junction***

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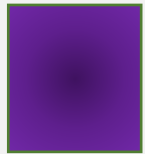


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Outline



Introduction to Josephson effect



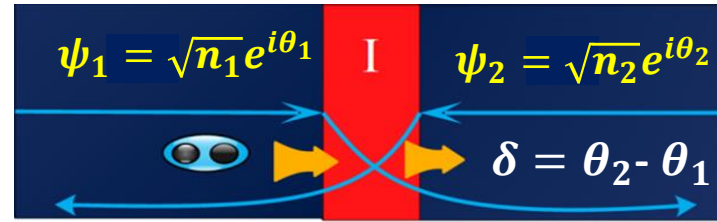
Anomalous Josephson Junctions



Dynamical equations for φ_0 -JJ



Shapiro, Buzdin and chimera steps in φ_0 -JJ



B. D. Josephson Phys. Lett. (1962).

DC supercurrent

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I_C : critical current

AC current

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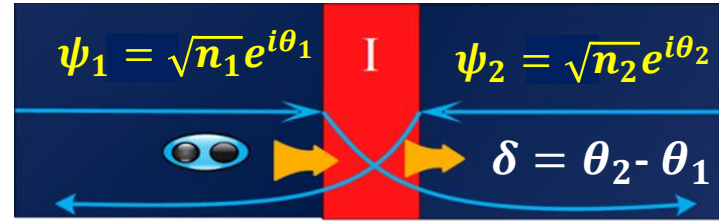
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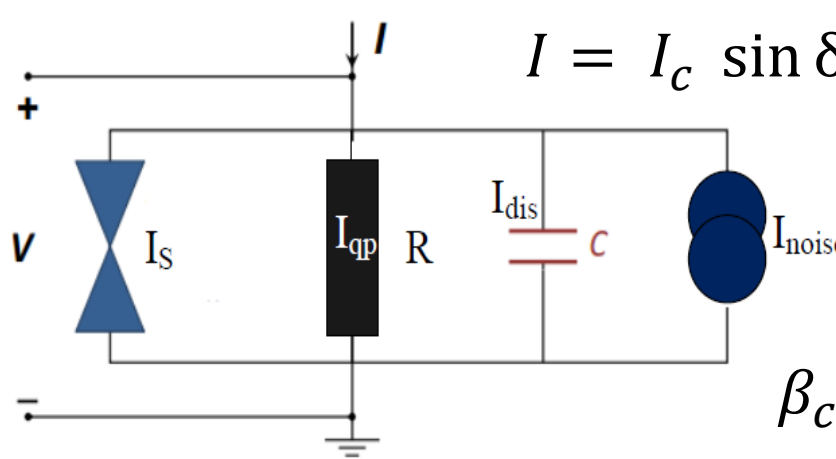
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Resistivity and capacitively shunted junction(RCSJ)



$$I = I_c \sin \delta + \frac{\hbar}{2eR} \dot{\delta} + \frac{\hbar C_J}{2e} \ddot{\delta} + I_{noise}$$

R: is the normal resistance.
C_J: natural capacity of the JJ.

$$\beta_c \ddot{\delta} + \dot{\delta} + \sin \delta + I_{noise} = I$$

McCumber parameter

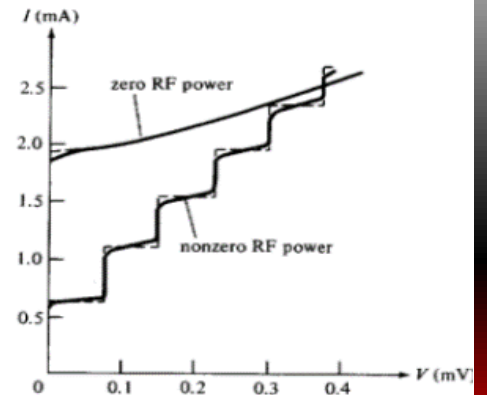
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Shapiro step

$$I + I_{ac} \sin[\omega t]$$

$$V_0 = \frac{n\hbar}{2e} \omega,$$

n=1,2,3



S. Shapiro, PRL, 11(2):80, 1963.

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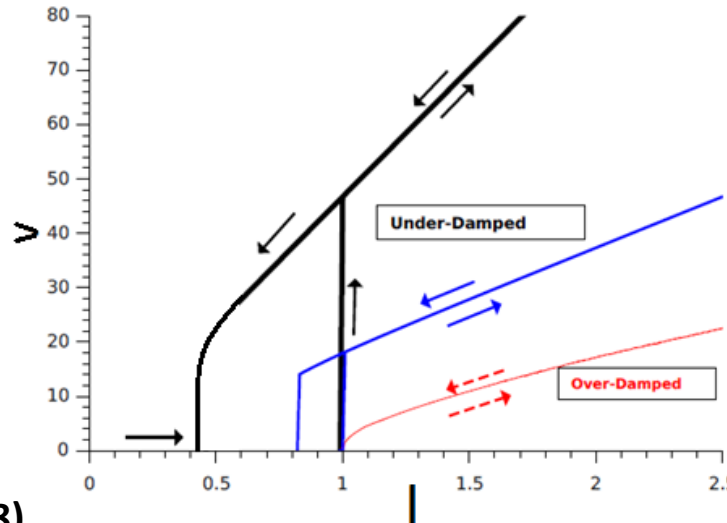
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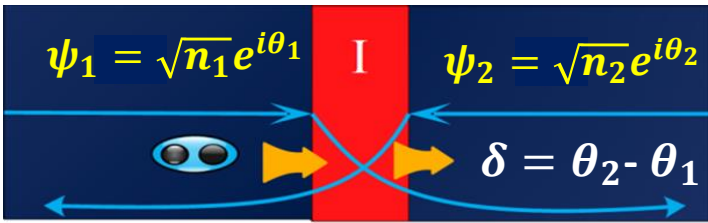
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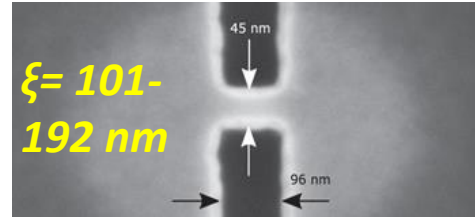
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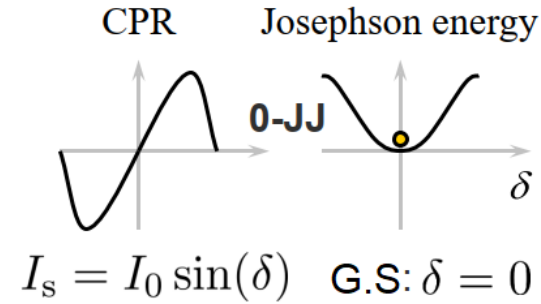
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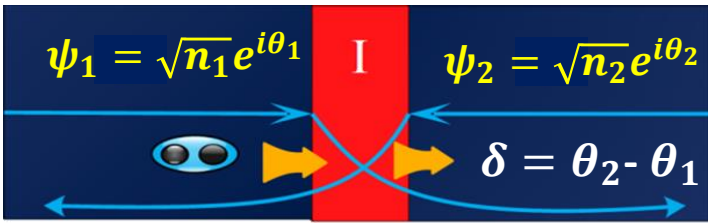
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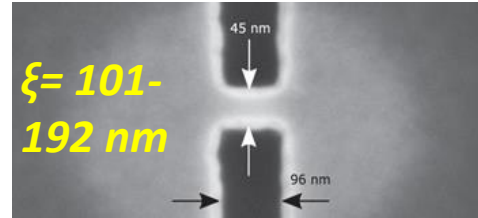
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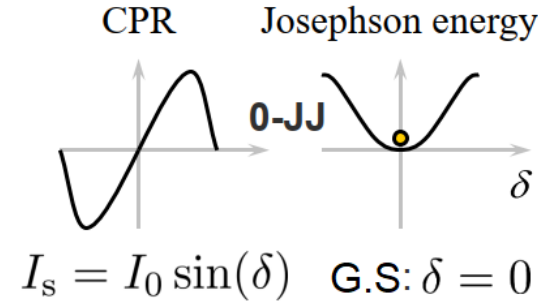
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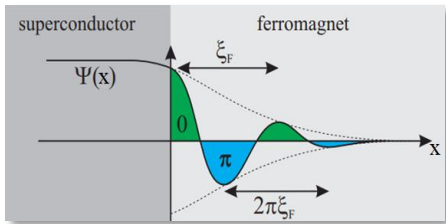
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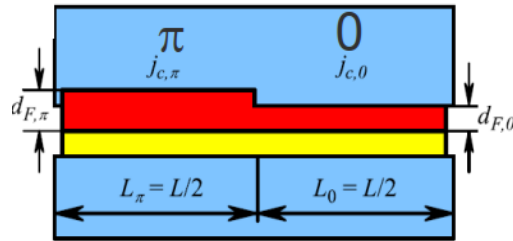
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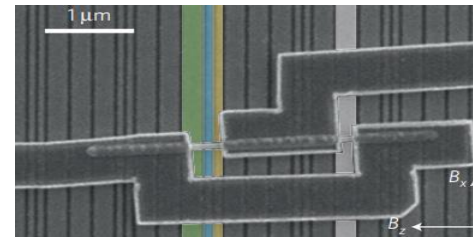
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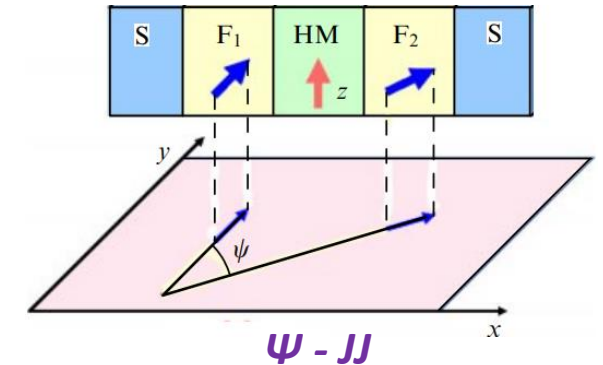
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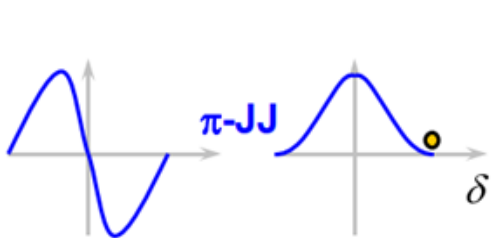


