

Optimization of GMI effect and magnetic softness of Co-rich microwires

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Invited papers in J. Alloys Compounds:

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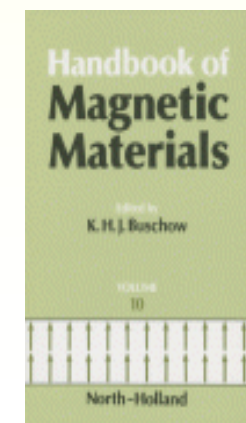
Advances in Giant
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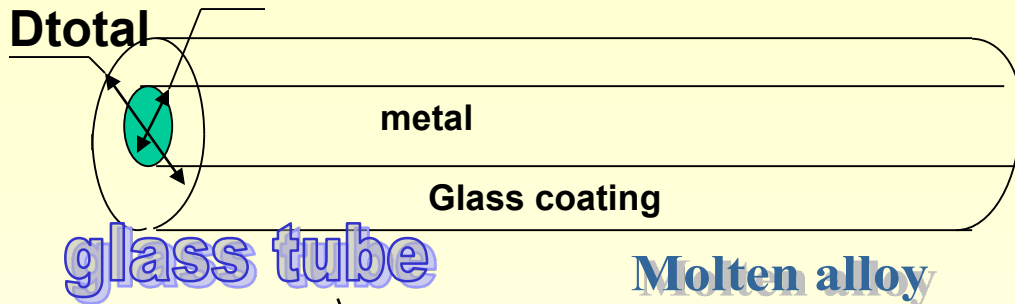
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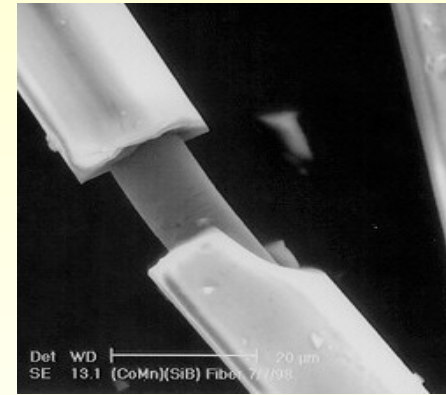
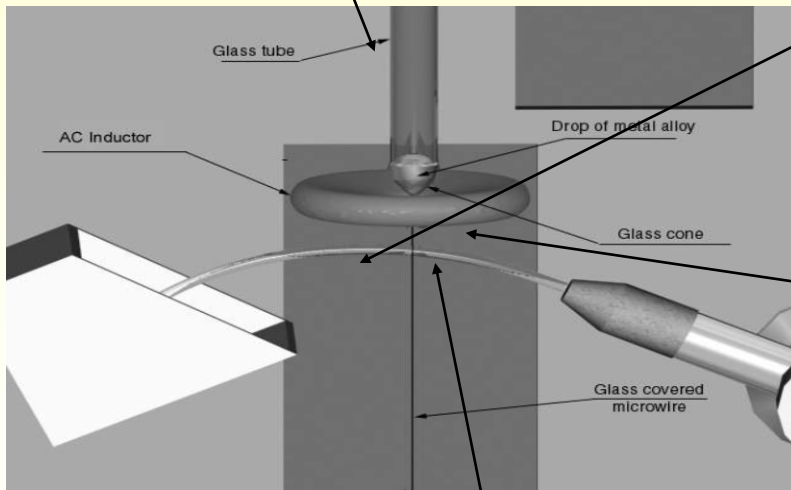
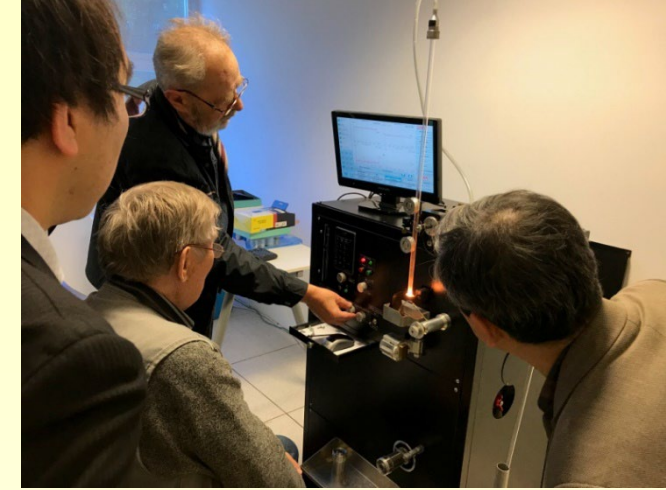


Glass coated microwires

- Co, Ni, Fe and Cu rich compositions
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Typical dimensions:
Total diameter 3-40 microns
Metallie nucleus diameter 1-30 microns
Glass coating thickness 1-10 microns
Length - few km (up to 10 in 1 bobbin)



HF Inductor

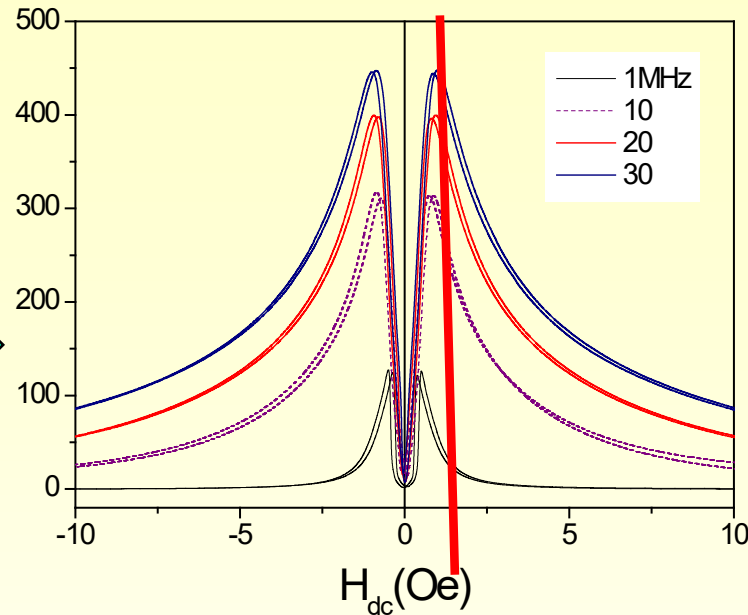
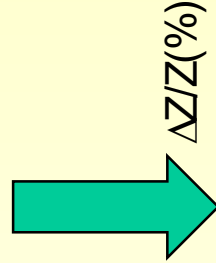
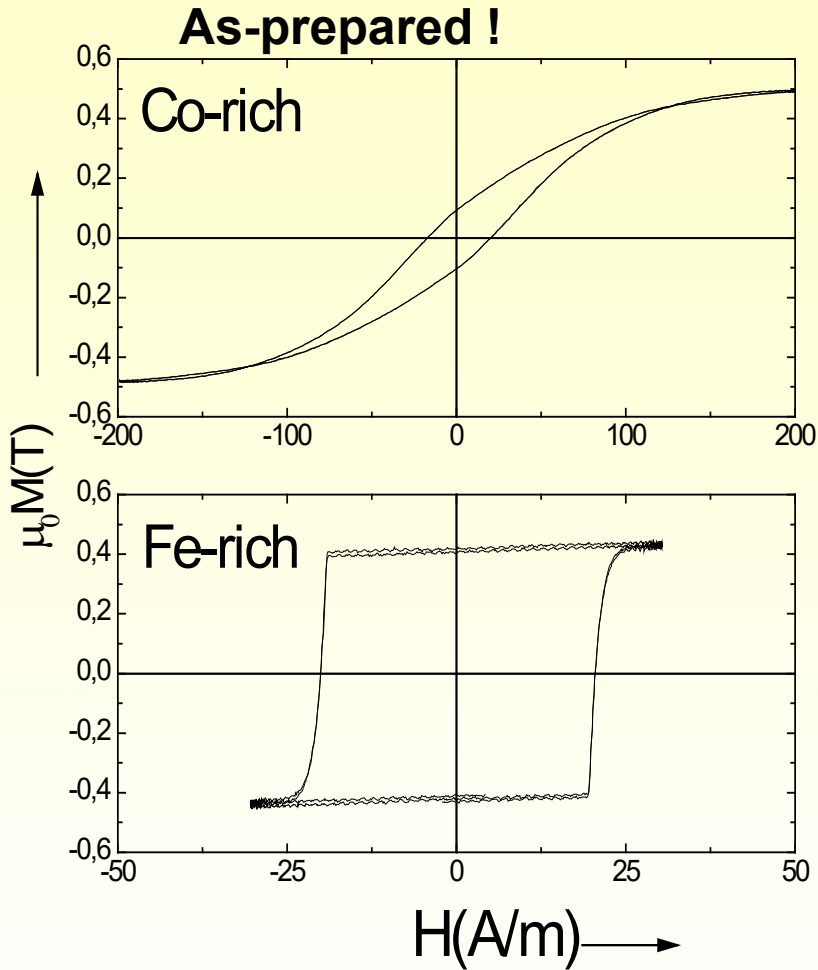
Advantages: (functionalities)

1. *Unexpensive and simple fabrication method*
2. *Excellent soft magnetic properties (if amorphous)*
3. *Magnetic bistability (DW propagation)*
4. *Thin dimensions (Raw materials saving)*
5. *Biocompatibility (glass-coating)*
6. *Better corrosion resistance (glass-coating)*
7. *Robust properties,*

Water jet

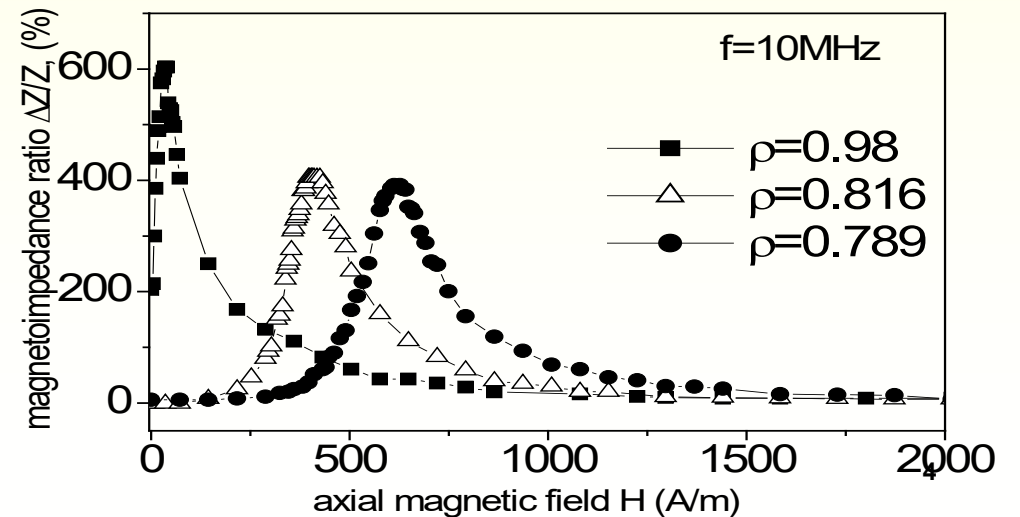
Receiving bobbins

MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF AMORPHOUS MICROWIRES



GMI effect, high sensitivity
 450%/Oe: 1 Oe = 0,1 mT
 1% MI change $\approx 0,0002$ mT

Up to now maximum GMI ratio of 600 % is reported



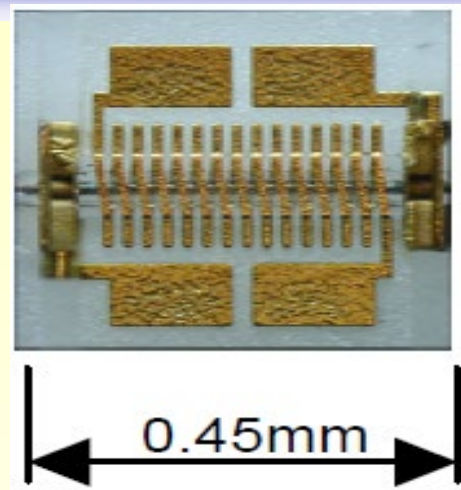
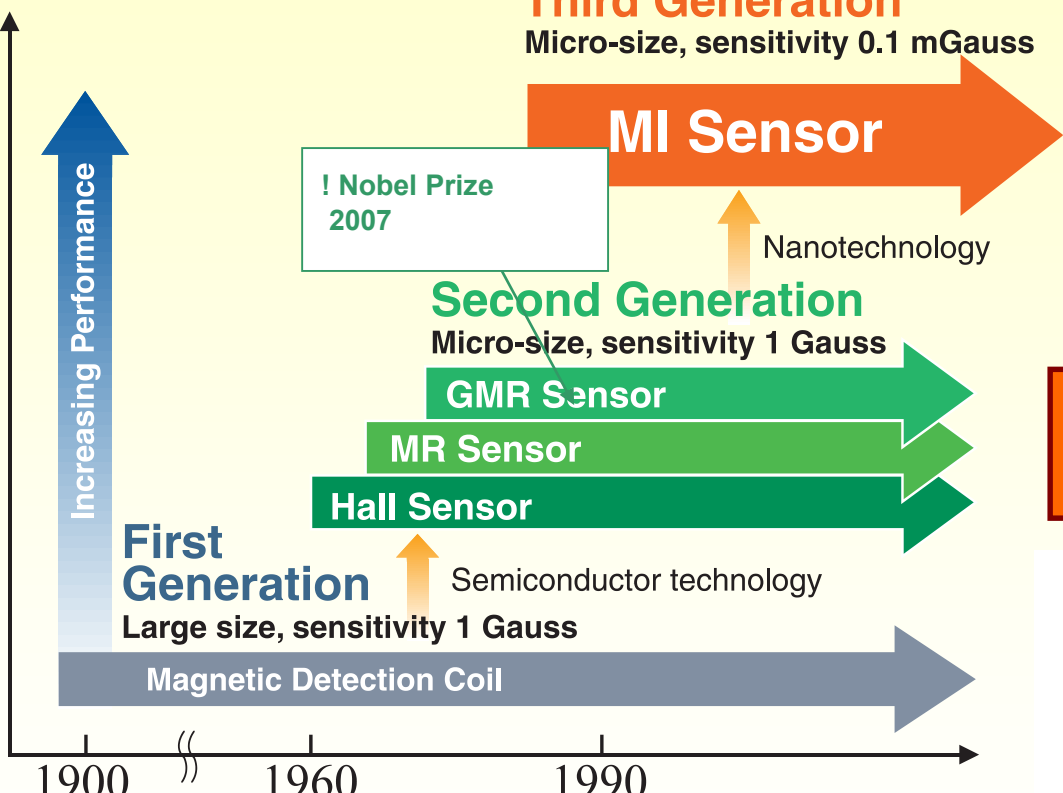
However 3000% is predicted

