The combined action of a transverse spin-polarized current and the current-induced Ørsted field on long ferromagnetic nanostripes is studied numerically and analytically. The magnetization behavior is analyzed for stripes with various widths and for all range of the applied current density. It is established that Ørsted field does not destroy periodical magnetization structures induced by the spin-torque, e.g. vortex-antivortex crystal and cross-tie domain walls. However, the action of the Ørsted field disables the saturation state for the strong currents: a stationary state with a single longitudinal domain wall appears instead. Shape of this wall remains constant with the current increasing. The latter phenomenon is studied both numerically and analytically.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A magnetic waveguide, which consists of periodic magnetic structures, in recent years becomes an object of interest due to Bragg reflection which affect the spin wave dispersion. Magnetic waveguides can be fabricated by alternating material or geometrical parameters. All this magnetic waveguides are permanent, i.e. the spectra of spin waves cannot be changed dynamically after fabrication. However, it was demonstrated recently that using strong spin-polarized current one can induce periodical magnetization structures on demand in nanomagnets.

These structures take the appropriate form according to the shape of the magnet and the current density: a square vortex–antivortex lattice is formed in a thin film, a one–dimensional domain structure is formed in a nanowire and intermediate vortex-antivortex structures are formed in a thin stripe. Such periodical magnetization structures induced by spin-polarized current can be used for dynamic control of spin wave spectra in low-power filters and in other magnonic devices.

There are two main techniques which allow to inject pure spin-polarized current into a magnetic samples without creation of the current induced Ørsted field and significant heating. One of them utilizes geometrically separated areas with charge and spin currents injection and it is called non-local spin-current injection. And another one utilizes spin-orbit torques which appear on the interconnection area of a ferromagnetic stripe and a non-magnetic conductive layer with strong spin-orbit interactions. Using this spin-orbit torques one can create different realizations of classical field-like torques (e.g. indirect Rashba effect) and Slonczewski-Berger torque (e.g. spin Hall effects and the direct Rashba effect).

However, the simplest method of the spin-polarized current production is based on passing conducting electrons through a pillar magnetic heterostructure, see Fig. 1 (a). The simplest pillar structure consists of two ferromagnetic layers (Polarizer and Sample) and non-magnetic Spacer between them, see Fig. 1 (a). When the electrical current passes through the Polarizer the conduction electrons flow perpendicularly to the studied stripe opposite to ẑ–direction, thereby the conduction electrons flow in the opposite side, as shown by the red (large) arrow. The black (small) arrow indicates the direction of the polarizer magnetization. (b) The Ørsted field distributions induced by electrical current within the Sample plane for an infinite stripe length.

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the spin–torque from Polarizer to the Sample what can result in dynamics of the Sample magnetization. The spin–torque influence can be described phenomenologically by adding the SLT into Landau–Lifshitz equation.\textsuperscript{20–22}

The electrical current generates Ørsted field, the exact form of which depends on a cross-section of the heterostructure. The aim of this work is to show that periodical structures can be formed in the case of combined action of a transverse spin-polarized current and the current-induced Ørsted field on long ferromagnetic nanostripes. In our study, we consider two different spatial distributions of the Ørsted field: for stripe with infinite and finite length, see Fig. 1 (b) and Fig. 7 (a), respectively. By varying the stripe width we study the current induced magnetization behavior in wide range, starting from narrow stripes ($w \ll h$) and up to quasi two–dimensional wide stripes ($w \gg h$), where $w$ and $h$ denote the stripe width and thickness, respectively. We assume that the stripe is sufficiently long, so that $L \gg w$ and $L \gg h$ with $L$ being the stripe length, and thin enough to ensure uniformity of the magnetization along the thickness. Details of the problem geometry are shown in Fig. 1.

II. MODEL DESCRIPTION

Our study is based on the Landau–Lifshitz–Slonczewski phenomenological equation:\textsuperscript{20–22}

$$\dot{m} = m \times \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta m} - j a \frac{m \times [m \times \hat{z}]}{1 + \beta (m \cdot \hat{z})}, \tag{1}$$

