Dynamics of domain walls in curved antiferromagnetic wires

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The influence of the curvature on the dynamical properties of transversal domain walls in a thin antiferromagnetic wire is studied theoretically. Equations of motion for an antiferromagnetic domain wall are obtained within the collective variable approach (q- Φ model). It is shown that (i) for the case of a localized bend, curvature results in a pinning potential for the domain wall. (ii) The gradient of the curvature results in a driving force on the domain wall and it effectively moves without any external stimuli. Although we showcase our approach on the specific parabola and Euler spiral geometries, the approach is general and valid for a wide class of geometries. All analytical predictions are confirmed by numerical simulations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Antiferromagnets are promising candidates for novel spintronic devices [1–5]. One of the key elements in these devices are domain walls (DWs). DWs are considered as carriers of essential information on the magnetic microstructure of a material [6,7] and logical bits in magnetic memory devices [8]. Furthermore, and similarly to ferromagnet-based DW logic [9], the understanding and control of antiferromagnetic (AFM) DWs could inform future approaches to AFM spintronics architectures.

Recent progress in the field of AFM spintronics has been made on the deterministic manipulation of AFM DWs using different external stimuli. AFM DWs can be effectively moved by using spin-transfer torque [10–13], spin-orbit torque [14–16], a rotating magnetic field [17], and by the propagation of spin waves [18,19]. All these studies are considering the DW dynamics in rectilinear systems, while the role of geometrical curvature remains unclear and a general theory for AFM DW dynamics in curved systems is absent. Nevertheless, one should note some progress in the theoretical studies of curvature-induced effects on equilibrium states in rings [20,21] and helices [22].

Here, we demonstrate that a gradient of curvature of the AFM wire can be considered as a driving force for AFM DW, i.e., AFM DW moves without any external stimuli. We show that (i) a localized bend of a wire results in a pinning potential for a DW, and (ii) DW performs a translational motion under the action of the gradient of the curvature. The static properties of AFM DWs are similar to those of ferromagnetic (FM) DW [23–25], while the dynamics is fundamentally different. The proposed approach is general and valid for a wide class of geometries. We applied our approach for the specific parabola and Euler spiral geometries, which cover any local geometry

that one wants to cover. The analytical results are confirmed with numerical simulations.

II. MODEL

We consider a thin wire made from an intrinsically achiral two-sublattice AFM material. The magnetic moments $\mu_i =$ M_i/M_0 are arranged along the space curve $\gamma(s)$ with s being an arc length coordinate, M_0 is the length of magnetic moment, and index *i* enumerates sublattices. The curved onedimensional (1D) wire $\gamma(s)$ lies within the xy plane and can be parametrized with curvature $\kappa(s)$. The local reference frame can be chosen as the Frenet-Serret frame with tangential $e_{\rm T} =$ $\partial_s \boldsymbol{\gamma}$, normal $\boldsymbol{e}_{\rm N} = \partial_s \boldsymbol{e}_{\rm T}/\kappa$, and binormal vectors $\boldsymbol{e}_{\rm B} = \boldsymbol{e}_{\rm T} \times \boldsymbol{e}_{\rm N}$. The order parameters of the antiferromagnet are given by the Néel vector $\mathbf{n} = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)/2$ and total magnetization $\mathbf{m} =$ $(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)/2$, where $\boldsymbol{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = 0$ and $\boldsymbol{n}^2 + \boldsymbol{m}^2 = 1$. The order parameters are assumed to be functions of a single spatial coordinate s. The model thus describes wires in the limit of very thin but fully compensated AFM structures, therefore now inhomogeneity is considered in the normal e_N and binormal $e_{\rm B}$ directions.