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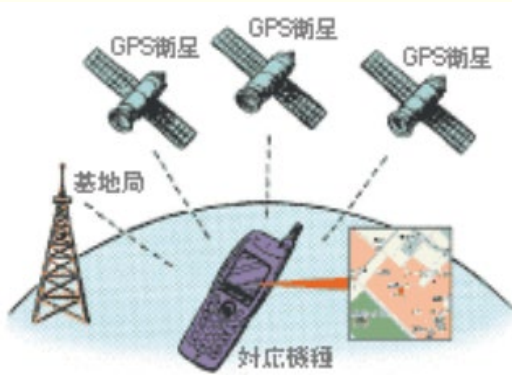
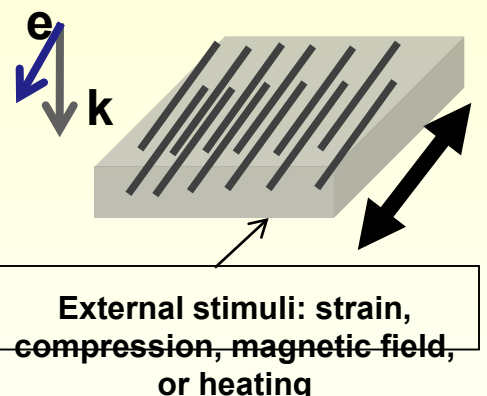
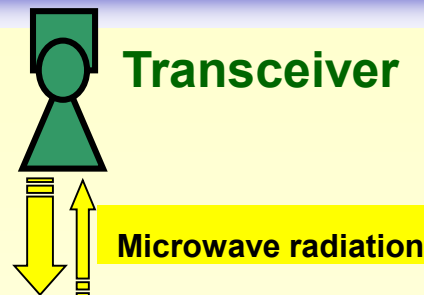
Third Generation of Magnetic Sensors

Smart composites

MI Sensors with excellent performance!



Based on Amorphous Wire since 2010



Amorphous wire:
(glass-coated wire)
Metal dia. : 11.3 μm
Total wire : 14.5 μm
Wire length: 520 μm



Amorphous Wire 3-axis Electronic Compass chip: A MI 306

Resolution	0.16 μT (160 nT)
Dynamic range	± 1.2 mT (± 12 Oe)
Power voltage V _{dd}	1.7 V
Power current I _{dd}	150 μA
Power consumption	255 μW
Operating temperature	-45 ~ 80 °C
Chip dimension	2.04 × 2.04 × 1.0 mm
Reversibility for big disturbance magnetic field shock	∞

- Advantageous of MI sensor :**
- 1) Micro size and small power consumption (sub-mW)
 - 2) High sensitivity with resolution of 0.01 % for dynamic range (Pico-Tesla resolution)
 - 3) Quick response with GHz
 - 4) High reversibility for big magnetic field disturbance shock
 - 5) High temperature stability

Magnetic Sensor History

Industrial application in Smart phone using MI sensor

Last tendencies: Size reduction, frequency increasing

Soft magnets are needed

Advanced 3-axis MI sensor chip installed in watch

Factors affecting soft magnetic properties of amorphous alloys

Amorphous materials do not have defects typical for crystalline materials (dislocations, point defects...)

H. Kronmüller (1981) contributions in coercivity of amorphous materials:

Local anisotropy fluctuations (10^{-3} –1 me), $H_c(i)$

Clusters and chemical inhomogeneities (< 1 me), $H_c(SO)$

Surface defects and irregularities (< 5 Me), $H_c(surf)$

Local structural defects (0.1-10 me), $H_c(rel)$

Pinning of DW on defects in magnetostrictive alloys (10-100 Me), $H_c(s)$

$$H_c(\text{total}) = [H_c(s)^2 + H_c(\text{surf})^2 + H_c(SO)^2 + H_c(i)^2]^{1/2} + H_c(\text{rel})$$

или

$$H_c(\text{total}) = H_c(s) + H_c(\text{surf}) + H_c(SO) + H_c(i) + H_c(\text{rel})$$

Magnetostriction

Anisotropy (stresses), **induced anisotropy**

Clusters and chemical inhomogeneities (nanocrystallization)

Defects (surface)

Magnetoelastic energy

Internal stresses in composite microwires

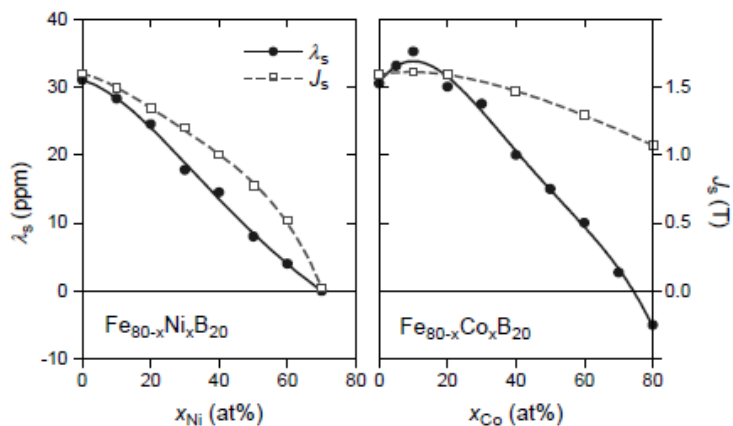
$$K_{me} \approx 3/2 \lambda_s \sigma_i :$$

Magnetostriction λ_s -determines by the chemical composition

$$\sigma = \sigma_i + \sigma_a$$

σ_a - applied stresses

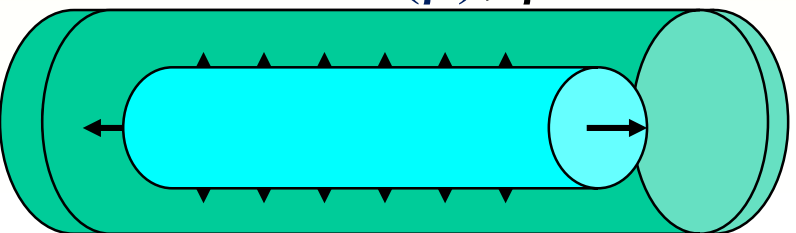
σ_i -determines by the ratio $\rho = d/D$



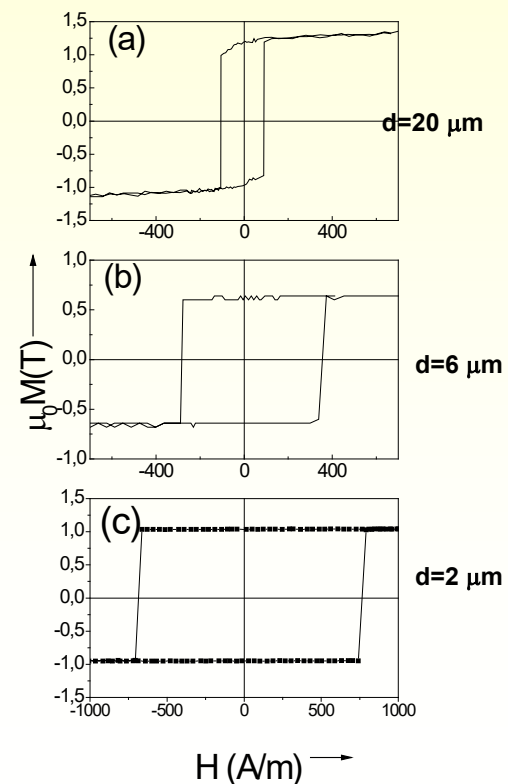
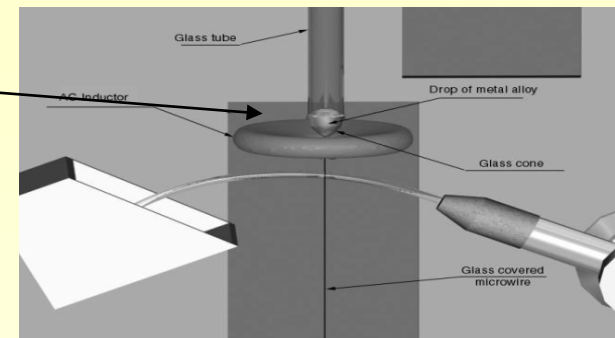
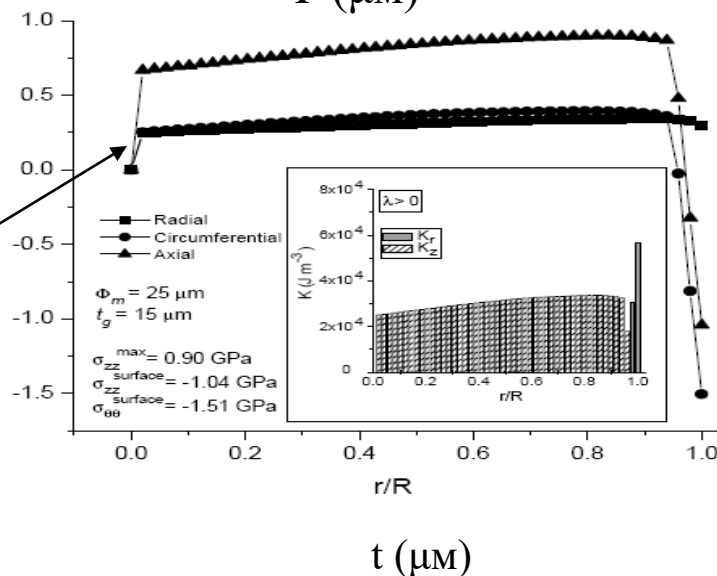
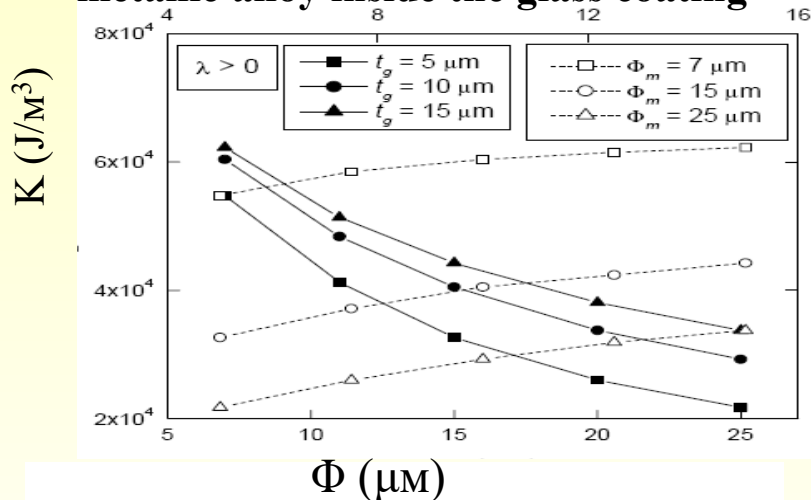
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$$\sigma = f(\rho), \rho = d/D$$