where $m = M/M_s = (m_x, m_y, m_z)$ is the normalized magnetization vector, $M_s$ is the saturation magnetization. The overdot indicates a derivative with respect to the rescaled time which is measured in units $(4\pi\gamma M_s)^{-1}$, $\gamma$ is a gyromagnetic ratio and $\mathcal{E} = E/(4\pi M_s^2)$ is the normalized magnetic energy. The normalized spin–current density $j = J_0/e$, where $J_0 = 4\pi M_s^2 e/h$, with $e$ being the electron charge, $h$ is the Planck constant. The spin–torque efficiency coefficients $\alpha$ and $\beta$ have the forms $\alpha = PA^2/\Lambda^2$ and $\beta = \Lambda^2 - 1/\Lambda^2 + 1$, where $P$ is the degree of spin polarization and the parameter $\Lambda$ describes the resistance mismatch between the spacer and the ferromagnet stripe.\textsuperscript{22,23} The damping is omitted in Eq. (1), because, as it was shown earlier,\textsuperscript{8,9} the transverse spin–polarized current plays the role of an effective damping, which is usually greater than the natural one. It should also be noted that the Eq. (1) is written for the case when the Polarizer is magnetized along the $\hat{z}$–axis, see Fig. 1.

We consider here a magnetic system, the total energy $E = E_{ex} + E_d + E_z$ of which consists of three parts: exchange, dipole-dipole and Zeeman contributions. Exchange energy has the form

$$E_{ex} = \frac{A}{2} \int_V \left[ (\nabla m_x)^2 + (\nabla m_y)^2 + (\nabla m_z)^2 \right], \tag{2}$$

where $A$ is the exchange constant.

The energy of dipole-dipole interaction is

$$E_d = \frac{M_s^2}{2} \int_V \int_V \left( m(r) \cdot \nabla \right) \left( m(r') \cdot \nabla \right) \frac{1}{|r - r'|}. \tag{3}$$

Zeeman energy describes the interaction of magnetic film with Ørsted field $B(J, r)$

$$E_z = -M_s \int_V d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{B}(J, r) \cdot \mathbf{m}, \tag{4}$$

where the spatial distribution of $\mathbf{B}(J, r)$ is determined by the form of the sample cross-section.

III. SIMULATION RESULTS

Here we report on the results of a numerical study which is based on the micromagnetic simulations.\textsuperscript{24,25} The lengths of all studied stripes are the same $L = 1 \mu m$. To ensure the magnetization uniformity along the $\hat{z}$–axis we consider only thin stripes with a thickness about one magnetic length, namely $h = 5 \text{ nm}$. Since the thickness is small, the current density is assumed to be spatially uniform. The width is varied in a wide range $1 \leq w \leq 100 \text{ nm}$. A uniform in-plane magnetization state along the stripe (along the $\hat{x}$–axis) is chosen as an initial state for each simulation because it is very close to the ground state of a long stripe. In order to consider all possible current values we adiabatically increase the current density from zero to values where magnetization state does not depend on the current density.\textsuperscript{26}

Two different types of numerical experiments are performed by means of micromagnetic simulations. In the first type of simulations we consider finite length stripe samples under the action of pure spin-polarized current (without Ørsted field). As a result we obtain all magnetization states which were found in our previous studies for more thick samples.\textsuperscript{10} However, due to the thickness reducing from $h = 10 \text{ nm}$ in the previous simulations to $h = 5 \text{ nm}$ in the current ones, the typical current values, which corresponds to a certain magnetization state, become smaller. Namely, it is nearly three times less for the same stripe width, see Fig. 2 (a) and Fig. 2 in Ref. 10. Moreover, we perform the same simulations for stripes with periodic boundary conditions along the stripe which models the quasi-infinite stripe sample. In this simulations we do not find any principal differences with our previous results. This means that our stripe length $L = 1 \mu m$ is large enough to generalize the phase diagram Fig. 2 (a) for longer stripes.

In the second type of simulations we consider quasi-infinite ferromagnetic stripe samples under the combined action of the spin-polarized current and the Ørsted field. In this simulations we also use the periodic boundary conditions along the stripe. In this case the exact form of the field reads:

$$\mathbf{B}(J, r) = \frac{4\pi c}{J} y \hat{x}, \tag{5}$$
amond states remain stable in both cases, although, in sricystals, the cross-tie domain walls and the vortex di-

between these two regimes: (I) the vortex-antivortex qua-

zation structures appear in both cases, with and without

chaotic dynamical regime and stable periodical magneti-

Ørsted field on magnetization, and it will be discussed in

result of competition of influences of spin-torque and the

in Fig. 2 (b) and the inset picture Fig. 2 (f). This is the

domain wall state appears instead of it, see the region 4

regions are summarized in the form of the phase diagram

of the phase diagrams in Fig. 2; the uniform out-of-plane

current densities and for all stripe widths, see the region 2

number of mesh cells in the square area where Fourier

We use two-dimensional (2D) Fourier transform of the

out-of-plane magnetization component

$$F_z^{2D}(k_j) = \frac{1}{N_{xy}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{xy}} [m_z(r_i) - \langle m_z \rangle] e^{-ik_j \cdot r_i} \tag{6}$$