In the following, we will consider the case of a strong exchange field H_X acting between the magnetic sublattices [26]. It is large compared to the anisotropy field H_A , i.e., $\sqrt{H_A/H_X} = \zeta \ll 1$. In this case, the magnetization is small $(|\mathbf{m}| \ll 1 \text{ and } |\mathbf{n}| \approx 1)$, and the state of the AFM is determined by the Néel vector. The magnetic properties of the system can be modeled by means of the energy density

$$\mathscr{E} = A(\partial_s \boldsymbol{n})^2 + H_A M_0 [1 - (\boldsymbol{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{e}_T)^2], \qquad (1)$$

which is valid for antiferromagnets if the external magnetic field is absent. The first term in (1) describes the exchange interaction with the exchange stiffness constant A, and the second term is the easy-tangential anisotropy with the easy axis $e_{\rm T}$ being tangential to the wire.

The dynamics of the Néel vector can be described within the Lagrange formalism [27–30]. The Lagrangian \mathcal{L} and

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Rayleigh dissipation function \mathcal{R} normalized by $\sqrt{AH_AM_0}$ are given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{n}}^2 d\xi - \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathcal{R} = \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{n}}^2 d\xi, \quad (2a)$$

with total energy written in a curvilinear frame of reference [22]

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[n'_{\alpha} n'_{\alpha} + \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} (n'_{\alpha} n_{\beta} - n_{\alpha} n'_{\beta}) + \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta} n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} \right] d\xi.$$
(2b)

Here, the overdot indicates derivatives with respect to the dimensionless time $\tau = \omega_0 t$ with $\omega_0 = \gamma_0 \sqrt{H_A H_X}$ being the frequency of uniform AFM resonance and γ_0 being the gyromagnetic ratio, and the prime denotes the derivative with respect to the dimensionless arc length $\xi = s/\ell$ with $\ell =$ $\sqrt{A/(H_A M_0)}$ being the length scale of the system which defines the width of DW in rectilinear system, η is a damping coefficient, and n_{α} is a curvilinear component of the Néel vector. Here, greek indices run over the components of the {T, N, B} frame. The first term in energy (2b) corresponds to the common inhomogeneous exchange interaction in a rectilinear system, and the second term is a curvature-induced Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction with $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta}$ being the effective DMI tensor with two nonzero coefficients $\mathcal{D}_{TN} = -\mathcal{D}_{NT} =$ \varkappa and $\varkappa = \kappa \ell$ is the dimensionless curvature. The last term is an effective anisotropy $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\gamma}\mathcal{D}_{\beta\gamma} - \delta_{T\alpha}\delta_{T\beta}$ with $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$ being the Kronecker delta. The specific form of $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta}$ takes into account that a plane wire has zero torsion.

A small magnetization arises due to the dynamics of the Néel vector,

$$\boldsymbol{m} = \boldsymbol{\zeta}[\boldsymbol{\dot{n}} \times \boldsymbol{n}]. \tag{3}$$

The derivation of Eq. (3) and the procedure of exclusion of the magnetization from the AFM dynamics can be found in a number of previous works (for details, see Refs. [27,31,32]).

In the following we will utilize the assumption that the length of **n** is constant and we will use the angular parametrization of the Néel order parameter $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{e}_{T} \cos \theta + \sin \theta (\mathbf{e}_{N} \cos \phi + \mathbf{e}_{B} \sin \phi)$.

III. COLLECTIVE VARIABLE APPROACH

In order to study the statics and dynamics of the DW in a curved AFM system we will use a collective variable approach [33,34] based on the simple q- Φ model [33,35],

$$\cos \theta = -p \tanh \frac{\xi - q(\tau)}{\Delta}, \quad \phi = \Phi(\tau),$$
 (4)

which is widely used for different types of DWs [13,15,16,36–40] including curved wires [23,41,42] and narrow stripes [43,44]. For the case of wide stripes, i.e., thin stripes with width $\gg \ell$, we should modify the ansatz (4) in order to study DW deformations [45–47], which are beyond the scope of this work and thus omitted.