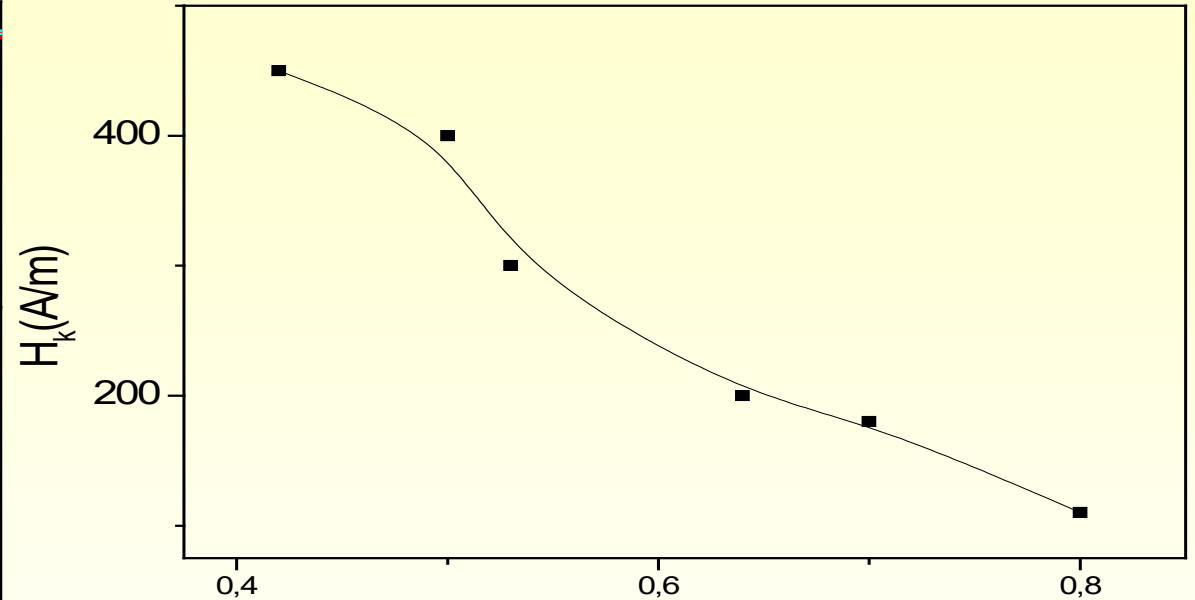
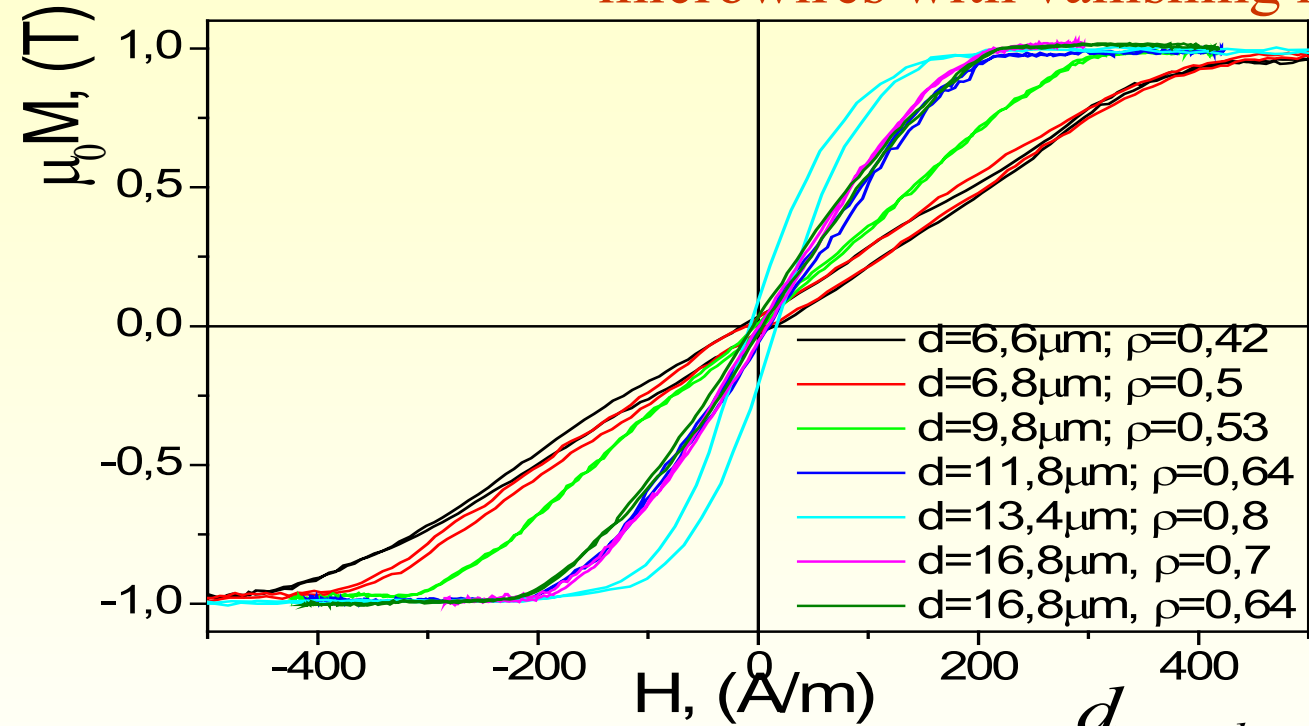


Stress appears at simultaneous solidification of metallic alloy inside the glass coating



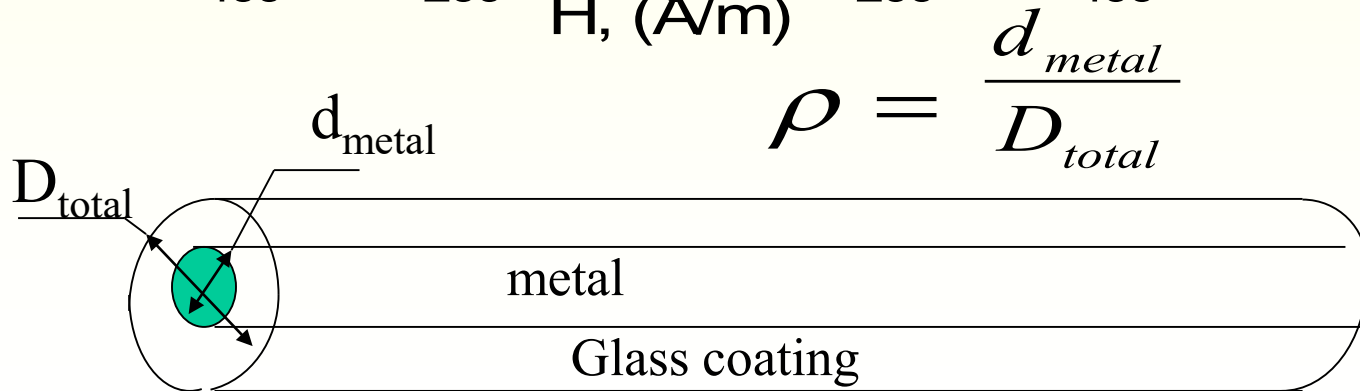
TAILORING OF GMI EFFECT AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

Effect of the samples geometry on the hysteresis loops of Co-rich microwires with vanishing magnetostriction constant.

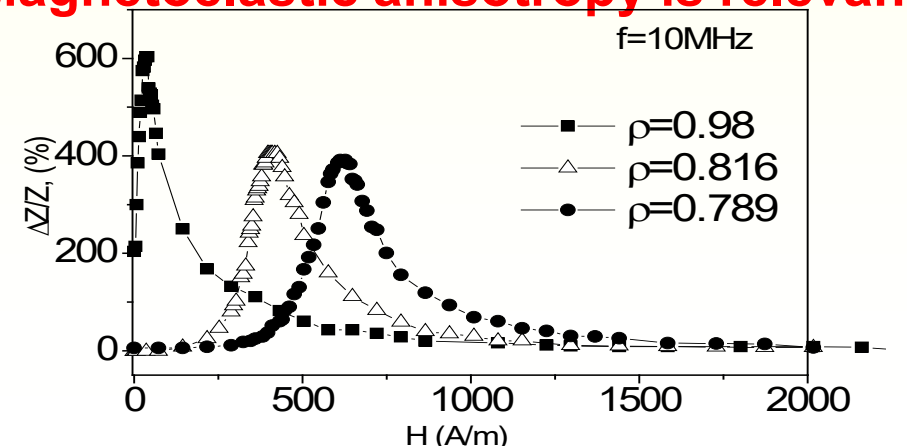


Large σ = high H_k , Reduced μ

Magnetoelastic anisotropy is relevant!



Correlation with magnetic anisotropy

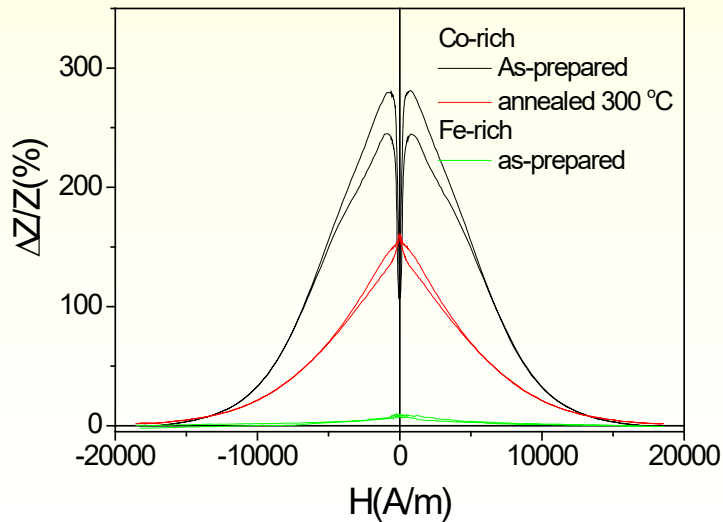
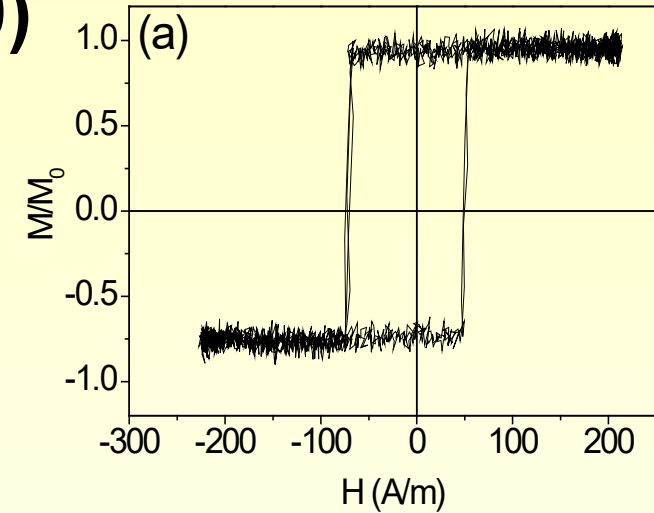
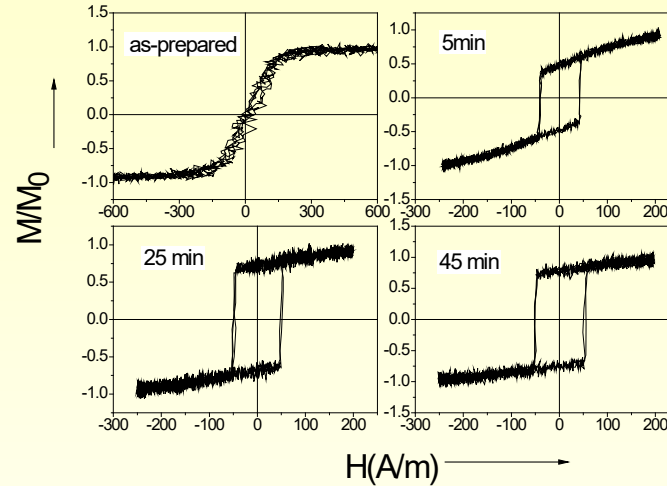


Stress relaxation?

Co-based ($\lambda_s < 0$)

Annealing

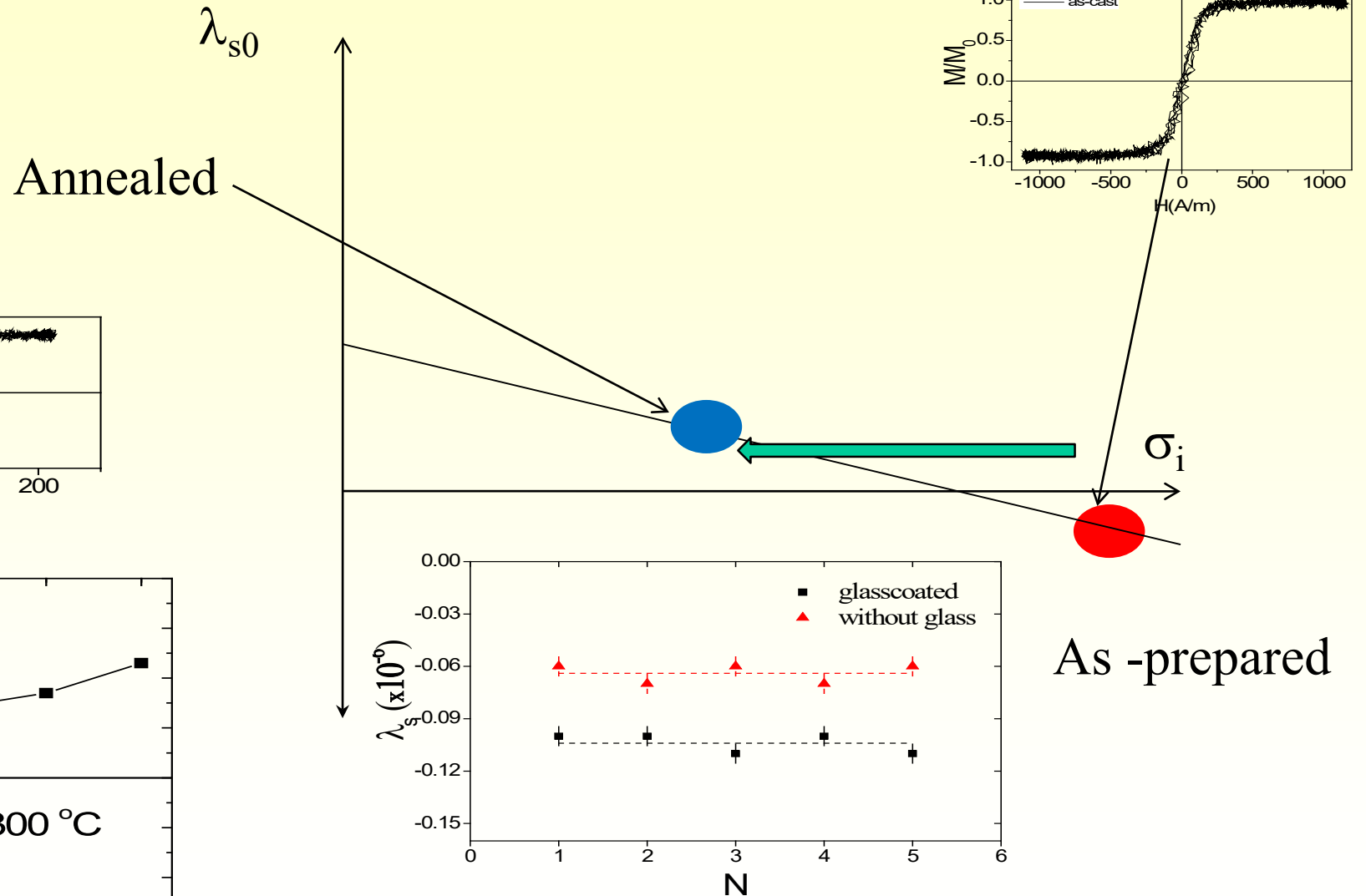
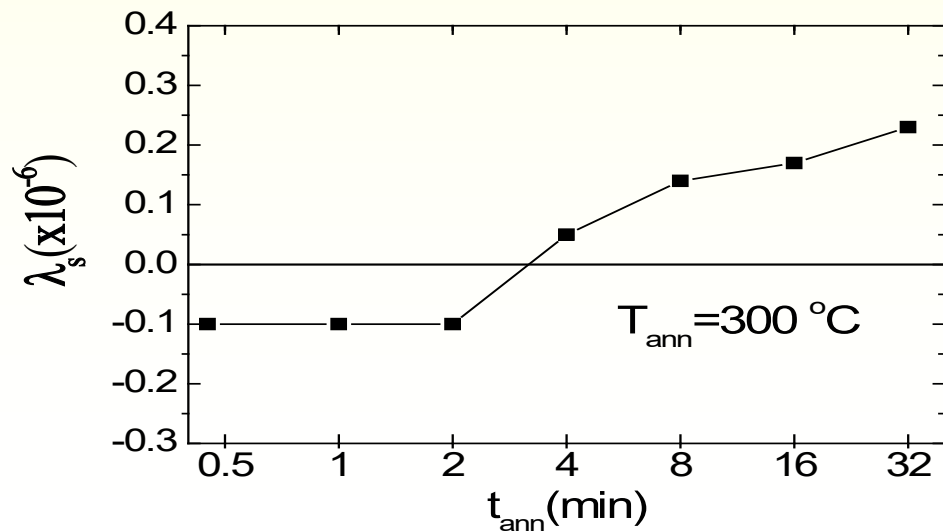
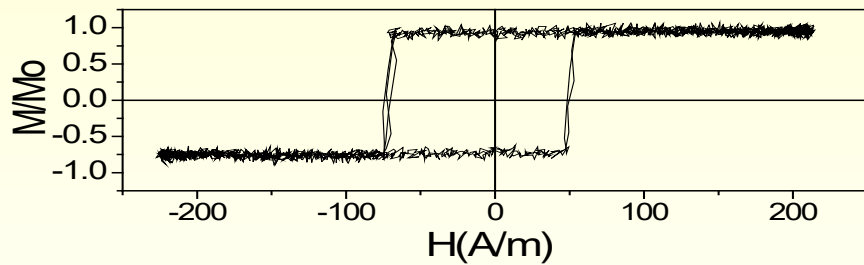
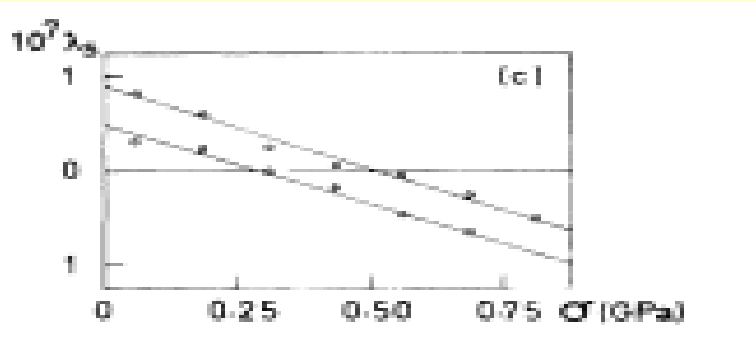
Annealing:
Hysteresis loops and DW dynamics
-Co-rich – induced magnetic bistability
and substantial magnetic hardening