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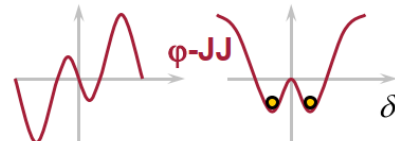


$$I(\delta) = I_c \sin(\delta - \psi)$$

S. V. Mironov et al., PRB. 104,
134502 (2021) → ψ junction



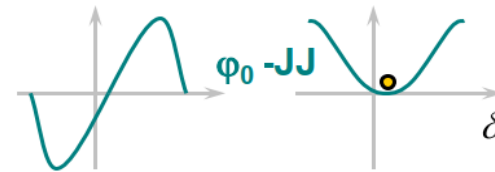
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$$I_s = I_{0,1} \sin(\delta) + I_{0,2} \sin(2\delta) \text{ G.S: } \delta = \pm \varphi$$

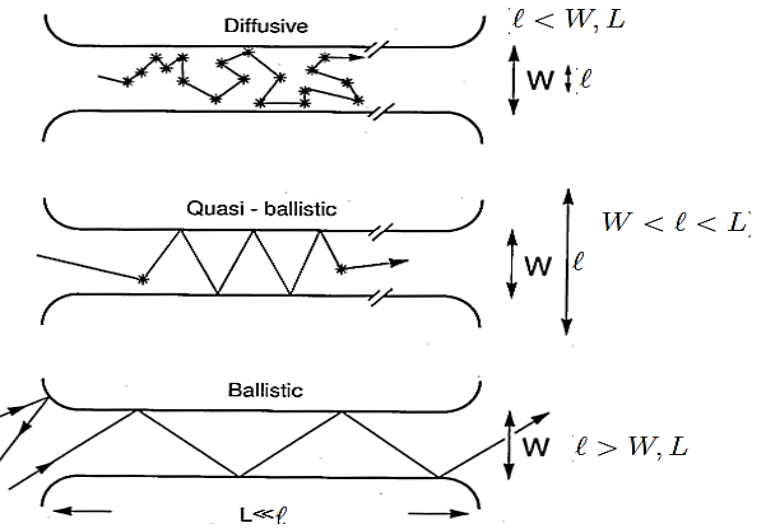
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$$(\varphi = \arccos(-\frac{I_{0,1}}{2I_{0,2}}) \text{ for } -I_{0,2} > \frac{I_{0,1}}{2})$$



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$$(\text{with } 0 < \varphi_0 < \pi)$$



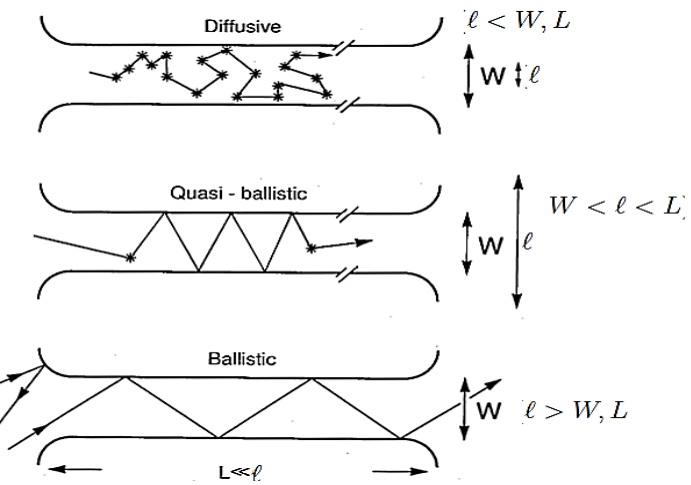
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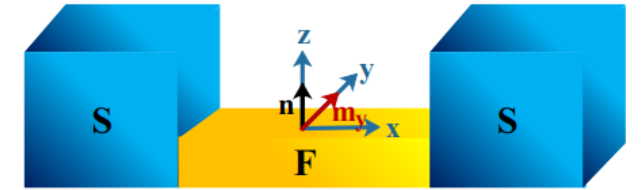
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φ_0	$r M_y/M_0$
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r	strength of spin-orbit.

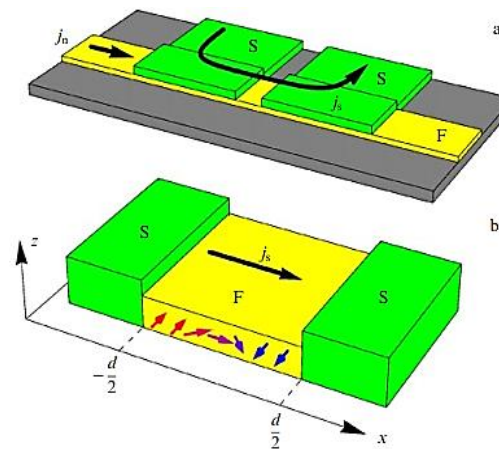
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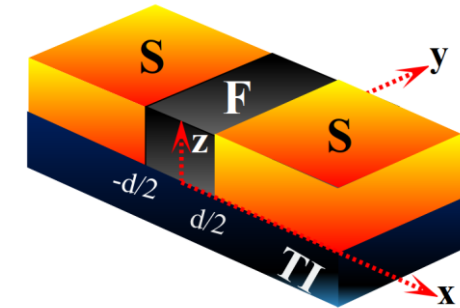
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$\varphi_0(t)$	$-2\pi\beta x_0(t)/d_w$
d_w	Domain wall width
β	SOC constant



φ_0	$2h_y d/v_F$
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Phys. Rev. B. 100, 054506 (2019)

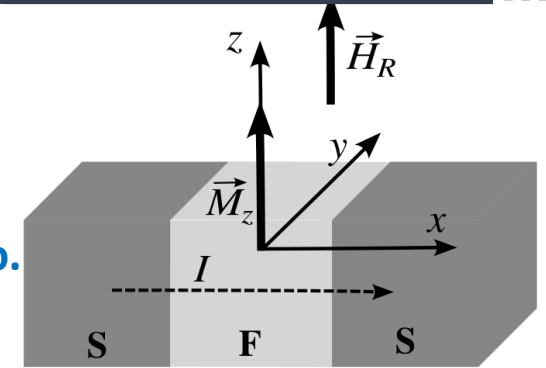
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LLG equation

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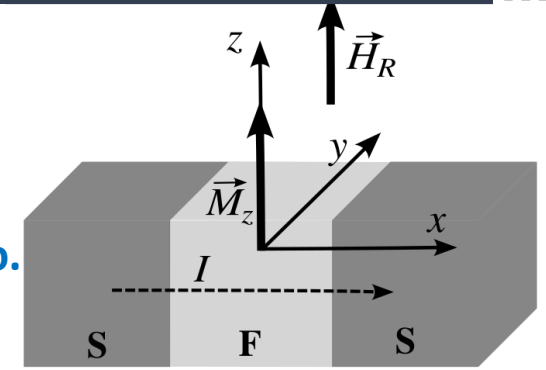
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Normalizations