to distinguish and analyze various periodical structures,

such as longitudinal domain walls, quasicrystals and

cross-tie domain walls. In Eq. (6), $N_{xy}$ is the total

number of mesh cells in the square area where Fourier

transform is applied, $r_i = (x_i, y_i)$ is a two-dimen-

sional vector pointing to the appropriate cell of mesh, $\langle m_z \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{xy}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{xy}} m_z(r_i)$ is the averaged out-of-plane magneti-

zation component and $k_j = (k^x_j, k^y_j)$ is a 2D wave-vector.

As one can conclude from the Fig. 3 (a), the action of the

Ørsted field leads to the deformation of the quasicrystal

state at the stripe edges, this results in formation of ad-
FIG. 3. (Color online) Magnetization distributions and its two-dimension Fourier spectrums of the square central part of the stripe with \( w = 93 \) nm width with quasi-crystal magnetization state (a) and quintuple domain wall state (b), which were obtained for currents \( J = 6 \times 10^{12} \) A/m² and \( J = 7 \times 10^{12} \) A/m², respectively. The wave vectors \( k_x \) and \( k_y \) are measured in units \( 2\pi/\ell \), where \( \ell \) is the exchange length.

FIG. 4. (Color online) Dependence of the average out-of-plane magnetization component \( \langle m_z \rangle \) on the current density in the case of the quasi-infinite stripe with \( w = 93 \) nm. The row of insets (a), (b) and (c) show the out-of-plane magnetization distributions along the stripe width for quintuple \( (J = 7 \times 10^{12} \) A/m²), triple \( (J = 12.5 \times 10^{12} \) A/m²) and single \( (J = 15 \times 10^{12} \) A/m²) longitudinal domain walls states, respectively.

ditional peaks in the 2D Fourier spectrum, see Fig. 3 (a). For the case of a longitudinal domain wall the \( k_x \) components are absent in the Fourier spectrum, see Fig. 3 (b). This feature is used for the structure separation in the phase diagrams in Fig. 2. On the other hand this feature allows us only to separate two-dimensional and one-dimensional magnetization structures but it couldn’t help to separate the magnetization structures with different number of domain walls, which take place on both diagrams, see Fig. 2 (a) and (b). For this separation we build the distribution of the out-of-plane magnetization component \( m_z \) along the stripe width and we count all maximums which appear on it. This number of maximums shows to us the corresponding number of domain walls, as one can see form the inset pictures (a),(b) and (c) in Fig. 4.

On the next stage of our studying we build the dependence of the averaged out-of-plane magnetization component \( \langle m_z \rangle \) on the current density for stripe sample with \( w = 93 \) nm, as one can see from the upper picture in Fig. 4. On this dependence one can see the regions of various magnetization states which appear during the current density increase: region 2 is the static homogeneous magnetization state within the plane of the stripe with \( \langle m_z \rangle = 0 \) and it was described in details in Ref. 9; region 15 is the chaotic dynamical state of vortex-antivortex gas and it leads to a noisiness of the \( \langle m_z \rangle \) component, however, its value grows with the current density; region 14 is the vortex-antivortex quasicrystal state, which was described in Ref. 8. The \( \langle m_z \rangle(J) \) dependence is smooth but not monotonous. The existence of maximums is associated with structure reorganization of the quasicrystal, which occurs with the current growing; regions 8, 6 and 4 are magnetization states with five, three and one longitudinal domain walls, respectively. As one can see from the Fig. 4 the \( \langle m_z \rangle(J) \) dependence reaches its maximum in the region with five domain walls and after that it decreases smoothly with current increases. During this process the number of domain walls decreases to one. This happens due to the influence of the Ørsted field which becomes stronger with higher values of current density and it has the maximum values on the stripe edges, see Fig. 1 (b). As a final magnetization state the single domain wall appears, it has its own characteristics: (i) in-plane magnetization components of the domain wall turn perpendicularly to the field, which is unusual, see the inset picture (a) in Fig. 5; (ii) the profile of the domain wall is described by cosine in the center of stripe, see Fig. 5 (b). It is different from the usual form of head-to-head or tail-to-tail domain walls in ferromagnetic samples
the domain wall $\Delta w$ on the current density for quasi-infinite Py stripe with $w = 93$ nm for the case of combined action of the Ørsted field and spin-polarized current. The inset picture (a) shows the in-plane magnetization distribution in the central area of the stripe with dimensions $100 \times 93$ nm$^2$ for the same current density. The inset picture (b) shows the out-of-plane magnetization distribution along the stripe width for $J = 250 \times 10^{12}$ A/m$^2$ and definition of $\Delta w$.