GMI:
Co-rich – decrease
For GMI is not a solution!

Such hardening was observed in several Co-rich microwires

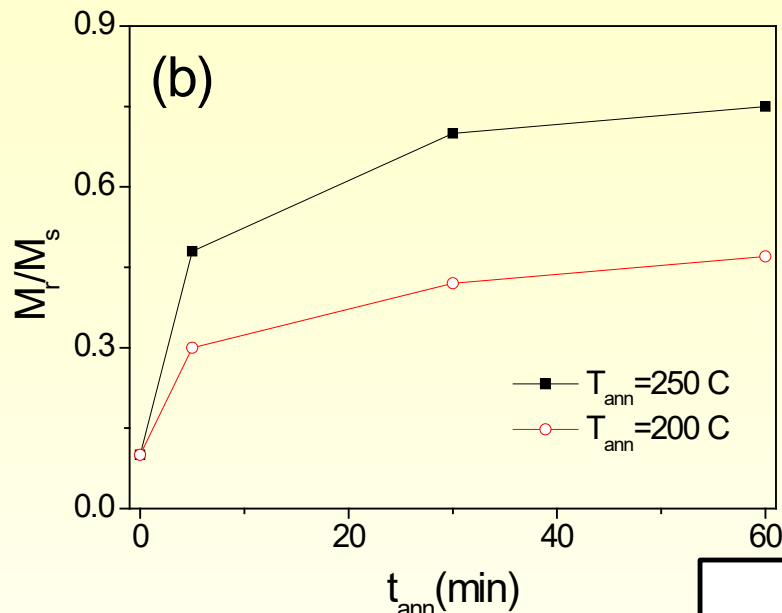
Origin of annealing induced changes in Co-rich microwires



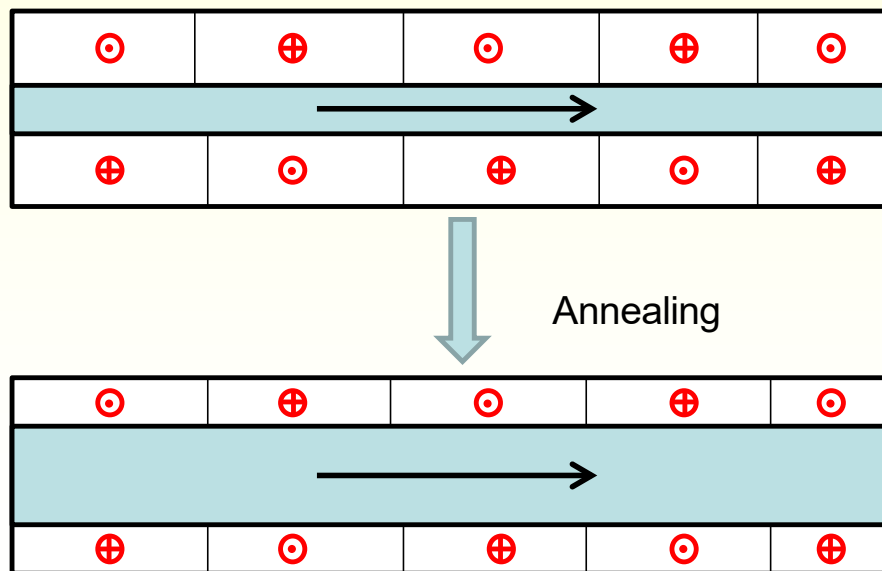
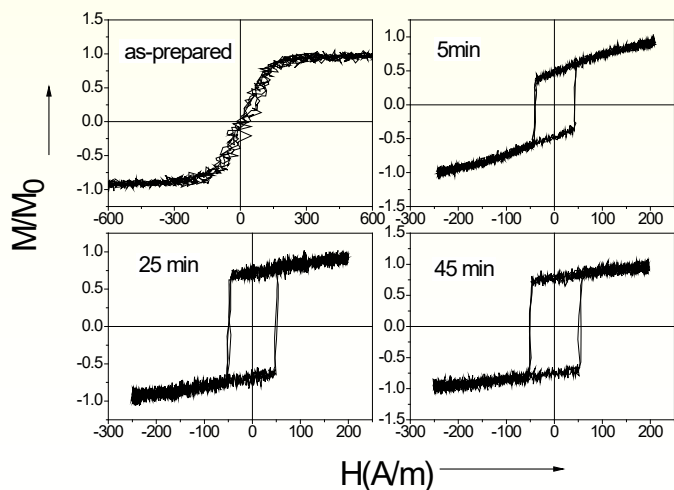
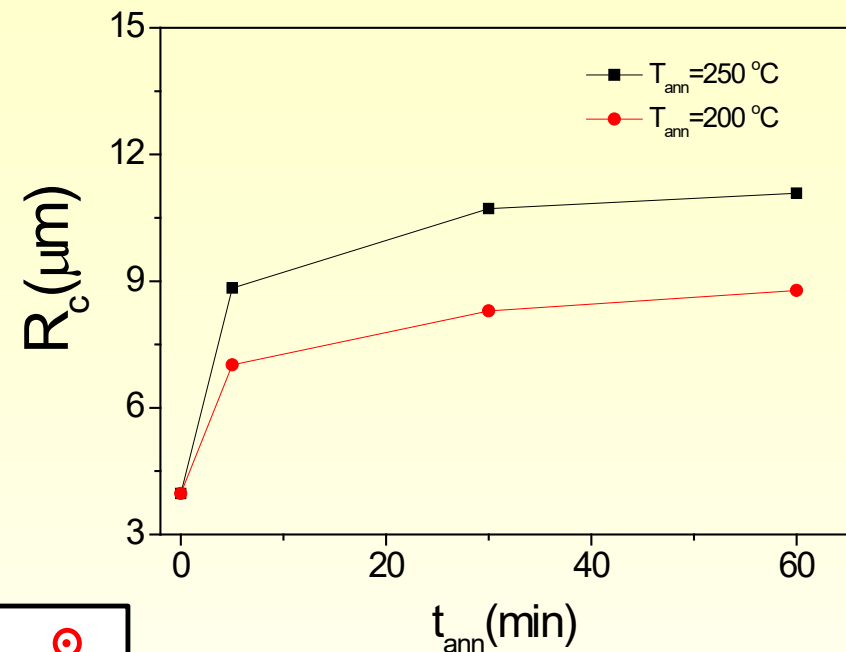
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Stress relaxation?

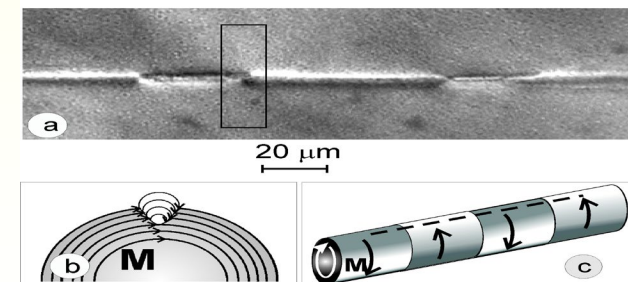


$$R_c = R(M_r/M_s)^{1/2}$$



R (12.8 μm)

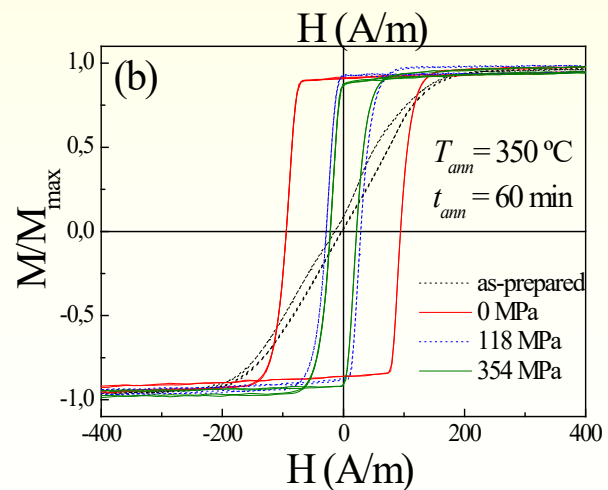
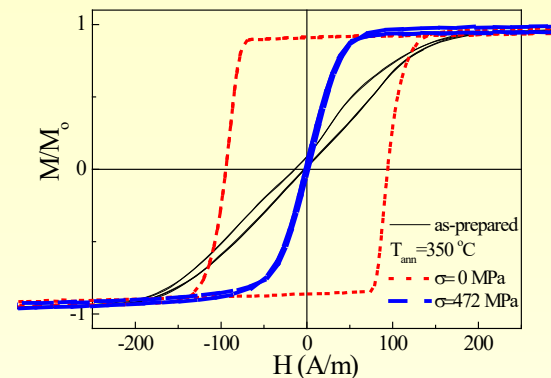
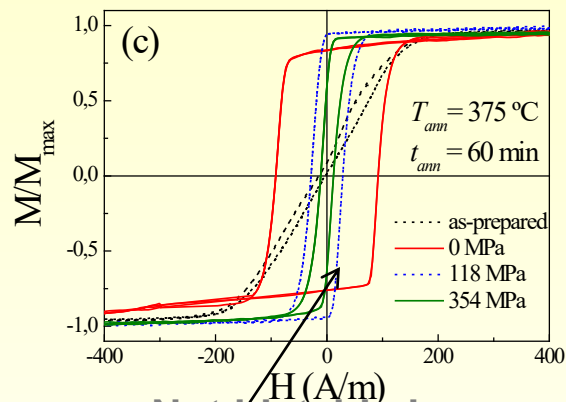
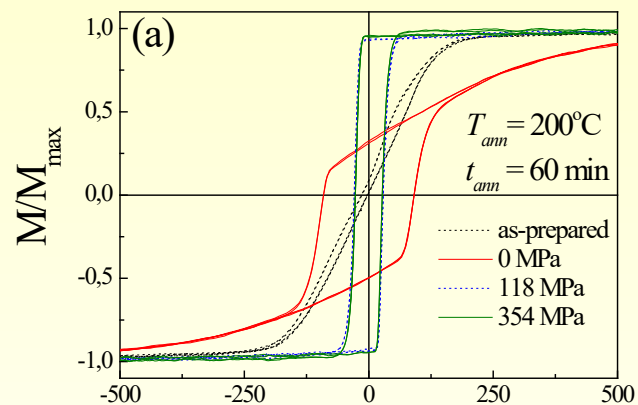
R_c



Stress-annealing Co-rich microwires

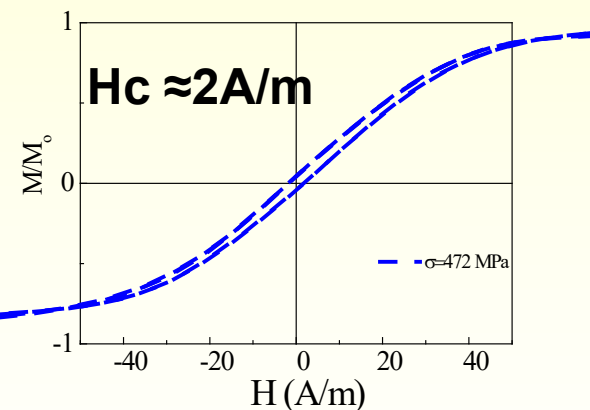
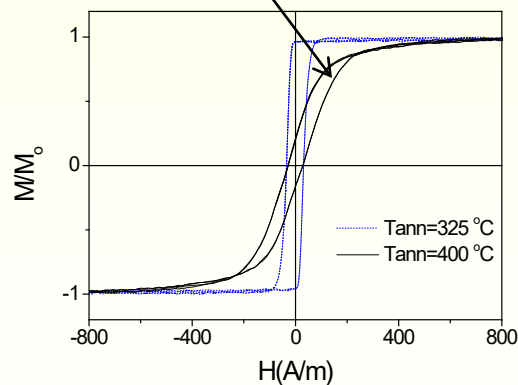


Hysteresis loops of studied Co-rich microwires stress-annealed at different conditions.