- $t \rightarrow t / \omega_c$ & $\omega_c = 2\pi I_c R / \Phi_0$
- $\omega_J = \Omega_J / \omega_c$ & $\Omega_J = 2e v / \hbar$
- $\omega_F = \Omega_f / \omega_c$ & $m_i = M / M_0$, $i: x, y, z$
- $\mathbf{h}_{eff} = \mathbf{H}_{eff} / K_{an} V_F$ & $\mathbf{G} = \frac{E_J}{K_{an} v}$ G can be $\ll 1$ or $\gg 1$ (20-100)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{m}}{dt} = -\frac{\omega_F}{(1+\alpha^2)} \left[\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{h}_{eff} + \alpha \left(\mathbf{m} \times (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{h}_{eff}) \right) \right]$$

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$$\dot{\varphi} = V(t)$$

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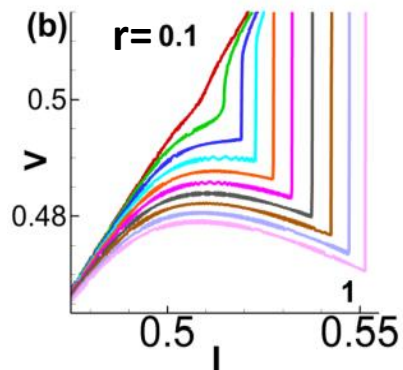
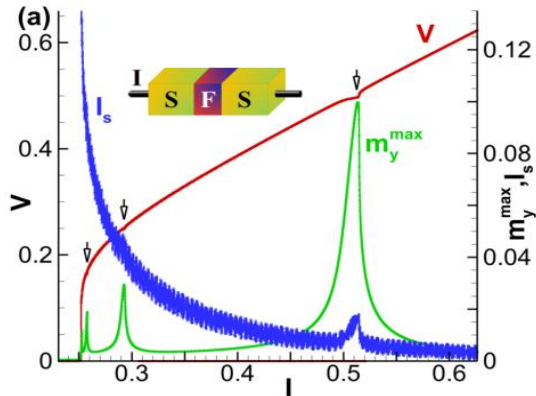
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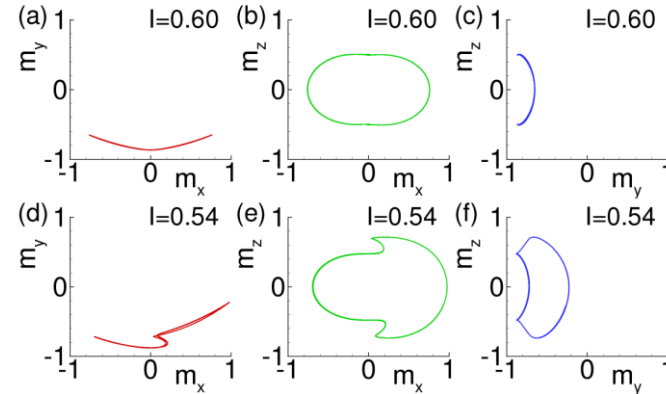
Some features of φ_0 -JJ

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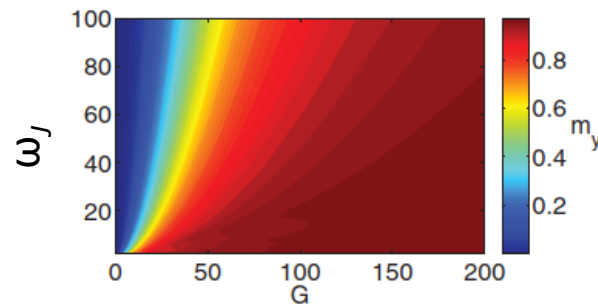
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Magnetization trajectory



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Re-orientation of easy axis



EPL, 122 (2018) 37001.

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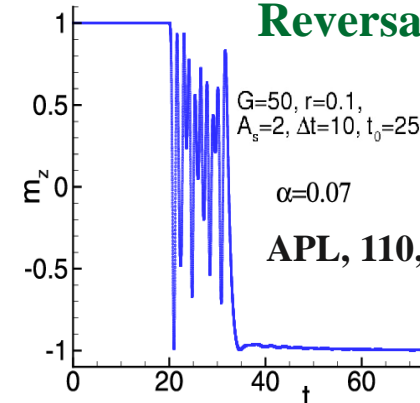
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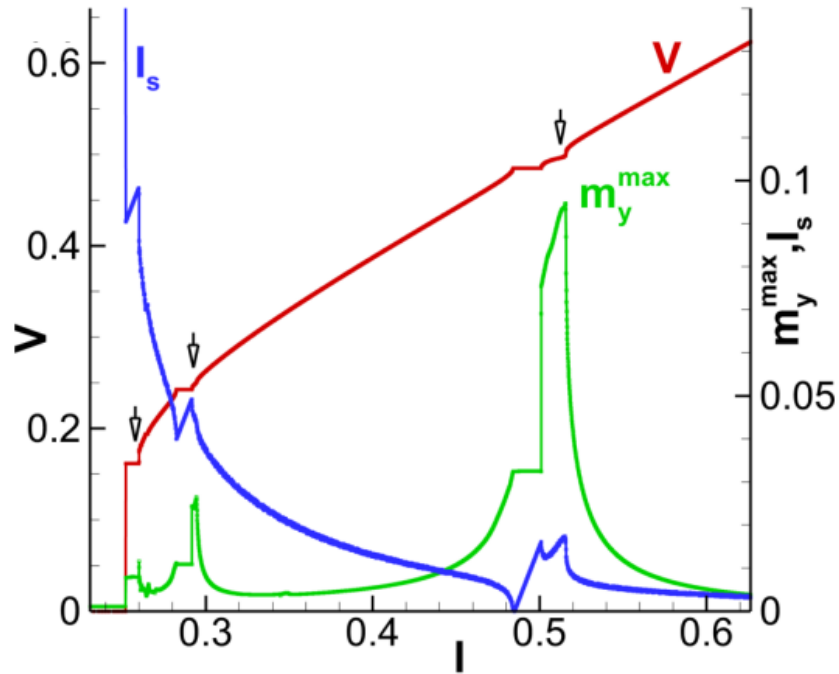
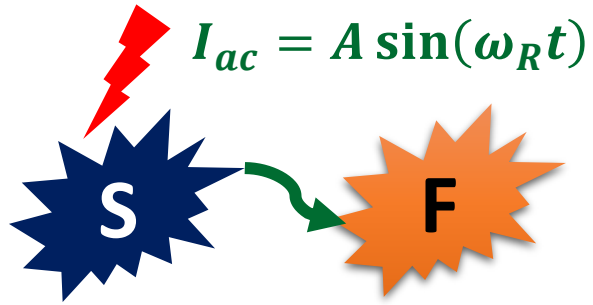
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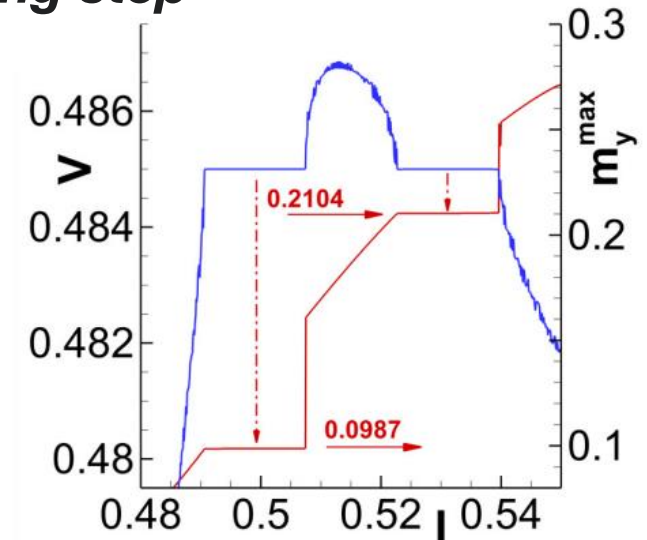
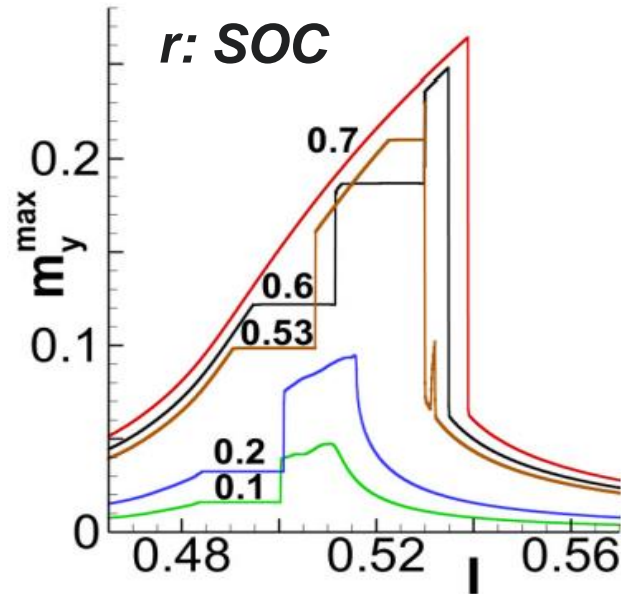
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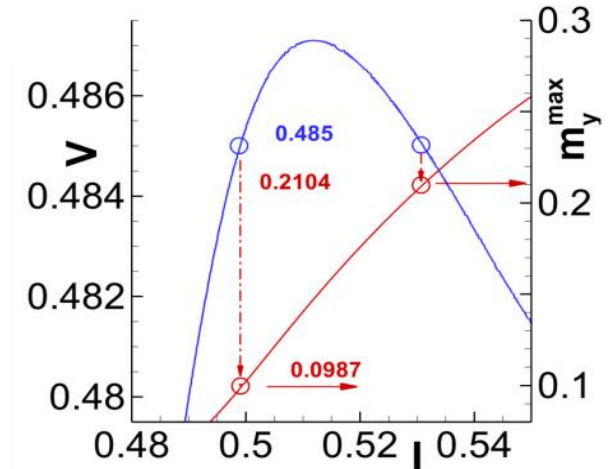
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Manifestation of locking step