which is described by hyperbolic secant; in addition (iii) the width of the domain wall $\Delta w$ is determined by stripe width and it does not depend on the material parameters as for usual domain walls. (iv) For large current densities the form of the domain wall becomes “frozen”, in other words, it does not change during the current grows. To show the last characteristic we build the dependence of the domain wall $\Delta w$ on current density for stripe sample with $w = 93$ nm width, see Fig. 5. The width $\Delta w$ is found as a full width at half maximum for each current density, as it is shown on the inset of Fig. 5 (b). As one can see, this dependence reaches the maximum and after that it decreases reaching some horizontal asymptote. This means that for infinitely high currents an unchangeable structure appears which is analyzed in Section IV.

The maximum on the dependence on Fig. 5 can be explained as the influence of edge effects which appear from the competition of the dipole-dipole interaction with current induced field and spin-transfer torque on the stripe edge. The influence of the edge effects becomes even more stronger when we study the current action on finite length stripe samples, see Appendix A for details.

IV. LONGITUDINAL DOMAIN WALL INDUCED BY STRONG CURRENT

In this section we show that for strong current densities the competition of the Ørsted field and the spin-torques results in a formation of the single longitudinal domain wall instead of the uniformly saturated state. For qualitative description of the phenomenon it is enough to model the magnetostatic energy of the stripe by the bi-

axial anisotropy: 27-29

$$E_{\text{an}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \text{d}r' \left( K_p m_z^2 - K_a m_z^2 \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

where $K_p > 0$ and $K_a > 0$ are easy-plane and easy-axis anisotropy coefficients, respectively, and can be assessed as demagnetization factors of thin ferromagnetic stripe. 30

Taking into account Eqs. (2), (4), (5), (7) and using the representation of the magnetization vector in the spherical coordinate system $\mathbf{m} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi; \sin \theta \sin \phi; \cos \theta)$ one can get the corresponding total normalized energy of the system:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int \text{d}r \left\{ \ell^2 \left[ (\nabla \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta (\nabla \phi)^2 \right] + k_p \cos^2 \theta \right.$$  
$$\left. - k_a \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi - 2 j \frac{y h}{s_0} \sin \theta \cos \phi \right\},$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

where $k_p = \frac{K_p}{4 \pi M_s}$ and $k_a = \frac{K_a}{4 \pi M_s}$ are the normalized coefficients of effective anisotropy, $\ell = \sqrt{A \pi M_s}$ is the exchange length and $s_0 = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi c |e|}$ is an effective area, where $\Phi_0 = h \pi c / |e|$ is magnetic flux quantum and $B_0 = 4 \pi M_s$ is the saturation field. For Permalloy $\ell \approx 5.3$ nm, $B_0 \approx 1.08 \times 10^4$ G, it is remarkable that value of the effective area $s_0 \approx 6.09 \times 10^5$ nm$^2$ is of the same order of magnitude as area of the stripe cross-section. Substituting the energy (8) into the equation (1) and considering only static solution, one can write the set of equations:

$$\ell^2 \nabla \left( \sin^2 \theta \nabla \phi \right) - k_a \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi$$  
$$- j \sin \theta \left[ \frac{y h}{s_0} \sin \phi + \frac{\alpha \sin \theta}{1 + \beta \cos \theta} \right] = 0,$$  \hspace{1cm} (9a)

$$\ell^2 \Delta \theta + \frac{\sin 2 \theta}{2} \left[ k_p + k_a \cos^2 \phi - \ell^2 (\nabla \phi)^2 \right] + j \frac{y h}{s_0} \cos \theta \cos \phi = 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (9b)

One can see that in the case of high current density $k_p, k_a \ll j y h / s_0$ there is solution in linear approximation:

$$\theta \approx \frac{h y}{s_0 P} \left[ 1 + O \left( \frac{h^2 w^2}{s_0^2} \right) \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (10a)

$$\phi \approx - \frac{\pi}{2}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (10b)

The linear approximation in Eq. (10a) works well in the whole range of parameters $y \in (0, w/2)$ under the following condition

$$c = \frac{w^2 h^2 \left( 1 - \beta - 2 \beta^2 \right)}{24 \alpha^2 s_0^2} \ll 1.$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

This means that one can neglect the next term in a series. For our material and geometrical parameters for stripe sample with $w = 93$ nm one can estimate that $c \approx 0.08 \ll
FIG. 6. (Color online) Analytical solutions (10a) and (10b) for the single domain wall state (solid lines) versus simulation data (point markers). Simulations were performed for Permalloy stripe sample with width \( w = 93 \) nm.