Not bistable loop

$\sigma = 118 \text{ MPa}$



comparison of hysteresis loops of as-prepared, annealed at $T_{ann} = 350^\circ\text{C}$ and stress-annealed at $T_{ann} = 350^\circ\text{C}$ and $\sigma = 472 \text{ MPa}$ microwires.

Better magnetic softness

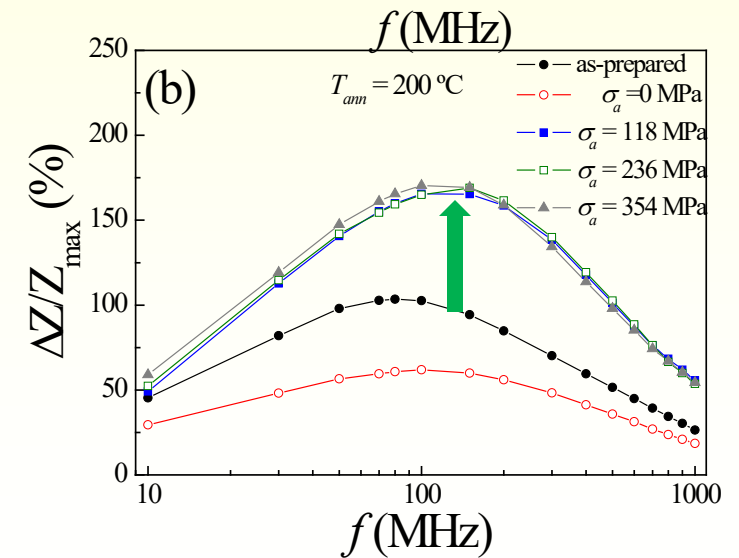
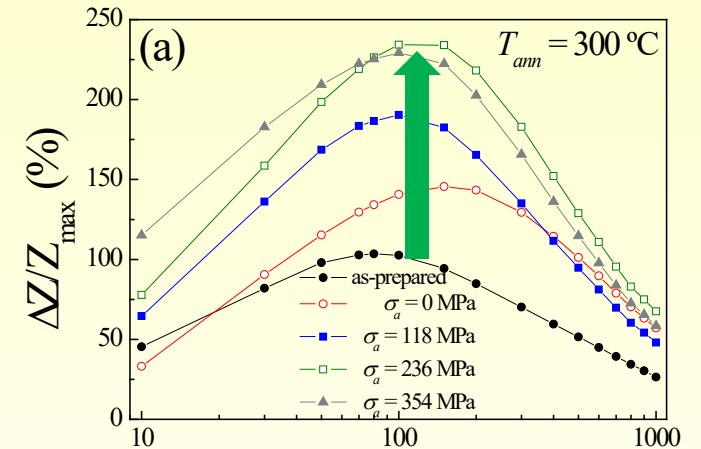
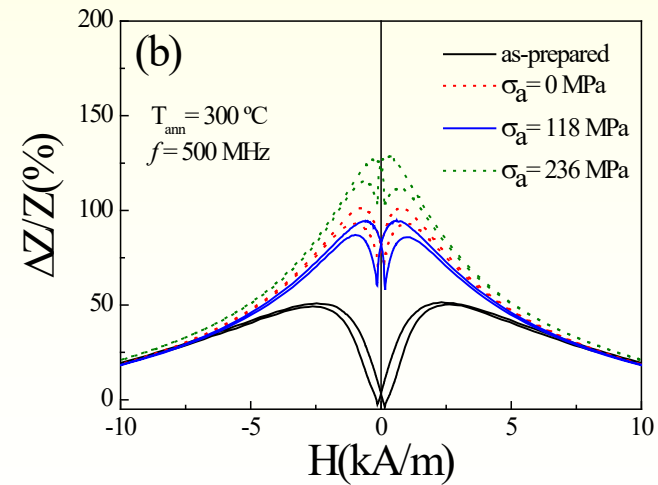
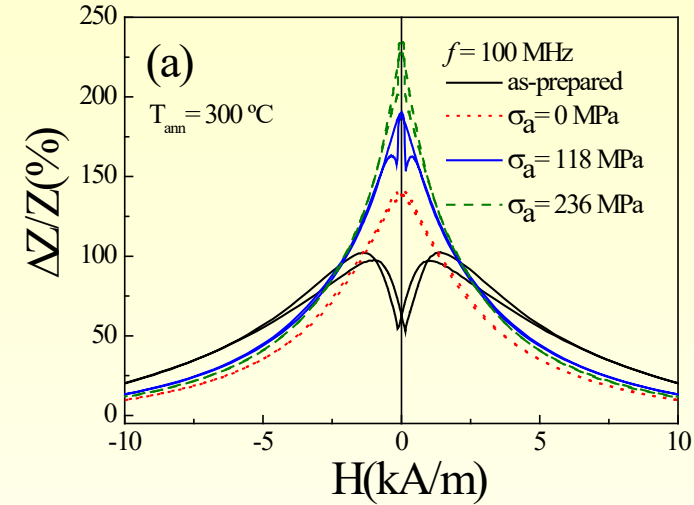
At high enough T_{ann} or σ a transverse anisotropy can be induced (similarly to Fe-rich microwires, but at Higher T_{ann} or σ)

Stress-annealing Co-rich microwires

$\Delta Z/Z(H)$ dependences of as-prepared and stress-annealed at $T_{ann} = 300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ samples at different σ_a measured at 100 MHz (a) and 500 MHz (b).

$\Delta Z/Z_{max}(f)$ evaluated for different σ_a – values for the samples annealed at $T_{ann} = 300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (a) and $T_{ann} = 200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (b)

SA allows more remarkable GMI improvement



Origin of MI rising: Right magnetic anisotropy in thin surface layer?

Looking for the highest GMI effect

Hysteresis loops of as-prepared (a) and annealed at $T_{ann}= 275\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (b), $T_{ann}= 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (c) and $T_{ann}= 350\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (d) $\text{Co}_{72}\text{Fe}_4\text{B}_{13}\text{Si}_{11}$ sample ($40\text{ }\mu\text{m}$).

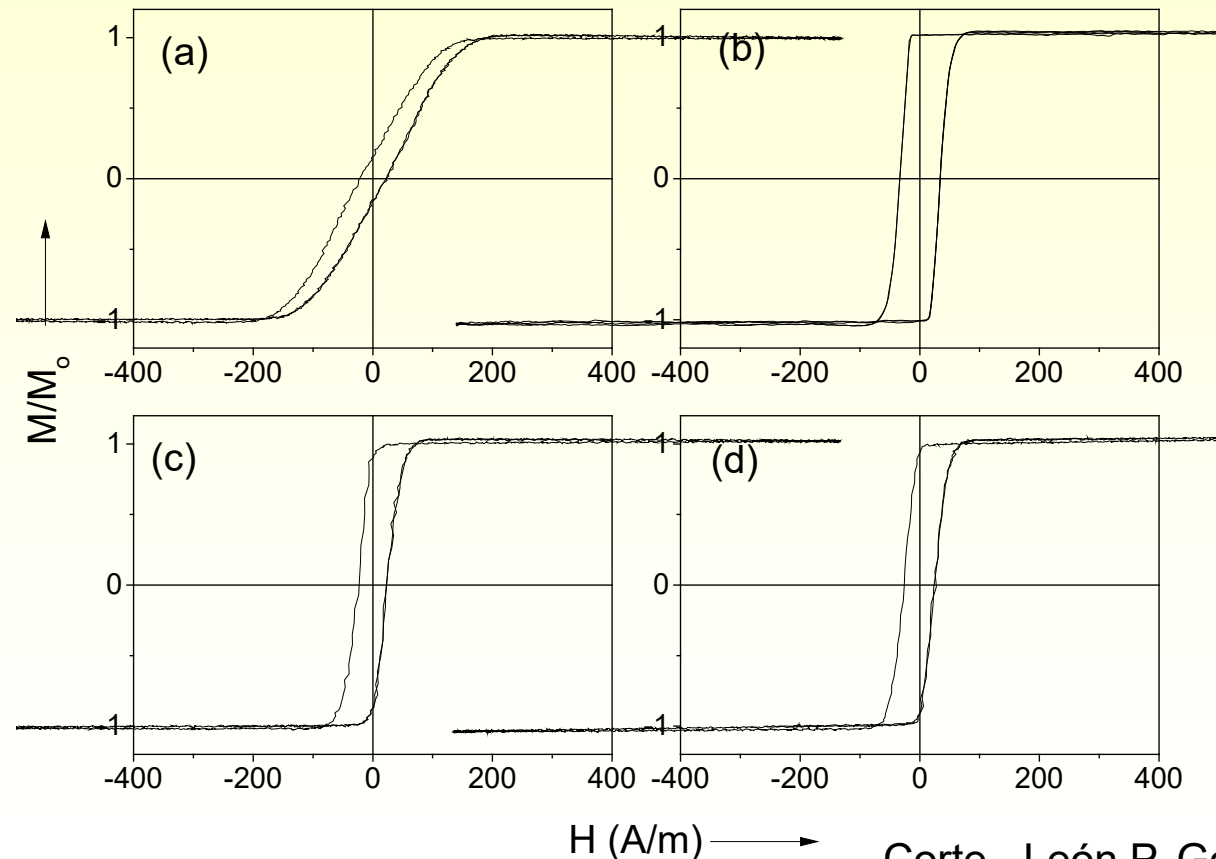
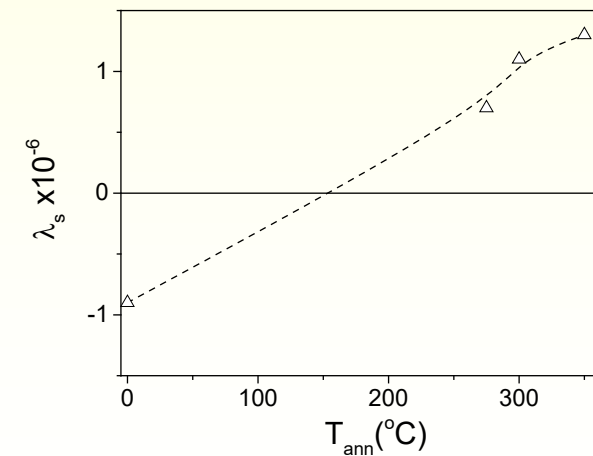


Table 1. The magnetostriction coefficient of as-prepared and annealed $\text{Co}_{72}\text{Fe}_4\text{B}_{13}\text{Si}_{11}$ microwires.

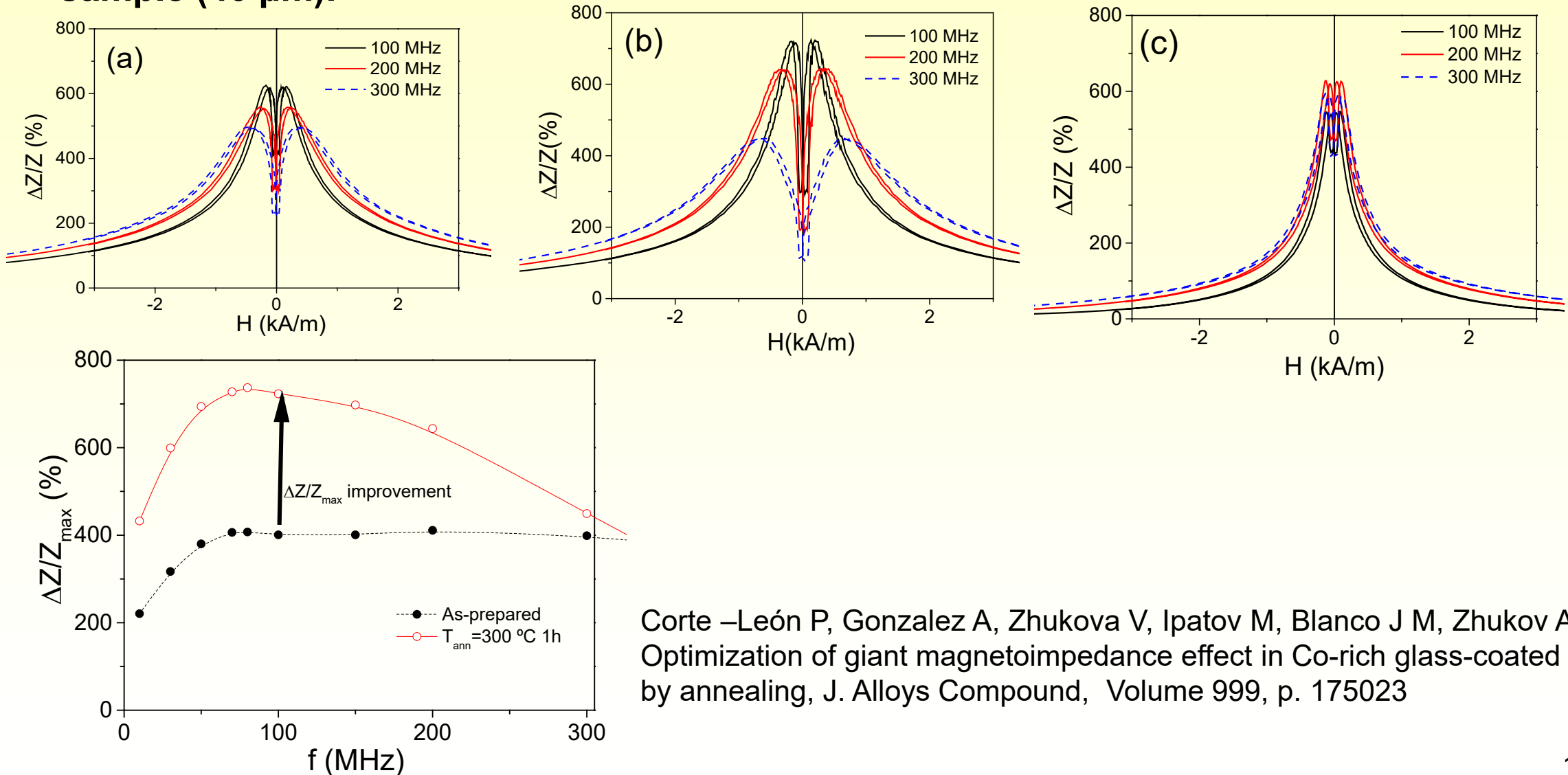
Sample	λ_s ($\times 10^{-7}$)
As-prepared	-9
Annealed at $275\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	+7
Annealed at $300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	+11
Annealed at $350\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	+13