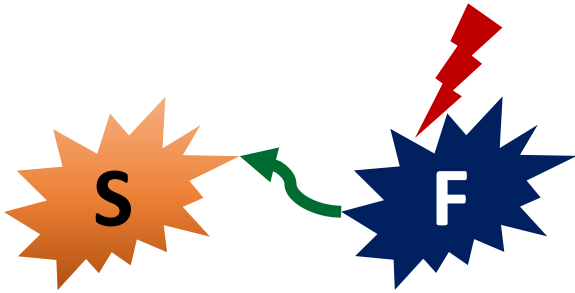
Position of locking step



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φ_0	r	l	G	α	ω_c	I	V	M_0 (sat.Mag)	ω_F	β_c
rm_y	lv_{so}/v_F	$4h_{ex}L/(\hbar v_F)$	$E_J/(K V)$	0.01- 0.1	$2eRI_c/\hbar \sim \text{GHz}$	$\sim \text{mA}$	$\sim \mu\text{V}$	$8 \times 10^5 \text{ A/m}$	0.5	25

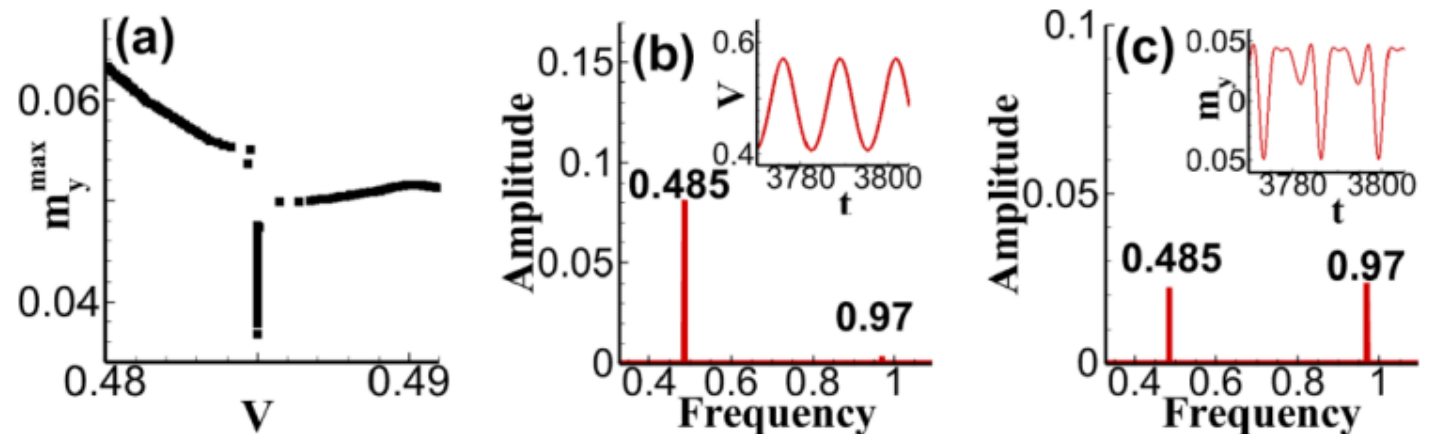
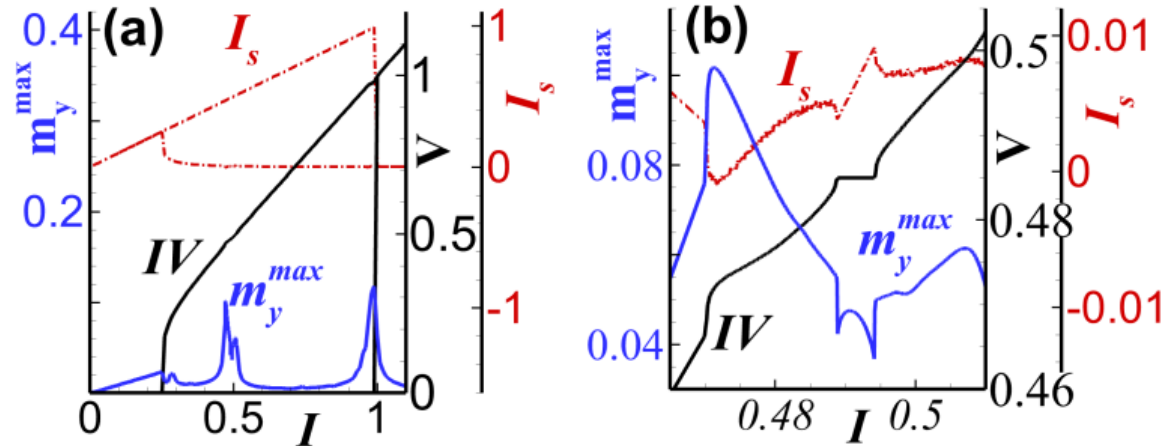
$$H_{ac} = h_{ac} \sin(\omega_R t)$$



$$A = 0, hR = 1, r = 0.5, G = 0.01, \\ \alpha = 0.01, \omega_R = 0.485, \omega_F = 0.5;$$

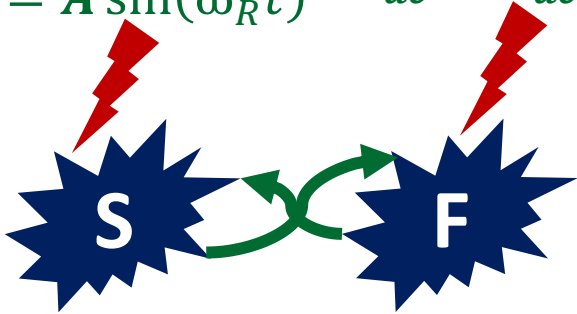
m_y^{max} as a function of V ; (b) and (c) The time dependence of V and m_y , and the corresponding FFT analysis in the center of the bubble, respectively.

Locking of Josephson oscillations by the magnetic component of external radiation (MCR).



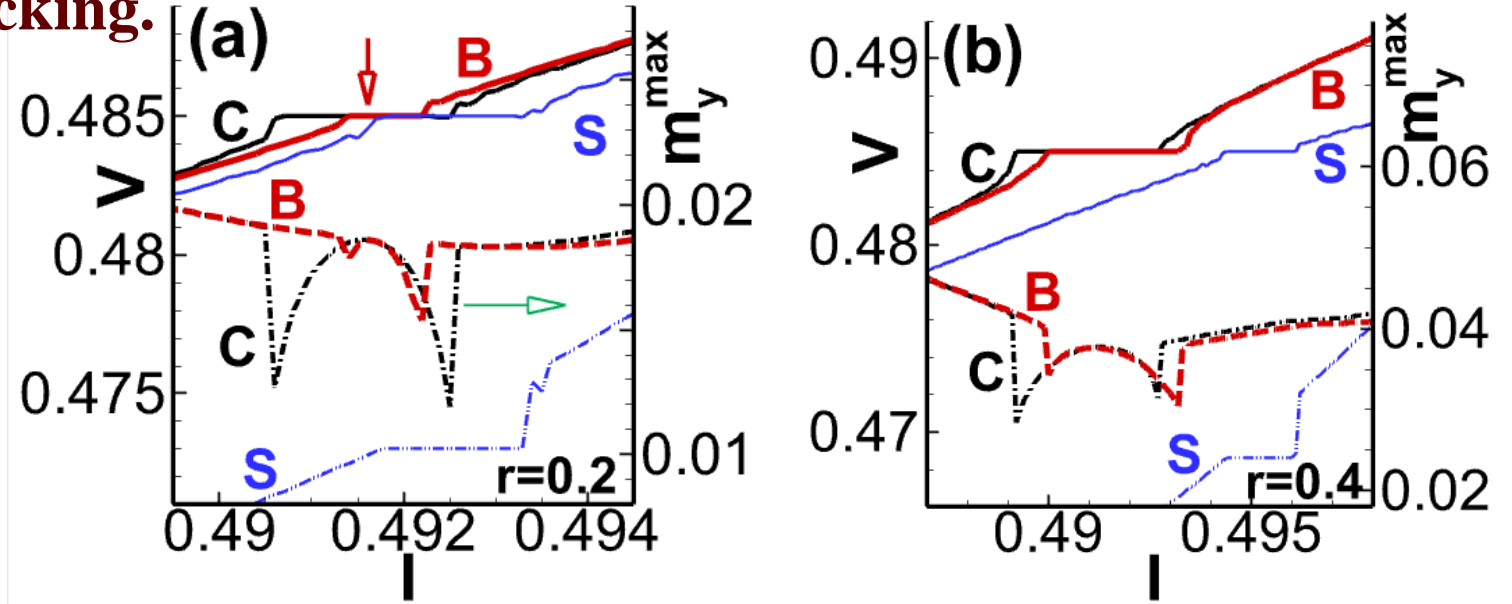
Two different mechanisms of locking.