Parameters q and Φ are time-dependent collective variables, which determine the DW position and phase (orientation of the transversal component of n), respectively; p is a topological charge, which determines the DW type: head to head (p = +1) or tail to tail (p = -1). The DW width Δ



FIG. 1. Transversal AFM DW at the parabolic wire bend with $\varkappa_0 = 0.05$ for (a) p = +1 and $\cos \Phi_0 = -1$, and (b) p = -1 and $\cos \Phi_0 = +1$. Symbols and lines in (a) and (b) correspond to the data obtained by numerical simulations and ansatz (4), respectively. Insets in (a) and (b) show the distribution of magnetic moments of two sublattices for the stable DW structure in the parabolic wire.

is assumed to be a slaved variable [38,43,48], i.e., $\Delta(\tau) = \Delta[q(\tau), \Phi(\tau)]$. The model (4) coincides with the exact DW solution for wires with constant curvature ($\varkappa = \text{const, circle}$; $\varkappa = 0$, rectilinear wire). In the following, we restrict ourselves to the case $\varkappa < 1$ and consider \varkappa' as a small perturbation which results in a driving force, and does not modify significantly the profile of the DW (4) and its width Δ .

A. Statics of AFM DW in curved wire

Substituting the ansatz (4) into (2b) and performing integration over the arc length ξ , we obtain the energy in the form

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm DW} = \mathcal{E}_0 + 2p\pi\,\varkappa(q)\cos\Phi - 2\varkappa^2(q)\Delta\sin^2\Phi.$$
(5)

The first term $\mathcal{E}_0 = 2(1 + \Delta^2)/\Delta$ in (5) corresponds to the energy of the DW in a rectilinear system, and determines the competition of the inhomogeneous exchange and anisotropy contributions. Terms linear and quadratic with respect to curvature correspond to the geometry-induced DMI and anisotropy driven by the exchange [22,49], respectively. The term linear with respect to \varkappa in the energy (5) demonstrates the coupling between the curvature, DW topological charge, and phase, i.e., DW energy is minimized when $\cos \Phi_0 =$ $-\text{sgn}(p\varkappa)$ and such a DW wall is referred as a stable. A similar phase selectivity for AFM DWs with intrinsic DMI was discussed in Refs. [50,51]. One should note that the Néel vector is a director, and DWs with $\{p = +1, \cos \Phi_0 = -1\}$ and $\{p = -1, \cos \Phi_0 = +1\}$ for $\varkappa > 0$ are equivalent [52] (for details, see Fig. 1). From (5) we conclude that the position of stable equilibrium q_0 for DW is determined by the

condition

$$\varkappa'(q_0) = 0. (6)$$

Condition (6) means that the stable DW with $p \cos \Phi_0 = -1$ ($p \cos \Phi_0 = +1$) has minimal energy at the maximal (minimal) value of curvature. We expect that deviations of the DW position and phase from equilibrium values will result in the curvature-induced dynamics for DW. The effect of curvatureinduced motion will be discussed further.

The minimization of the energy (5) with respect to the DW width results in the equilibrium value $\Delta_0 = 1$, which is the same as for rectilinear wire. However, if the values of the DW position and phase deviate from equilibrium, the DW width is defined as $\Delta(\tau) = 1/\sqrt{1 - \varkappa^2(q) \sin^2 \Phi}$. Here, the coefficient $\varkappa^2(q)$ acts as an easy-binormal anisotropy constant.

B. Curvature-induced dynamics of the AFM DW

Let us now proceed to the dynamical properties of the AFM DW. The Lagrangian and Rayleigh dissipation function (2a) in terms of the collective variables can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}^{\rm DW} = \frac{2}{\Delta} \left[\dot{q}^2 + (\dot{\Phi}\Delta)^2 \right] - \mathcal{E}^{\rm DW},$$
$$\mathcal{R}^{\rm DW} = \frac{2}{\Delta} \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \left[\dot{q}^2 + (\dot{\Phi}\Delta)^2 \right]. \tag{7}$$

It is well known that for FM DWs the collective variables q and Φ are conjugated variables [38], i.e., the dynamics of q induces the dynamics of Φ and vice versa. Additionally, for FM DW, the phase is a canonically conjugated momentum to the DW position. This is not the case for AFM DW, where the DW position and phase have their own momentum.