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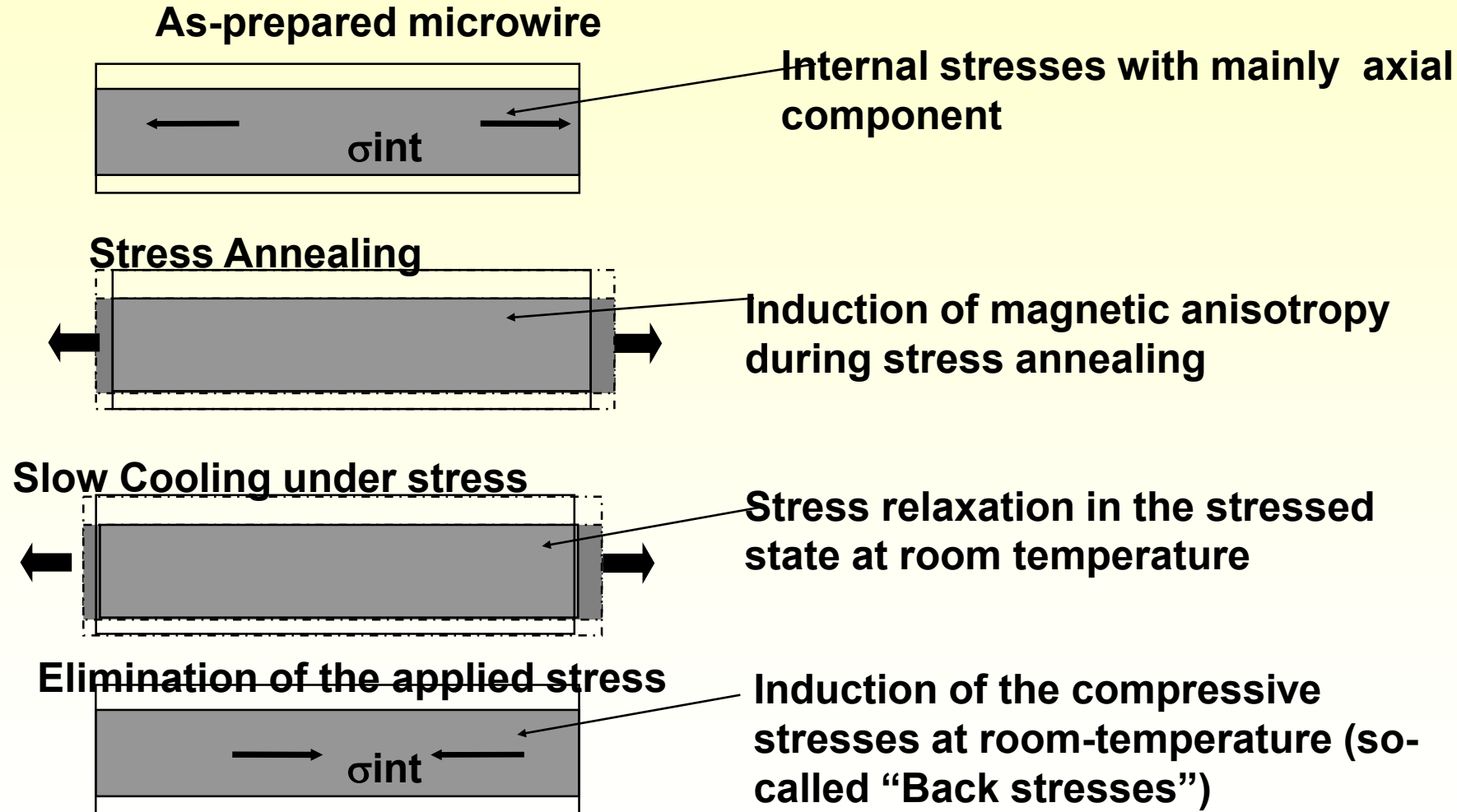
Looking for the highest GMI effect

GMI of annealed at $T_{ann}= 350\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (a); $T_{ann}= 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (b) $T_{ann}= 275\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (c) $\text{Co}_{72}\text{Fe}_4\text{B}_{13}\text{Si}_{11}$ sample ($40\text{ }\mu\text{m}$).



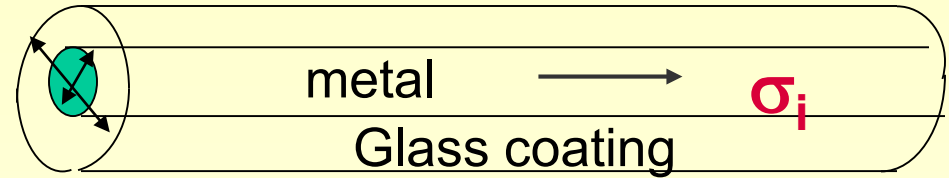
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Origin of stress-annealing induced anisotropy

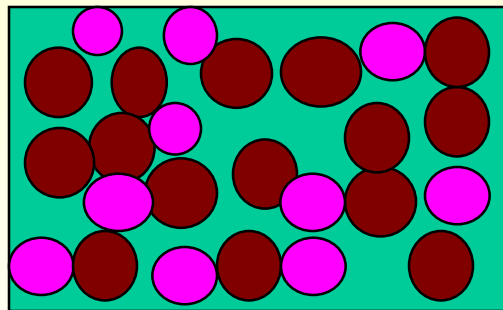


Origin of induced anisotropy

**Possible origin:
-Stress induced anisotropy
(stress from glass coating)?**

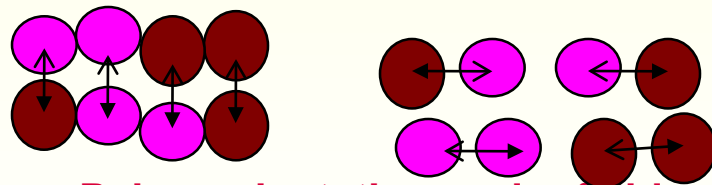


Origin: Pair ordering usually considered



TM1 (Co)
TM2 (Fe)

H or/and σ



Pair reorientation under field and/or stress annealing (after Neel)

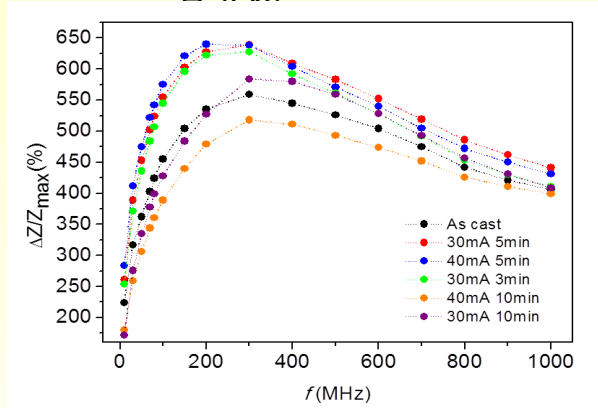
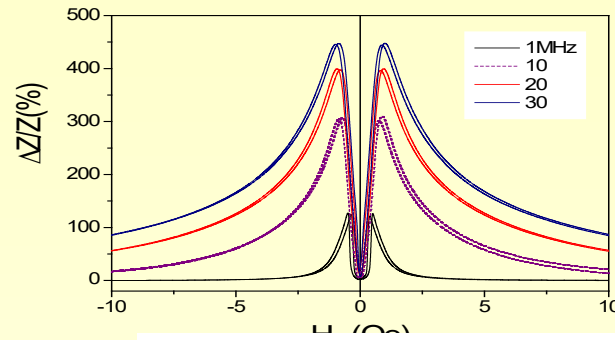
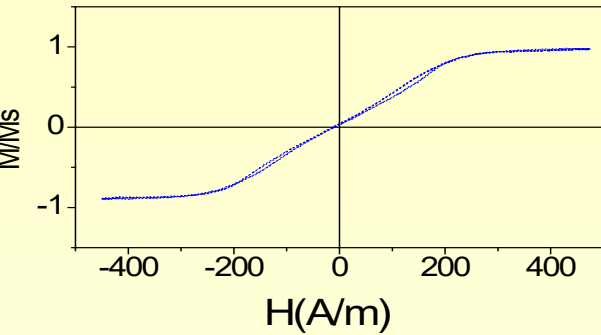
Possible origin 3:

The topological short range ordering (also known as structural anisotropy) can play an important role. This involves the angular distribution of the atomic bonds and small anisotropic structural rearrangements at temperature near the glass transition temperature

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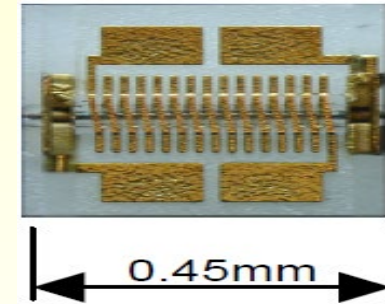
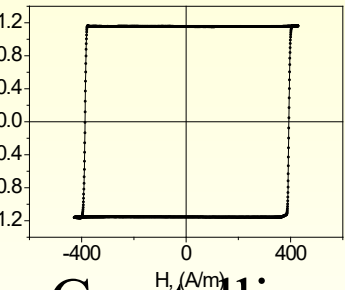
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Present talk : magnetic softness and GMI effect of amorphous microwires



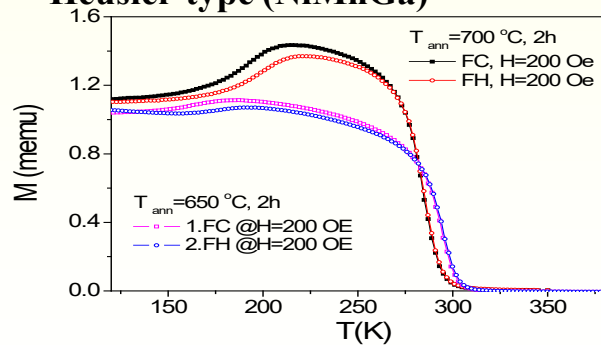
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Other features of amorphous microwires:



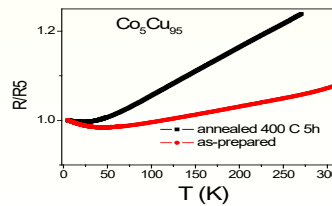
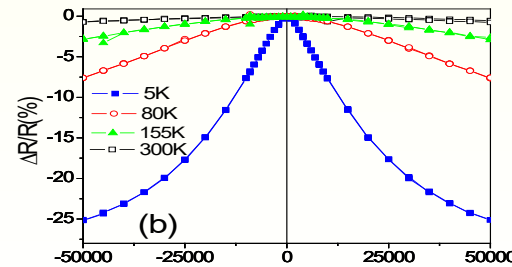
Crystalline microwires:

Heusler-type (NiMnGa)

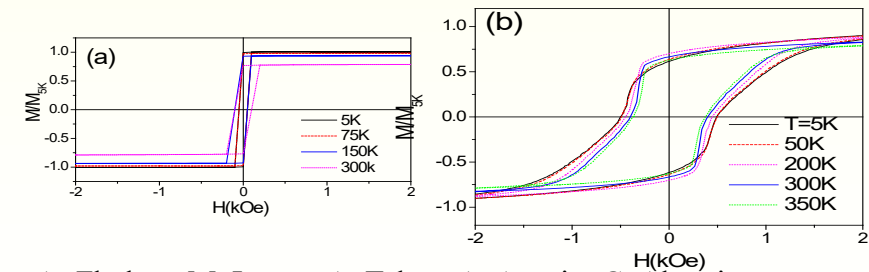


Granular microwires

Co-Cu



Magnetic hardening: FePt



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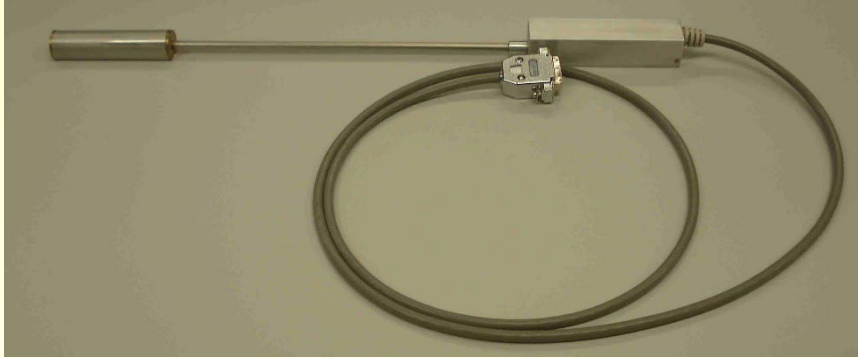
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GMI magnetometer versus SQUID and fluxgate