$$I_{ac} = A \sin(\omega_R t) \quad H_{ac} = h_{ac} \sin(\omega_R t)$$



JJ. parameter

Area	0.1 * 0.1 μm^2
I_c	10 μA
R	1 Ω
ω_c	30 GHz
Power	$\sim 10^{-10}$ Watt
ω_F	15 GHz
M_0	8×10^5 A/m
γ	1.76×10^{11} Hz/Tesla

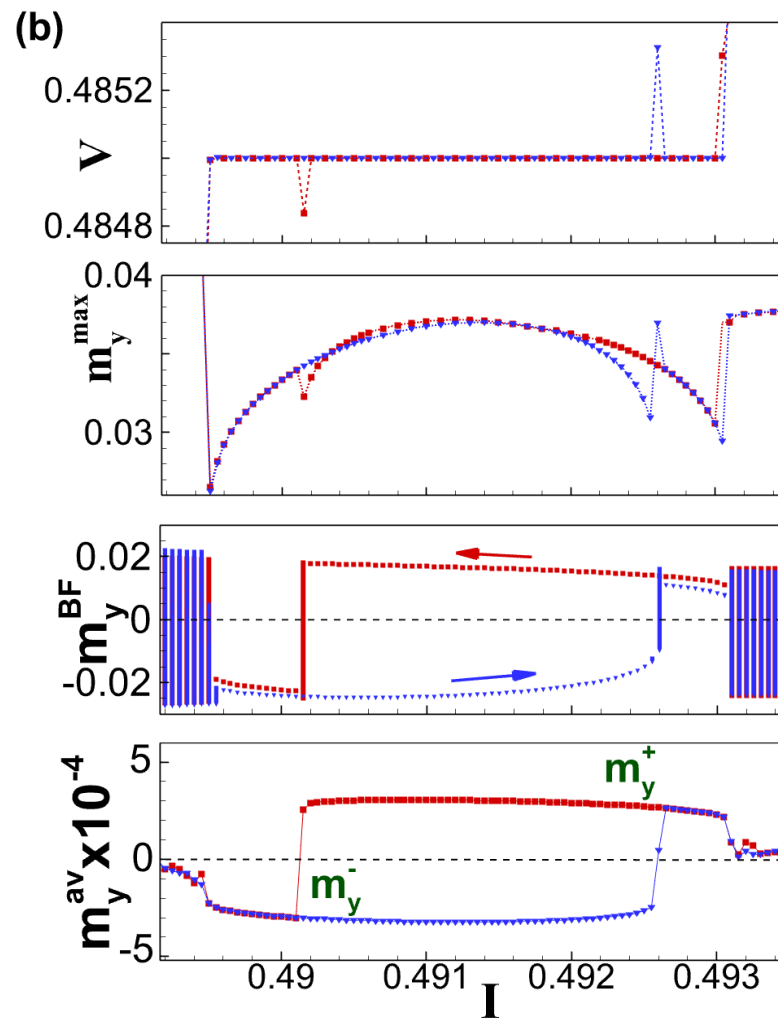
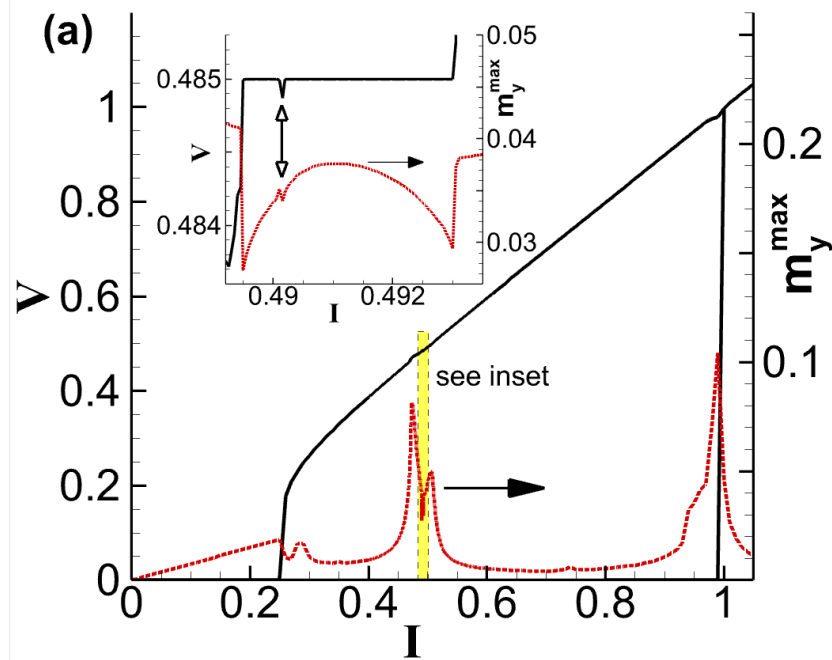


The effects of both radiation components, $h_R = 1$, and $A = 0.01$.

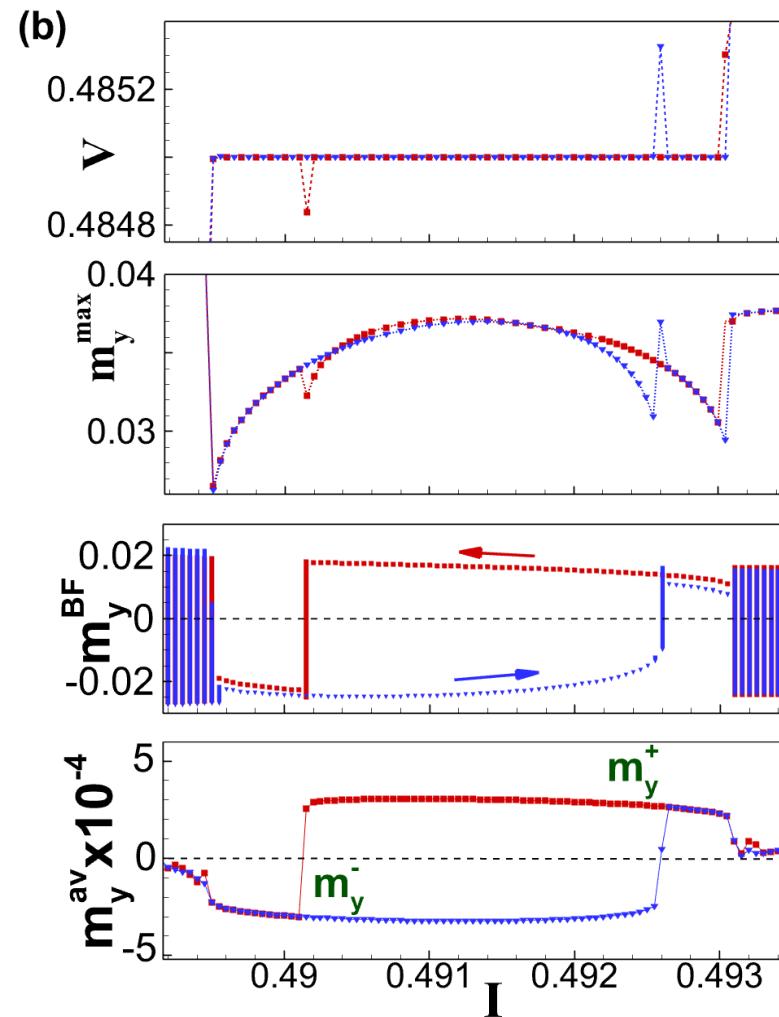
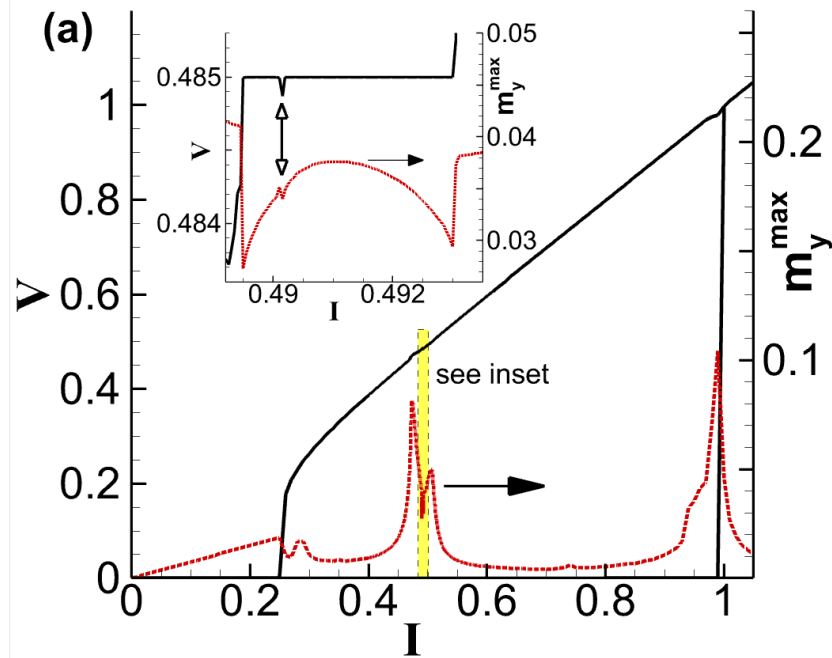
$$h_R = \frac{\gamma I_c A}{v^{3/2} \omega_c} \sqrt{\frac{2R}{S\epsilon}}$$