By substituting (7) into the Lagrange-Rayleigh equations one obtains

$$\frac{4}{\Delta} \left[\ddot{q} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{q} \right] = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}^{\text{DW}}}{\partial q},$$
$$4\Delta \left[\ddot{\Phi} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{\Phi} \right] = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}^{\text{DW}}}{\partial \Phi}.$$
(8)

The second equation of the set (8) has a general solution $\cos \Phi_0 = \pm 1$. It means that during dynamics the transversal part of DW remains within the wire plane. The constant DW phase has an intuitive explanation: During the curvature-induced drift DW moves to the area with bigger curvature. In this case, the term linear with respect to curvature in the energy (5) becomes dominant, which results in the fixing of phase $\Phi_0 = 0$ or $\Phi_0 = \pi$.

First, we will consider the dynamics of the AFM DW in the wire with localized curvature $\varkappa(\pm\infty) = 0$. Here, we are interested in the linear dynamics of the DW in the vicinity of the equilibrium state. Therefore, we introduce small deviations in the way $q(\tau) = q_0 + \tilde{q}(\tau)$ and $\Phi(\tau) = \Phi_0 + \tilde{\Phi}(\tau)$. For the limit of weak curvature ($\varkappa \ll 1$) the equations of motion (8) linearized with respect to the deviations read

$$\ddot{\tilde{q}} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{\tilde{q}} \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \varkappa''(q_0) \tilde{q},$$

$$\ddot{\tilde{\Phi}} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{\tilde{\Phi}} \approx -\frac{\pi}{2} \varkappa(q_0) \tilde{\Phi}.$$
 (9)

The solution of (9) results in the decaying oscillations $\tilde{q}(\tau) = A_{\tilde{q}} \cos(\omega_q \tau + \psi_{\tilde{q}}) e^{-\eta \tau/(2\zeta)}$ and $\tilde{\Phi}(\tau) = A_{\tilde{\Phi}} \cos(\omega_{\Phi} \tau + \psi_{\tilde{\Phi}}) e^{-\eta \tau/(2\zeta)}$ with frequencies (for the case of low damping $\eta \ll 1$)

$$\omega_q \approx \sqrt{\pi |\varkappa''(q_0)|/2}, \quad \omega_\Phi \approx \sqrt{\pi |\varkappa(q_0)|/2}.$$
 (10)

The phases $\psi_{\tilde{q}}$ and $\psi_{\tilde{\Phi}}$ are determined by the initial conditions. Remarkably, for the case of a circular wire segment ($\varkappa = \text{const}$), where curvature does not produce any geometrical pinning potential, the DW phase has nonzero frequency ω_{Φ} while the position evolves as $\tilde{q} - \tilde{q}_0 = v_0 \zeta (1 - e^{-\eta \tau/\zeta})/\eta$, where \tilde{q}_0 and v_0 are an initial DW position and velocity, respectively.

In the more general case $\varkappa \in [0; 1]$ the ansatz (4) leads to the following expressions for the eigenfrequencies (for details, see Appendix A),

$$\begin{split} \omega_q &\approx \sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{I}_q|}{2}}, \quad \omega_\Phi \approx \sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{I}_\Phi|}{2}}, \\ \mathcal{I}_q &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\varkappa''(\xi)}{\cosh\left(\xi - q_0\right)} d\xi, \\ \mathcal{I}_\Phi &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\frac{\varkappa(\xi)}{\cosh\left(\xi - q_0\right)} - \frac{\varkappa^2(\xi)}{\cosh^2\left(\xi - q_0\right)} \right] d\xi. \tag{11}$$

In this case the equilibrium position is defined by the equation $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi \varkappa'(\xi) / \cosh(\xi - q_0) = 0$. The corresponding frequencies are presented in Fig. 2.