Advantages:

- Lower cost
- Smaller size
- pT magnetic field sensitivity (comparable to SQUID)

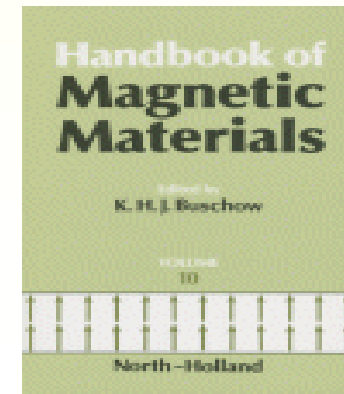
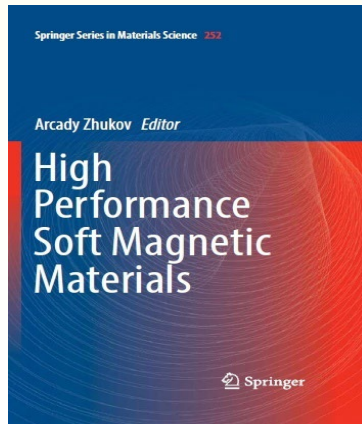
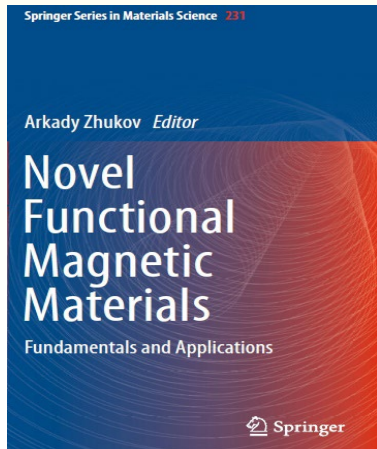


SQUID (superconducting quantum interference device)

Conclusions

- **Soft magnetic properties can be observed in Co-rich magnetic microwires**
- **By appropriate post-processing (stress-annealing or annealing) we can considerably improve GMI effect and magnetic softness in Co-rich microwires**
- **For interpretation of observed effect of stress annealing we considered internal stresses relaxation after annealing and interplay of compressive stresses and axial internal stresses after stress annealing.**

Thank you for the attention!



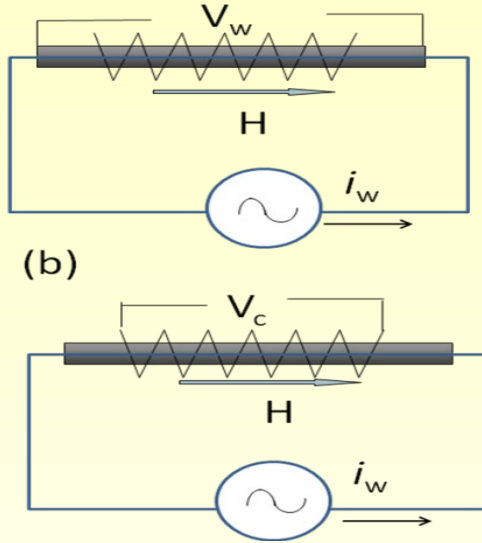
“Advances in Giant Magnetoimpedance Materials” by A. Zhukov, M. Ipatov and V. Zhukov (issue October 2015)

Measurements of GMI

Low-f impedance can be measured by the four-point method.

$\Delta Z/Z$, is defined as:

$$\Delta Z/Z = [(Z(H) - Z(H_{\max})) / Z(H_{\max})]$$



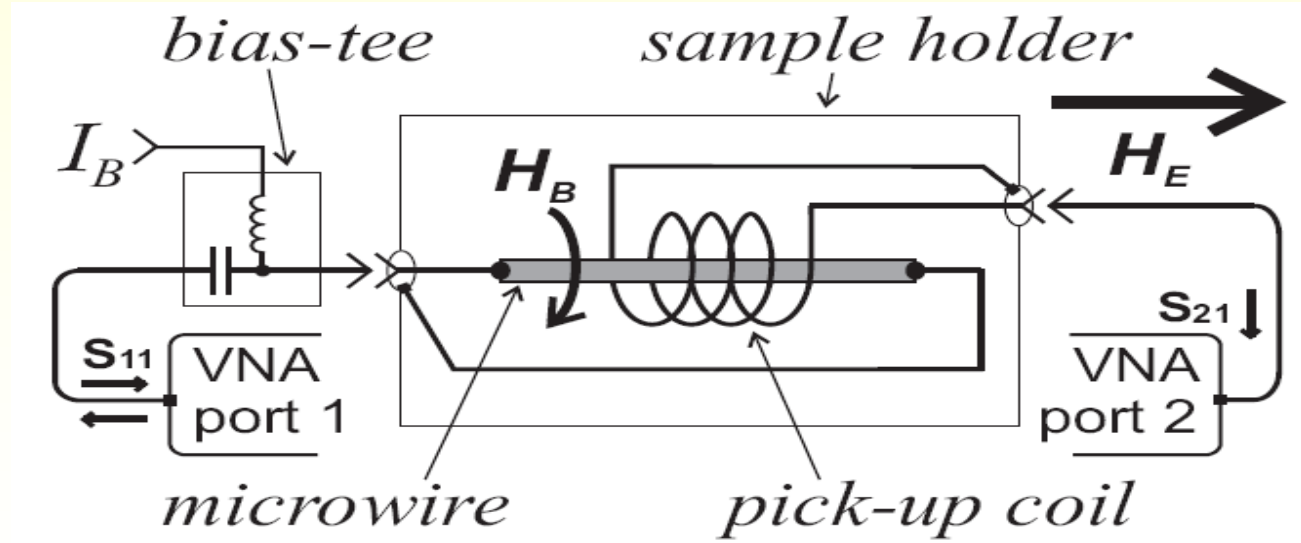
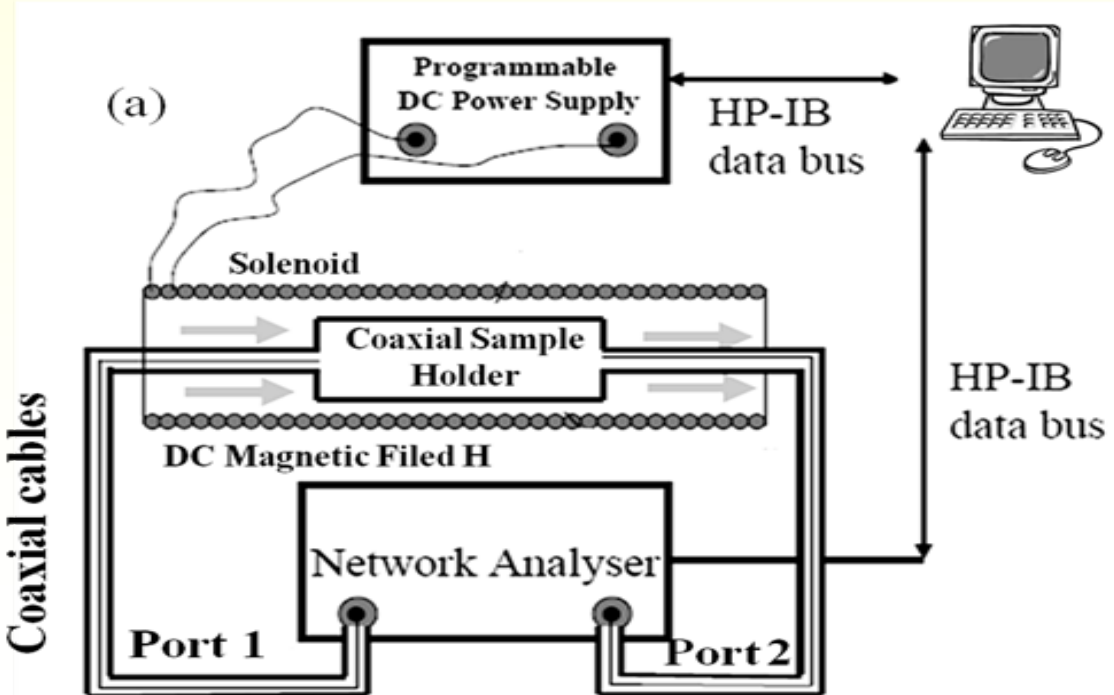
$$Z_{zz} \propto Z = \frac{1 + S_{11}}{1 - S_{11}} Z_0$$

[1]: m_ϕ, m_r

$$i_z \rightarrow h_\phi \rightarrow [\hat{\mu}]$$

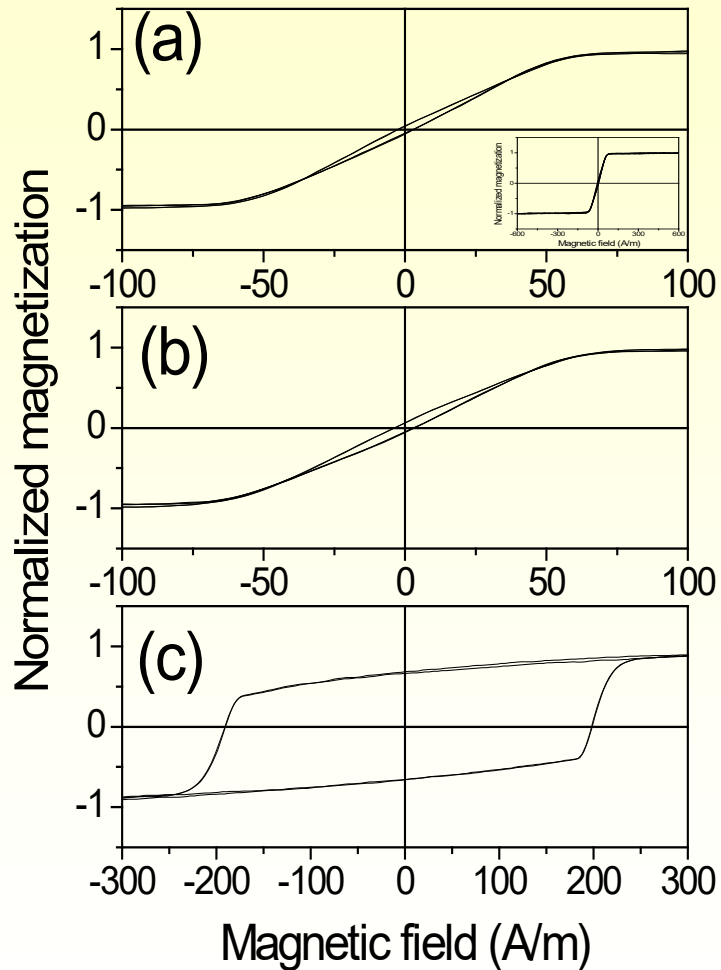
[2]: $m_z \rightarrow V_c$

$$Z_{\phi z} \propto V_c = S_{21}$$



The impedance was evaluated using Network Analyser HP8753 at frequency between 10MHz -3GHz

Tailoring by Joule heating



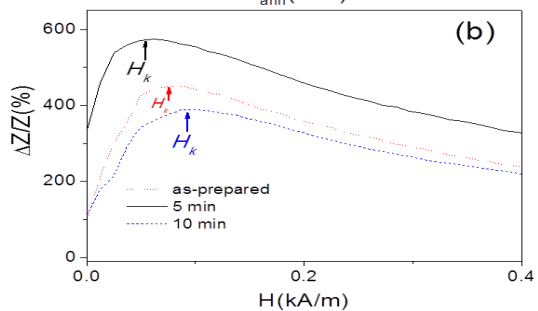
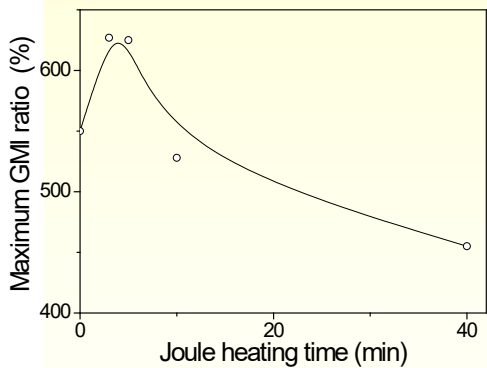
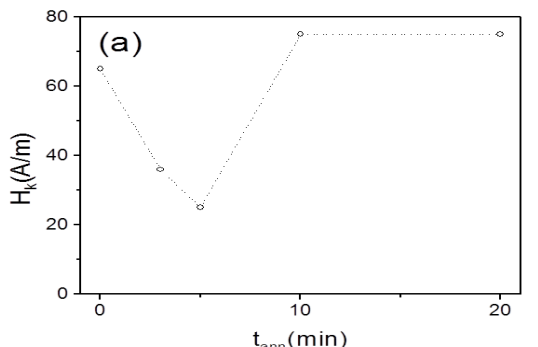
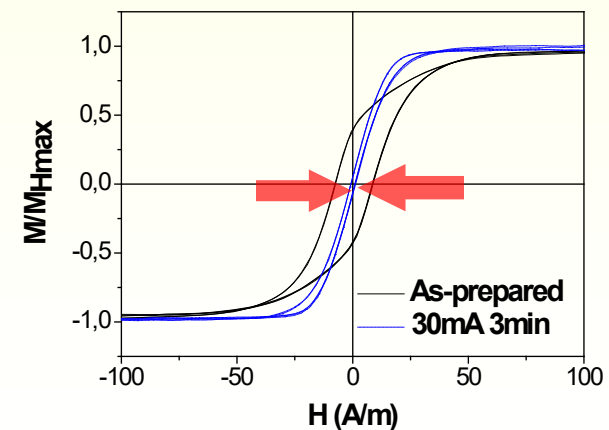
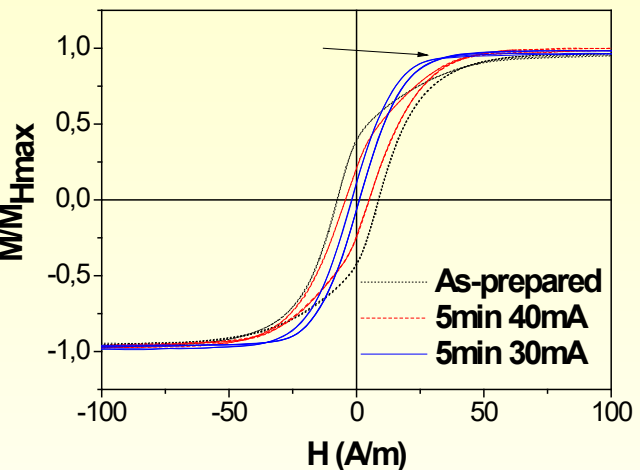
Hysteresis loops of as-prepared (a), Joule heated at 30 mA for 40 min (b) and annealed at conventional furnace at 300° C for 60 min studied microwire.