- $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$, μ : permeability, ϵ : permittivity.
- ω_c : characteristic frequency of the JJ.
- R: resistance of the JJ.
- S: area of the JJ.

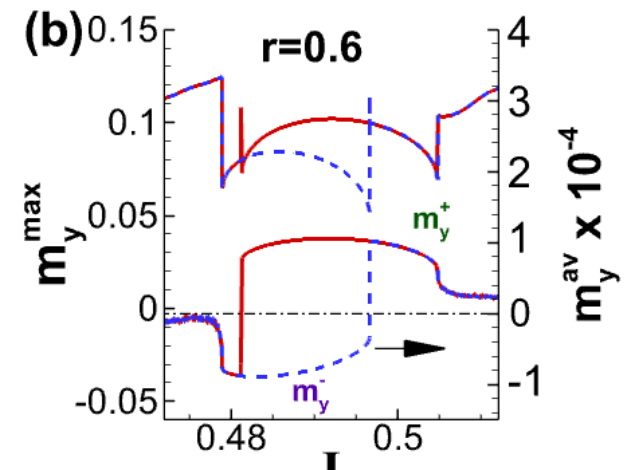
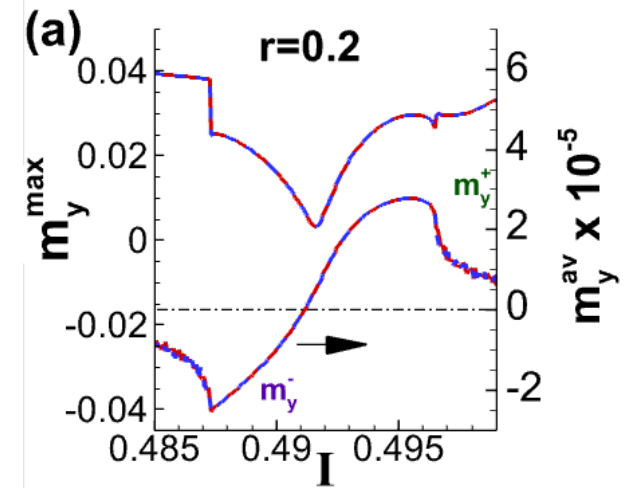
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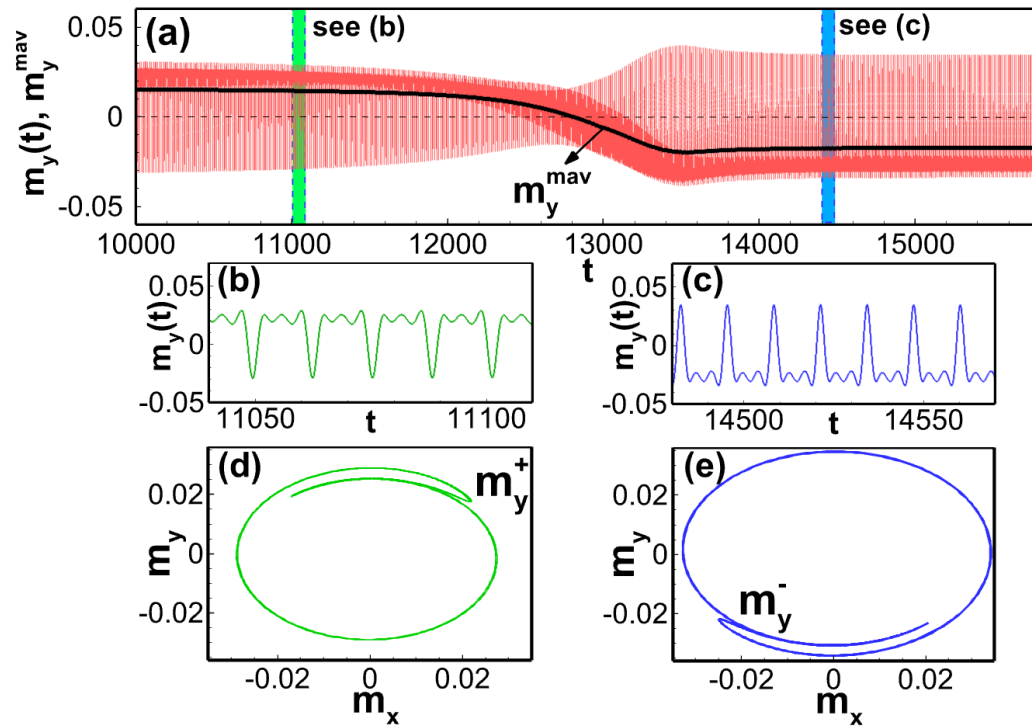


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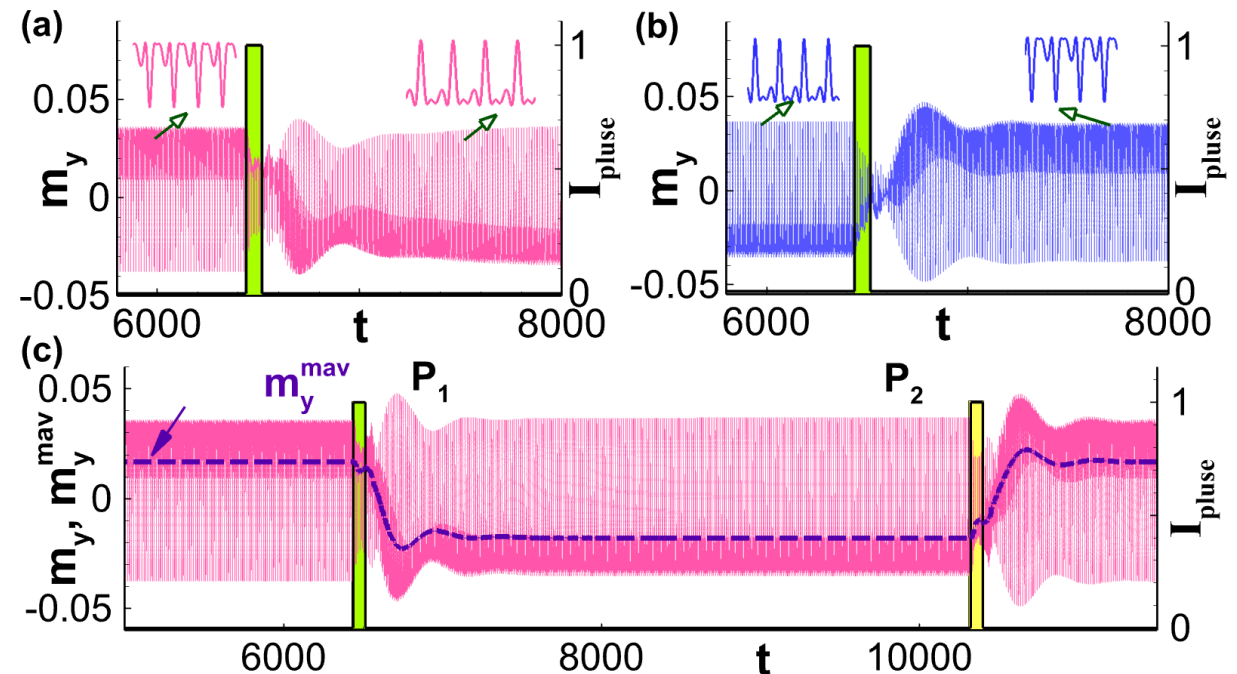