In order to check the general results obtained above, we performed a set of numerical simulations (for details, see Appendix B), for the case of parabolic wires with geometry

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + \varkappa_0 \frac{\boldsymbol{x}^2(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{2}\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}.$$
 (12)

For the parabolic wire (12) the equilibrium position is $q_0 = 0$, which corresponds to the extreme value of the curvature \varkappa_0 . In the limit of weak curvature the resulting frequencies of oscillations for DW position and phase are $\omega_q = \sqrt{3\pi |\varkappa_0|/2}$ and $\omega_{\Phi} = \sqrt{\pi |\varkappa_0|/2}$, respectively (see Fig. 2). One can see that the frequency of the DW position oscillations is of a third order of magnitude with respect to the curvature compared to the DW phase oscillations.

In a second step, the general equations of motion (8) are applied for the case of the Euler spiral geometry [54], also known as a Cornu spiral or clothoid. The geometry of the Euler spiral is defined as

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sqrt{\pi/\chi} \Big[\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\xi}\sqrt{\chi/\pi})\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + \mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\xi}\sqrt{\chi/\pi})\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} \Big], \quad (13)$$

where $C(u) = \int_0^u \cos \left[\pi x^2/2\right] dx$ and $S(u) = \int_0^u \sin \left[\pi x^2/2\right] dx$ are Fresnel integrals. The curvature of this curve is a linear function of the arc length $\varkappa = \chi \xi$ with χ being a dimensionless gradient of the curvature [55].

For the Euler spiral, the equations of motion (8) result in a constant DW phase $\Phi(\tau) = \Phi_0$, while the DW position moves with velocity

$$\dot{q}(\tau) = v + [v_0 - v]e^{-\eta \tau/\zeta}, \quad v = \chi \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\zeta}{\eta},$$
 (14)



FIG. 2. Dynamics of the transversal DW in a parabolic wire bend. (a) and (b) show the time dependencies (with the corresponding Fourier spectra) of position $\tilde{q} = q - q_0$ and phase $\tilde{\Phi} = \Phi - \Phi_0$, respectively, for wire with $\varkappa_0 = 0.05$. (c) Eigenfrequencies of the DW position and DW phase oscillations in the vicinity of the equilibrium. Dashed and solid lines in (c) correspond to the predictions (10) and (11), respectively. Symbols show the results of numerical simulations. In all simulations we have $\eta = 10^{-4}$ and $\zeta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ (for details, see Appendix B). The corresponding DW dynamics is illustrated with a Supplemental movie [53].

where v_0 is an initial DW velocity and $v = \dot{q}(\tau \to \infty)$ is an asymptotic velocity for DW. In a short time limit $\tau \ll \zeta/\eta$ or vanishing damping $(\eta \to 0)$ we can approximate the DW velocity as $\dot{q} \approx v_0 + a\tau$ with $a = \pi \chi/2$ being a DW acceleration. Here, we can see that the DW velocity increases linearly with time. The resulting DW velocity (14) as a function of the gradient of the curvature is plotted in Fig. 3. One should note that for velocities close to magnon velocity the model should be revised by considering deformations of the DW shape.

It is instructive to compare the curvature-induced effects for FM and AFM DWs in curved wires. The curvatureinduced driving for DWs in FM and AFM wires originate from an exchange-driven Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction



FIG. 3. Asymptotic DW velocity v as a function of the gradient of the curvature χ . The solid line gives the analytical prediction (14). Symbols show the results of numerical simulations. In all simulations we have $\eta = 10^{-2}$ and $\zeta = 2.5 \times 10^{-2}$.