Looks that Joule heating prevents magnetic hardening reported for Co-based microwires after conventional annealing

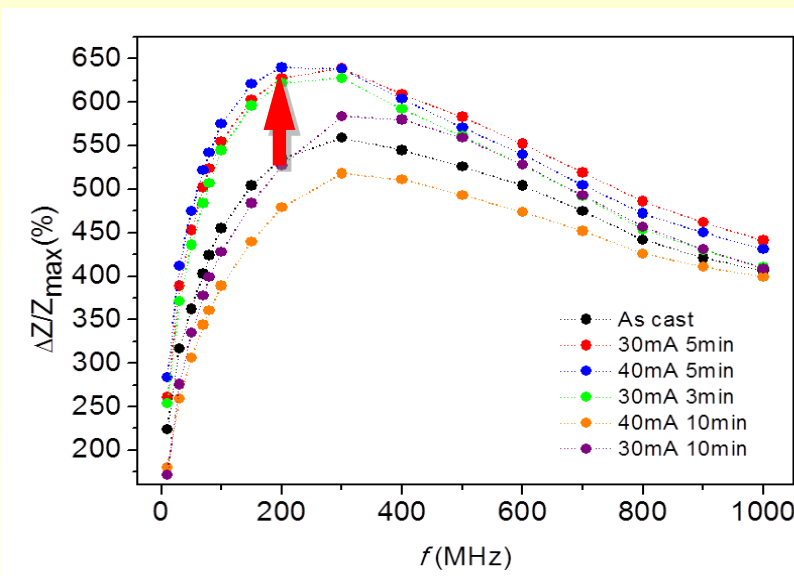
Tailoring by Joule heating

- Internal stresses relaxation
- Induced magnetic anisotropy

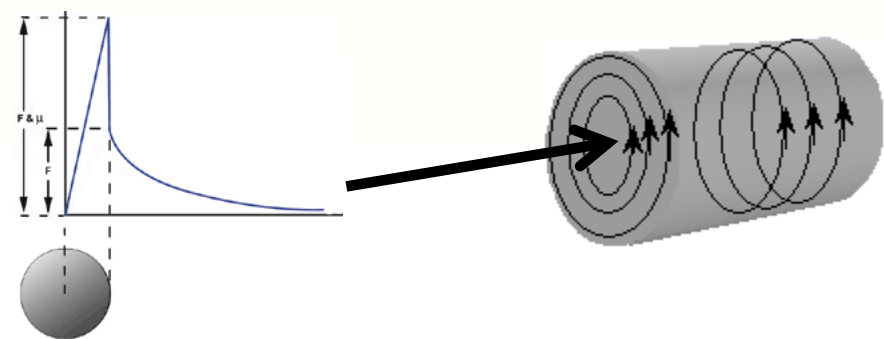
$H_k = 25 \text{ A/m}$



GMI ratio up to 650%



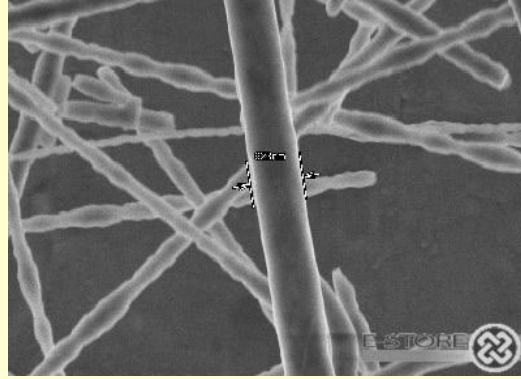
Circular magnetic field by current:



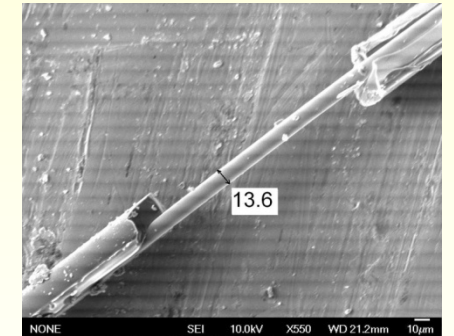
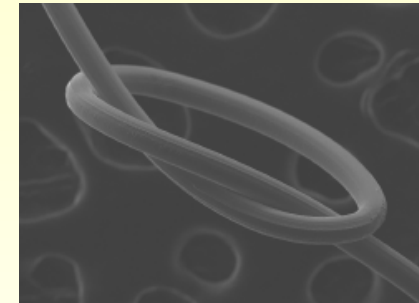
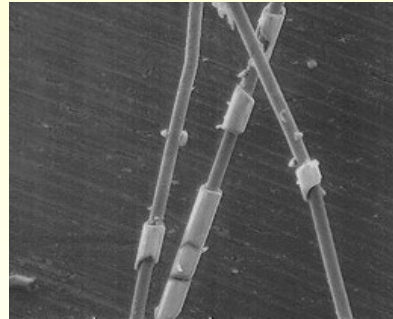
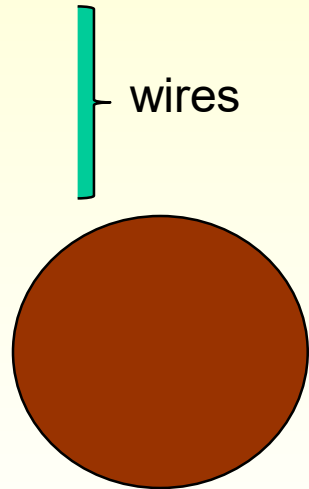
$H_c = 2 \text{ A/m}$

Magnetic wires:

- Iron whiskers
- Wiegand magnetic wires (CoVFe, 1970-th)



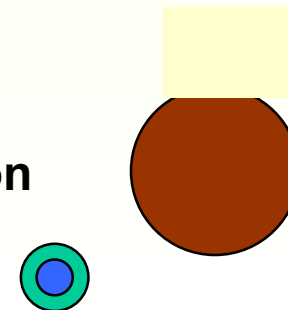
Amorphous: milli
(since 80-th) micro
nano



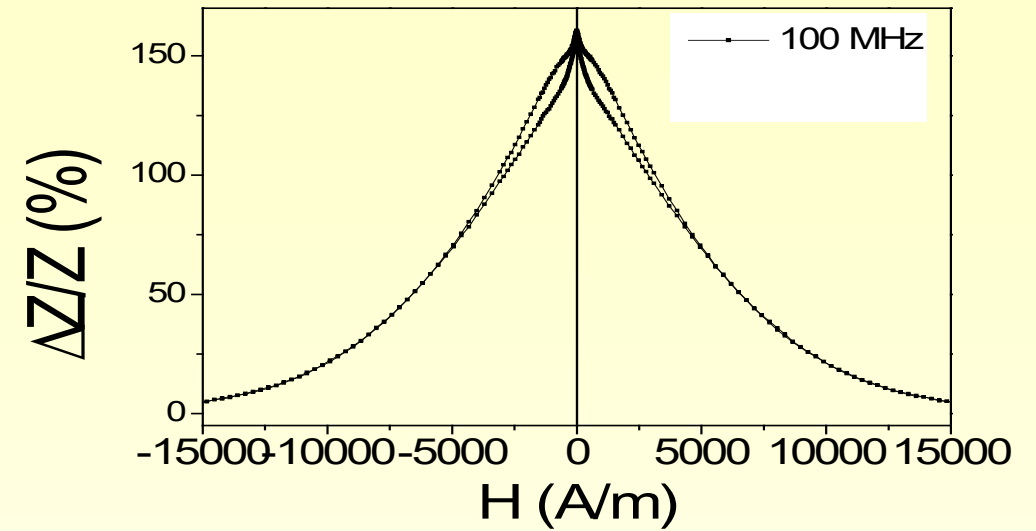
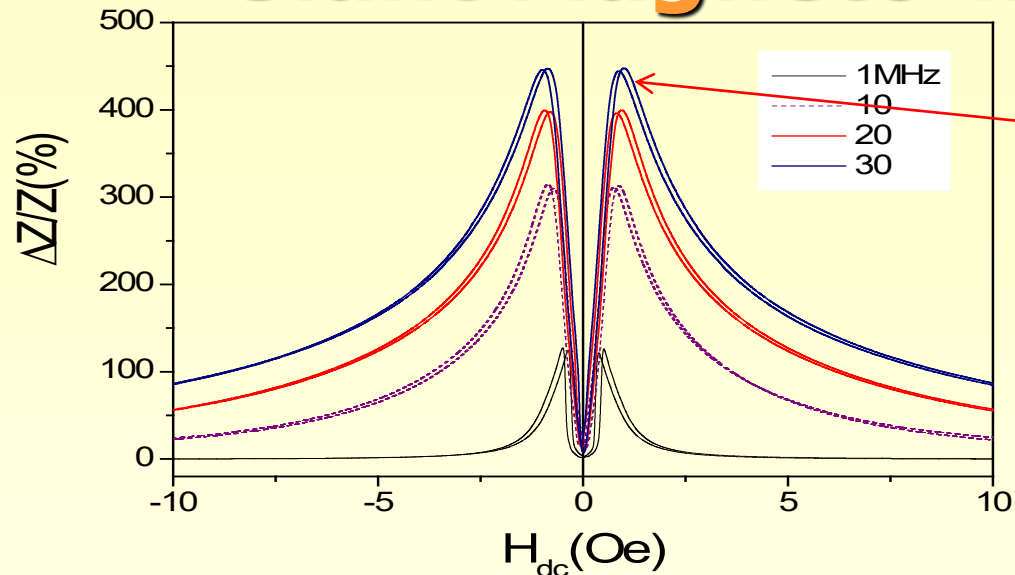
In-rotating water wires
(can be drawn to 20-30 μm) – rough surface

Melt extracted (40-50 μm)- not perfectly cylindrical cross section

Glass coated (0.1-50 μm)- glass coating (stresses)



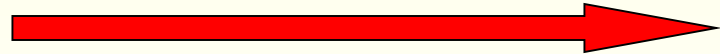
Giant Magneto-impedance effect



Magnetic field dependence and value are affected by magnetic anisotropy

■ Skin Effect of the Magnetic Conductor

AC current frequency

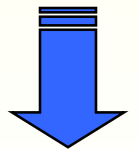


$$\mu_{\phi} \Downarrow \rightarrow \delta \Uparrow$$

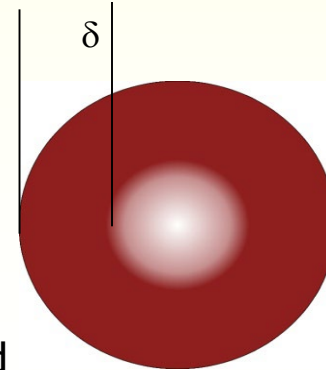
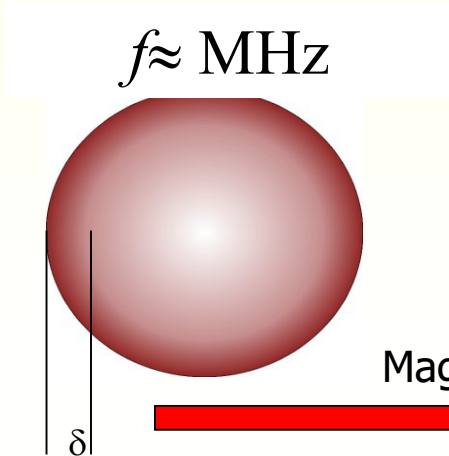
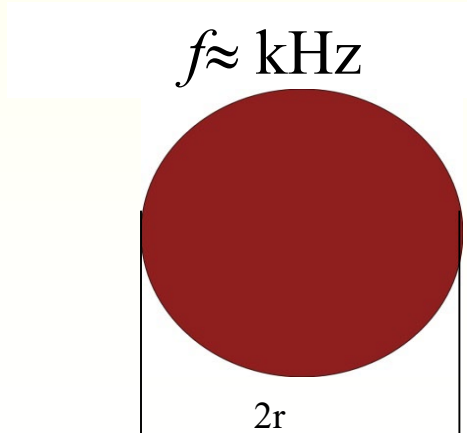
$$\delta = (\pi \sigma \mu_{\phi} f)^{-1/2}$$

1. $\mu_{\phi}(H, f)$
(Soft magnets)

2. $\delta < r$ (at high enough f)
(Low dimensions)



$Z(H)$



Magnetic field



$$\Delta Z / Z = \left\{ |Z(H_{ex})| - |Z(H_{max})| \right\} / |Z(H_{max})|$$

E.P. Harrison, et.al *Nature*, 1935, vol. 135, p. 961

Essentially to have magnetically soft conductor – cylindrical geometry best