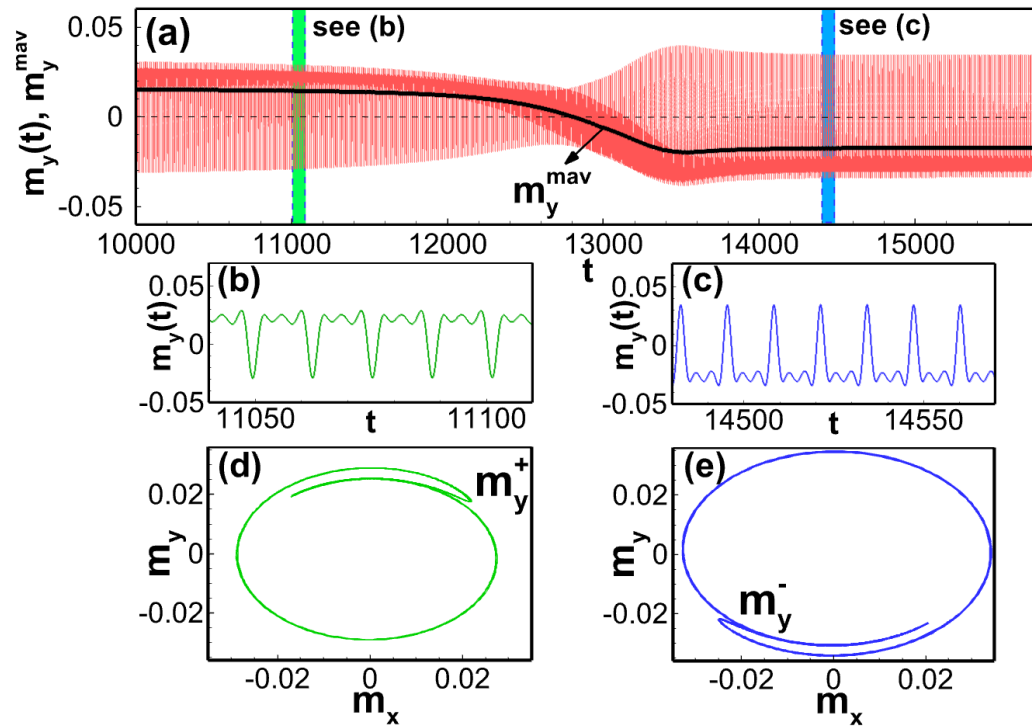


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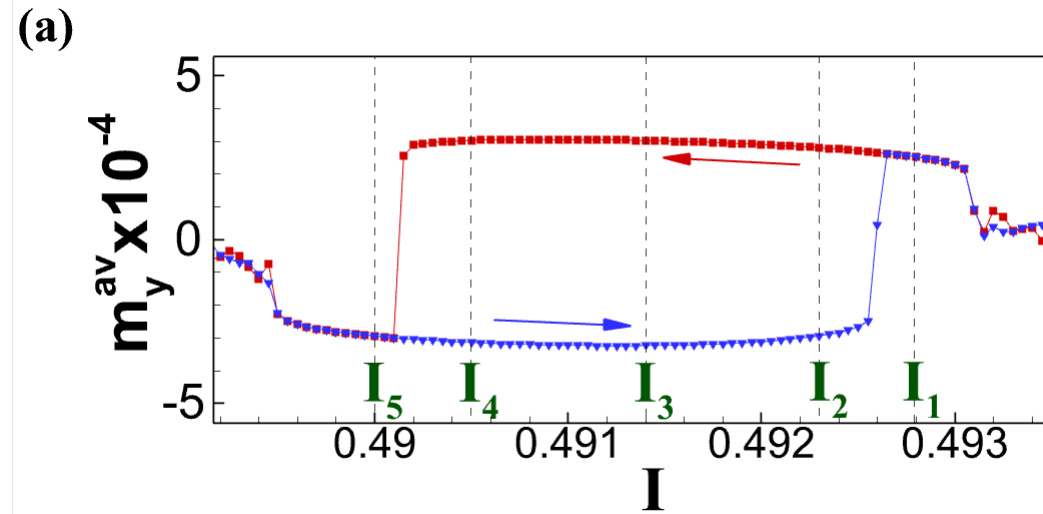
Magnetization dynamics for m_y under rectangular pulse signal (a) decreasing current; (b) increasing current; (c) decreasing current with two successive pulses, the dashed line shows the moving average during these switching process