[22,49]. For both cases of magnetic ordering, in wires with localized curvature the DWs are pinned at the maximal value of curvature distribution, which also results in phase selectivity for DWs [23,24,56]. While the statics for different ordering remain the same, the dynamics is essentially different. (i) For FM DWs the eigenfrequency oscillations of position and phase, in the vicinity of equilibrium, are the same, $\omega_{q,\Phi}^{\rm FM}\propto$ $\sqrt{|\varkappa(q_0)\varkappa''(q_0)|}$ [23], while for AFM DWs they are different [see Eq. (10)]. Remarkably, for the case of constant curvature (the case of a circular wire segment) one can observe oscillations of the phase for AFM DW with finite frequency $\omega_{\Phi} \propto \sqrt{|\varkappa(q_0)|}$. (ii) For the AFM DW we obtained constant asymptotic velocity $v \propto \chi$ and phase $\Phi = \text{const}$, while in a uniaxial FM wire the DWs move with a velocity which increases exponentially. The constant asymptotic velocity for FM DWs is possible only in biaxial wires where the phase behaves as $\hat{\Phi}^{\text{FM}} - \Phi_0 \propto 1/q^{\text{FM}}(\tau)$ [43]. (iii) In a limit case of zero damping $(\eta = 0)$ AFM DWs move with a constant acceleration $a \propto \chi$ and $\Phi = \text{const}$, while FM DWs move with a velocity $v^{\text{FM}} \propto \chi e^{\chi \tau}$ and $\Phi_{\tau \to \infty}^{\text{FM}} \to \Phi_0 - \pi/2 \cos \Phi_0$.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we demonstrate the effect of curvatureinduced pinning and driving for the transversal DW in thin planar AFM wires. The origin of the pinning/driving is an exchange-driven effective DMI [22,49]. We obtain expressions for eigenfrequencies (11) of DW oscillations in the vicinity of the equilibrium state. For the case of weak curvature the approximation (10) can be used [see Fig. 2(c)]. The curvature-induced motion of the DW is accompanied by a constant DW phase ($\cos \Phi_0 = \pm 1$), while the DW velocity is defined by the gradient of the curvature $v \propto \chi$ [see Eq. (14)].

In a linear approximation with respect to the curvature, the presented approach can be applied for the arbitrary curved nonplanar wires with small torsion. In this case torsion results in negligibly small corrections of the second order of magnitude.

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APPENDIX A: DETAILS OF THE q- Φ MODEL FOR $\varkappa < 1$

Substituting the ansatz (4) into the energy expression (2b) and performing the integration one obtains (up to an additive constant)

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{DW}}}{2} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left[p \,\mathcal{W}_1 \cos \Phi - \mathcal{W}_2 \sin^2 \Phi \right],$$
$$\mathcal{W}_k = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{w^k(\xi)}{k} d\xi, \quad w(\xi) = \varkappa \Delta / \cosh\left[\frac{\xi - q}{\Delta}\right].$$
(A1)

In the limit case $\varkappa \ll 1$ the expression (A1) is reduced to (5). For the more general case $0 < \varkappa < 1$ one has $w_1 < 1$ and consequently $W_1 > W_2$. In this case the value of phase Φ which minimizes the energy (A1) is determined as $\cos \Phi_0 = -p$ and the corresponding value of the equilibrium domain wall position q_0 is determined as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\varkappa'(\xi)}{\cosh\left[\xi - q_0\right]} d\xi = 0.$$
 (A2)

The equations of motion linearized in the vicinity of the equilibrium q_0 and Φ_0 read

$$\ddot{\tilde{q}} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{\tilde{q}} \approx -\tilde{q} \frac{\mathcal{I}_q}{2},$$
$$\ddot{\tilde{\Phi}} + \frac{\eta}{\zeta} \dot{\tilde{\Phi}} \approx -\tilde{\Phi} \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}}{2}.$$
(A3)

Constants \mathcal{I}_q and \mathcal{I}_{Φ} are defined in (11).

APPENDIX B: DETAILS ON NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

In order to verify our analytical calculations we perform a set numerical simulations for AFM curved wires. We consider a single chain with lattice constant *a*. Each node is characterized by a magnetic moment $m_i(t)$ which is located at the position r_i . Here, $i \in \mathbb{N}$ defines the magnetic moment and its position on the chain with size $i \in [1, N]$. The dynamics of a magnetic system is govern by discrete Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equations