1, hence the linear dependence works well for all range of \( y \in (0, w/2) \).

The solution (10) originates from the competition of the spin-torque which is created by spin-polarized current and the influence of the Ørsted field. As one can see, solution (10a) contains only geometrical and material parameters and it does not include current density. This fact means that for high current densities we obtain “frozen” single domain wall, whose form does not change with current increasing. As one can see from Fig. 5 and 6, our analytical solutions (10) are in a good agreement with simulations data for large values of current density for strong enough currents.

V. SUMMARY

We study numerically the periodical structures formation under the combined action of spin-polarized current and the current-induced Ørsted field. In all studied cases, cross-tie, longitudinal domain walls and vortex-antivortex quasicrystals appear. As a result of competition of spin-polarized current and Ørsted field the single domain wall state in induced instead of the saturation, as in the case of pure spin current without the Ørsted field. It is shown both numerically and analytically that shape of this wall remains constant with the current increas-

FIG. 7. (a) The spatial distribution of the Ørsted field induced by electrical current within the finite stripe sample. (b) The phase diagram of the magnetization behavior of Py finite length stripes of different widths \( w \) under the co-action of the spin-polarized current and the Ørsted field, where all possible magnetization states have the same states numeration as they have had on Fig. 2.

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Appendix A: The combined action of the spin-polarized current and the Ørsted field on stripe samples with finite length

Here we report on the results of the co-action of the spin-polarized current and the Ørsted field on stripe samples with finite length. The spatial distribution of the Ørsted field for the finite length stripe can be calculated.
by using the Biot–Savart law:

$$B(J, r) = \frac{1}{c} \int_V \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{r} \left( \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' \right) \left| \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' \right|^3 \, d^3 r,$$  \hspace{1cm} (A1)

where $J$ is the current density and $|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| = \sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}$ with $r = (x, y, z)$ and $r' = (x', y', z')$. Doing an integration over the entire volume with $x' \in (-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2})$, $y' \in (-\frac{w}{2}, \frac{w}{2})$ and $z' \in (-\infty, \infty)$ and taking into account that current flow throw the ferromagnetic stripe in $-\hat{z}$-direction, while electrons are moving in the opposite direction, it gives us the magnetic field which can be written in the complex vector $B(r) = B_x + iB_y$ form with $\xi = x + iy$:

$$B(J, \xi) = \frac{2J}{c} \left\{ 2\pi y + \sum_{k=1}^4 (-1)^k \xi_k \ln(\xi_k^*) \right\}$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2)

where $\ln(\xi_k) = \ln(|\xi_k|) + i\arg(\xi_k)$ is the complex logarithm, and $\xi_1 = (x + \frac{L}{2}) + i(y - \frac{w}{2})$; $\xi_2 = (x + \frac{L}{2}) + i(y + \frac{w}{2})$; $\xi_3 = (x - \frac{L}{2}) + i(y - \frac{w}{2})$; $\xi_4 = (x - \frac{L}{2}) + i(y + \frac{w}{2})$.

The final form of the Ørsted field distribution (A2) is described in Fig. 7 (a). As one can see, the central part of the field spatial distribution is the same to the Ørsted field in the infinite length stripe, however, the rest parts of them are completely different, as one can see from Fig. 1 (b) and Fig. 7 (a), respectively.

In a result of simulations we obtain the phase diagram which is shown in Fig. 7 (b). As one can see, the parts of the diagram which correspond to the narrow stripes and small current densities remain almost the same as they appear in the previous cases which are discussed in section III and, similarly to the case of quasi-infinite stripes under the action of the spin-current and Ørsted field, we also obtain the single domain wall state instead of saturated one. Meanwhile, the parts of the diagram in Fig. 7 (b) which correspond to the wide stripes and large current densities are completely different from the same parts of diagrams in Fig. 2 (a) and (b). This occurs because the spatial distribution of the Ørsted field for finite length stripe leads to the strong influence of the edge effects in areas far from the center of the stripe. This edge effects start to play a key role in the processes of transition from one magnetization state to another: cross-tie domain wall appear instead of longitudinal domain walls with number of domains larger than one. At the same time, magnetization structures, e.g. cross-tie domain wall state, vortex diamond state and vortex-antivortex quasicrystals, remain stable, however, some of them undergo a deformation.

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