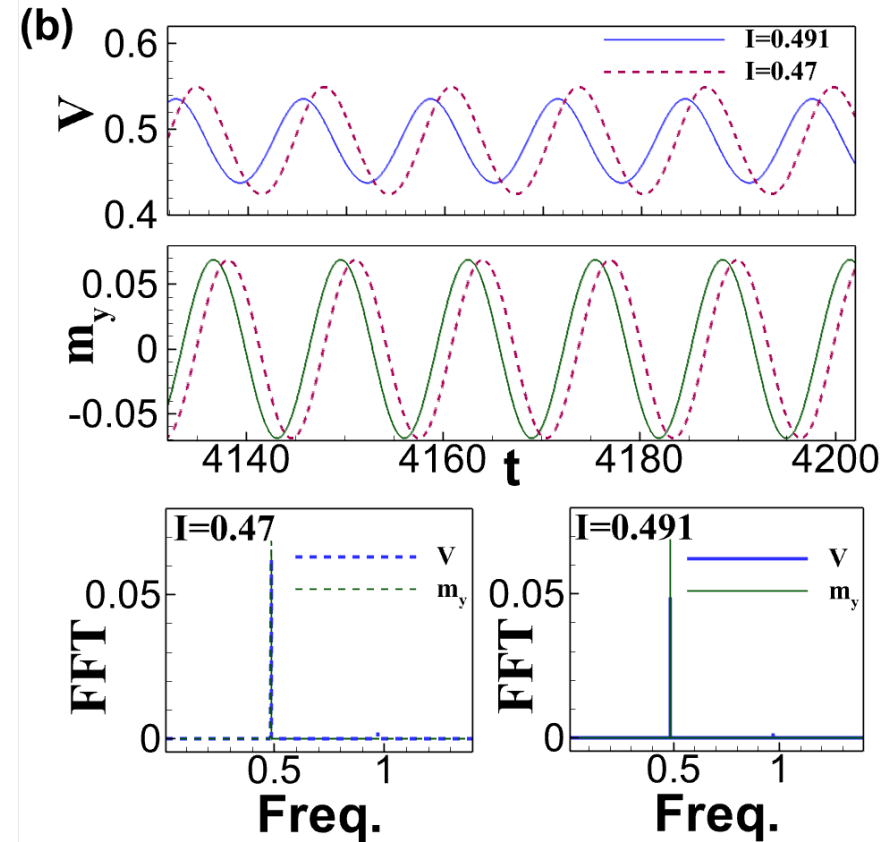
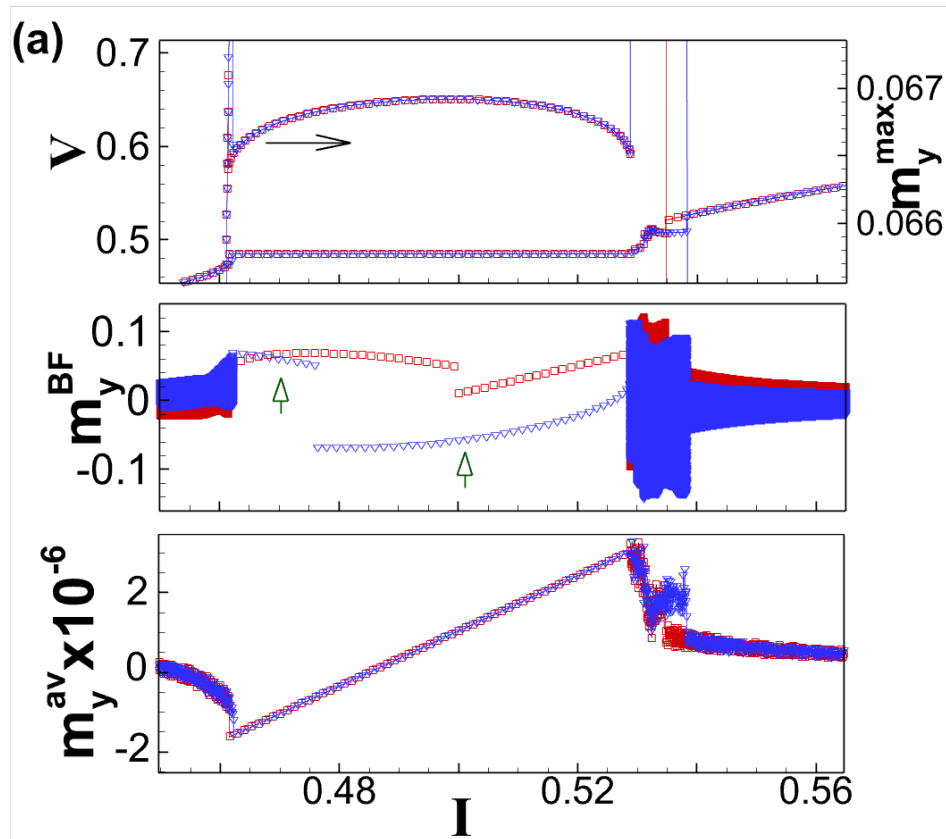
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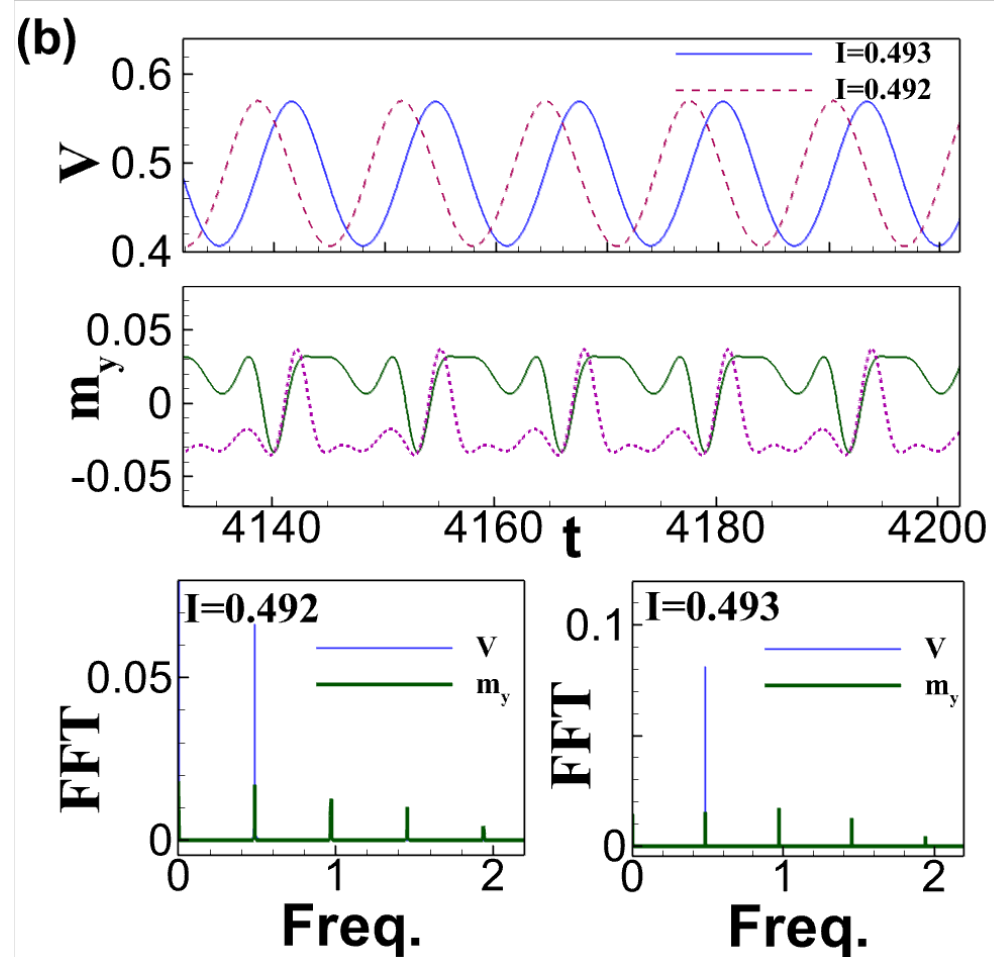
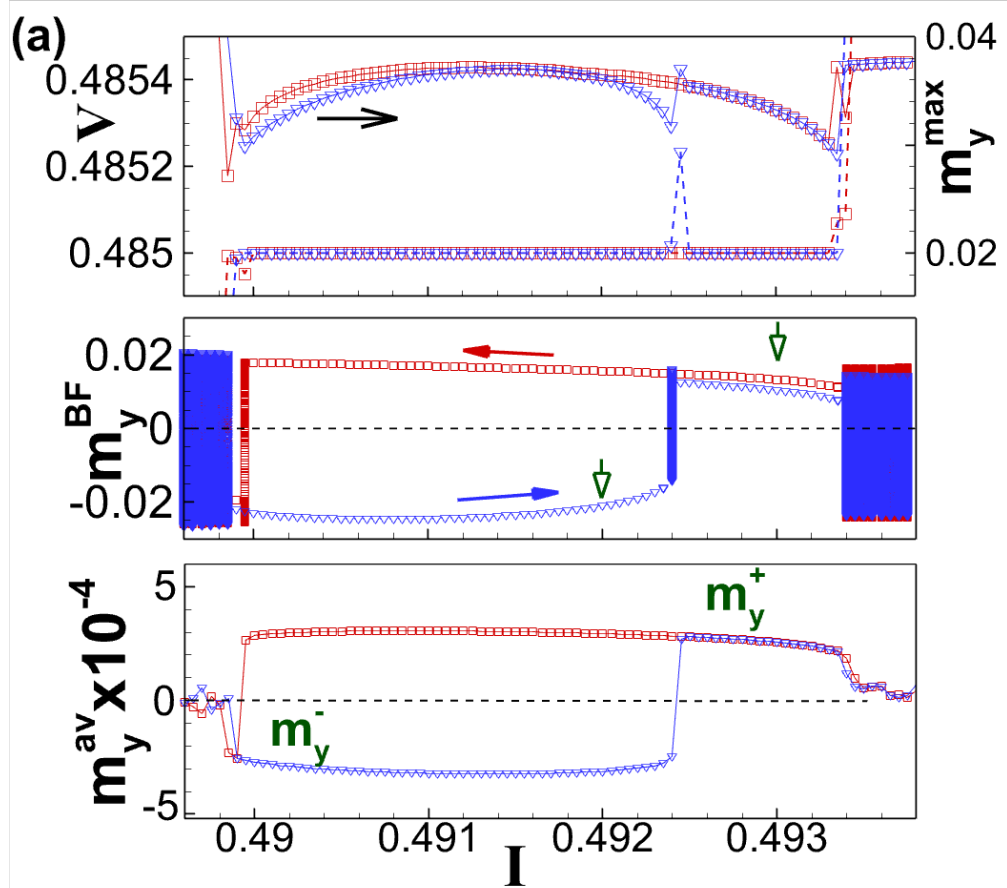


Pair	$I_s(t)$		$V(t)$	
	P_s	PC	P_s	PC
I_1^d, I_1^i	0°	1	0°	1
$I_1^{i(d)}, I_2^i$	176°	-0.888	179°	-0.898
I_3^d, I_3^i	177°	-0.932	181°	-0.931
$I_4^d, I_5^{i(d)}$	175°	-0.872	179°	-0.876
I_5^d, I_5^i	0°	1	0°	1

(P_s): Phase shift in degree and (PC): Pearsons correlation



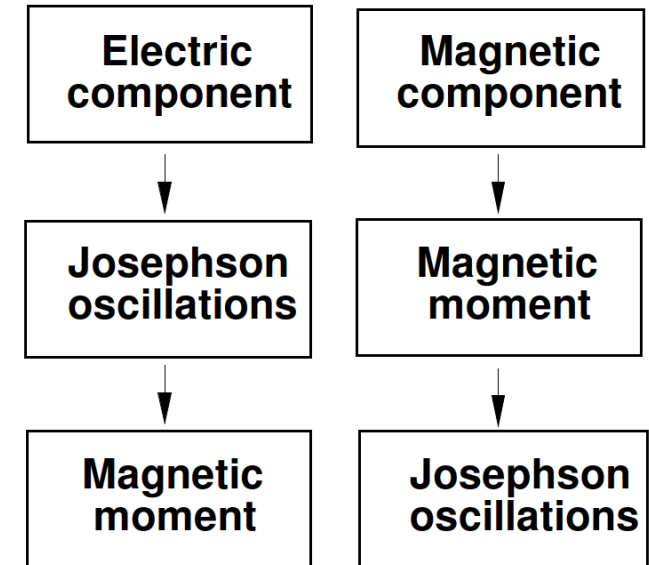
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- ❑ Implementation of two types of dynamical states of magnetization is demonstrated which have a phase shift of π in the synchronization region of magnetic precession and Josephson oscillations.
- ❑ Transitions between these states with increasing and decreasing bias current show hysteresis, which is reflected in the bifurcation diagram and as spikes in the current-voltage characteristics

Shapiro step Buzdin step



chimera step

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