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{m}_i}{dt} = \frac{\gamma_0}{\mu_s} \left[\boldsymbol{m}_i \times \frac{\partial \mathscr{H}}{\partial \boldsymbol{m}_i} \right] + \eta \left[\boldsymbol{m}_i \times \frac{d\boldsymbol{m}_i}{dt} \right], \quad (B1)$$

where μ_s is a magnetic moment of a magnetic site. The Hamiltonian of a magnetic system has the following form,

$$\mathscr{H} = \frac{\mathscr{J}}{2} \sum \boldsymbol{m}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{m}_j - \frac{\mathscr{K}}{2} \sum (\boldsymbol{m}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_i)^2.$$
(B2)

Here, $\mathcal{J} > 0$ is an effective exchange integral which favors AFM ordering, $\mathcal{K} > 0$ is an effective easy-tangential anisotropy constant, *j* runs over nearest neighbors, and $\tau_i = \tau(ai)$ is a tangent unit vector to the wire. Note that the normal

 τ_i introduces the information about the wire shape into the model (B2).

The length scale in simulations is defined with the magnetic length as $\ell = a\sqrt{\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{K}}$, and the dimensionless time is defined as $\tau = 2\gamma_0 t\sqrt{\mathcal{J}\mathcal{K}}/\mu_s$.

The magnetization dynamics is simulated by means of numerical solution of the set of ordinary differential equations (B1) for the initial conditions determined by the initial magnetization.

1. Simulations of parabola wire

We considered the parabola wire with geometry defined in (12). In simulations we considered parabola wire with N = 1001, and magnetic length $\ell = 20a$. The extreme curvature \varkappa_0 was varied in the range $\varkappa_0 \in [0, 0.2]$ with a step $\Delta \varkappa_0 = 0.01$.

The numerical experiment consist of two steps. Initially we relaxed the DW structure in an overdamped regime ($\eta = 0.5$) with initial position $q(0) = q_0 + 2\ell$ and phase $\Phi(0) = \Phi_0 + \pi/10$. In the second step we simulate a free dynamics of the system with low damping $\eta = 10^{-4}$. The equilibrium states of the DWs are presented in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b). To determine the values of q and Φ we extract the curvilinear components of the Néel vector $n_{\rm T} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\rm T}$, $n_{\rm N} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\rm N}$, and $n_{\rm B} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\rm B}$ from simulation data, and apply fitting with ansatz (4). The corresponding time evolution of DW position and phase is presented in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b), respectively, where one can see harmonic decaying oscillations with well pronounced frequencies ω_q and ω_{Φ} .

2. Simulations of Euler spiral wire

We considered the Euler spiral wire with geometry defined in (13). In simulations we considered a wire with N = 1001, magnetic length $\ell = 20a$, and gradient of the curvature $\chi \in$ $[1, 10] \times 10^{-3}$ with step $\Delta \chi = 1 \times 10^{-3}$.

Similarly to the case of parabola geometry, here we also performed simulations in two steps. First, we relaxed the DW structure in an overdamped regime ($\eta = 0.5$) with initial position q(0) = 0 and phase $\Phi(0) = \Phi_0$. The initial position for DW corresponds to the curvature with $\varkappa[q(0)] = 0$. In the second step we simulate a free dynamics of the system with low damping $\eta = 10^{-2}$. The analysis of the DW behavior was performed in the same manner as for a parabola.

The velocity for DWs was obtained as the fitting parameter of $q(\tau)$ obtained in simulations. For fitting we used trial functions $q(\tau) = q_0 + v\tau$.

3. Movies of the DW motion

For a better illustration of the DW motion induced by the curvature gradients, we prepared movies of DW dynamics in the Supplemental Material [53]. Movies are based on data obtained by means of the numerical simulations.

AFM_DW_parabola_k_0.1_eta_10e-4.mp4 shows the dynamics of the AFM DW in the parabolic wire with the $\varkappa_0 = 0.1$ and Gilbert damping $\eta = 10^{-4}$.

AFM_DW_euler_spiral_chi_5e-3_eta_10e-2.mp4 shows the dynamics of the AFM DW in the Euler spiral with the gradient of the curvature $\chi = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ and Gilbert damping $\eta = 10^{-2}$.

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