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## Scientific Interests

- Formation and stability of topologically protected structures.
- Mechanisms of transitions between topologically different structures.
- Applications of magnetic nanostructures in computer memory devices.

## Employment History

- 2022 – present     ■ **Postdoc**, Faculty of Physics, ITMO University.
- 2019 – 2021       ■ **Engineer**, Faculty of Physics, ITMO University.
- **Research Engineer**, Faculty of Physics, St. Petersburg State University.
- 2018                ■ **Researcher**, internship at the Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 2017 – 2021       ■ **Researcher**, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Iceland.

## Education

- 2017 – 2022       ■ **Ph.D. in Chemistry**. University of Iceland, Faculty of Physical Sciences, School of Engineering and Natural Sciences.  
Thesis title: *Stability and dynamics of chiral magnetic structures in ferro- and antiferromagnets*. Scientific advisor: H. Jónsson.
- 2017 – 2021       ■ **Candidate of Science in Physics**. Saint Petersburg State University, Department of Statistical Physics.  
Thesis title: *Stability of topologically protected magnetic structures for magnetic memory devices*. Scientific advisor: V. M. Uzdin.
- 2015 – 2017       ■ **Master of Physics**. Saint Petersburg State University, Department of Statistical Physics  
Thesis title: *Stability and dynamics of magnetic skyrmions*. Scientific advisor: V. M. Uzdin.
- 2011 – 2015       ■ **Bachelor of Physics**. Saint Petersburg State University, Department of Statistical Physics  
Thesis title: *Bose condensate profile in 3D traps*. Scientific advisor: M. Yu. Nalimov.

## Research Publications

H-index: 9 (according to Google Scholar), 8 (according to Web of Science).

- 1     **Potkina, M. N.**, Lobanov, I. S., Jónsson, H., & Uzdin, V. M. (2023). Stability of magnetic skyrmions: Systematic calculations of the effect of size from nanometer scale to microns. *Phys. Rev. B*, *107*, 184414, IF: 4.036.
- 2     **Potkina, M. N.**, Lobanov, I. S., & Uzdin, V. M. (2023). Nucleation and collapse of magnetic topological solitons in external magnetic field. *Nanosystems: Phys. Chem. Math.*, *14*, 216–222, IF: 0.964.

- 3 Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Jónsson, H., & Uzdin, V. M. (2022). Lifetime of skyrmions in discrete systems with infinitesimal lattice constant. *Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials*, 549, 168974, IF: 2.993.
- 4 Lobanov, I. S., Potkina, M. N., & Uzdin, V. M. (2021). Stability and lifetimes of magnetic states of nano- and microstructures (brief review). *JETP Letters*, 113, 801–813, IF: 1.532.
- 5 Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I., & Uzdin, V. (2020). Nonmagnetic impurities in skyrmion racetrack memory. *Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics*, 11, 628–635, IF: 0.964.
- 6 Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., & Uzdin, V. M. (2020). Fine energy structure of a magnetic skyrmion localized on a nonmagnetic impurity in an external magnetic field. *Physics of Complex Systems*, 1, 165–168 IF: –.
- 7 Varentcova, A. S., von Malottki, S., Potkina, M. N., Kwiatkowski, G., Heinze, S., & Bessarab, P. F. (2020). Toward room-temperature nanoscale skyrmions in ultrathin films. *npj Computational Materials*, 6, 1–11, IF: 12.241.
- 8 Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Tretiakov, O. A., Jónsson, H., & Uzdin, V. M. (2020). Stability of long-lived antiskyrmions in the Mn-Pt-Sn tetragonal Heusler material. *Physical Review B*, 102, 134430, IF: 4.036.
- 9 Vlasov, S. M., Bessarab, P. F., Lobanov, I. S., Potkina, M. N., Uzdin, V. M., & Jónsson, H. (2020). Magnetic skyrmion annihilation by quantum mechanical tunneling. *New Journal of Physics*, 22, 083013, IF: 3.732.
- 10 Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Jónsson, H., & Uzdin, V. M. (2020). Skyrmions in antiferromagnets: Thermal stability and the effect of external field and impurities. *Journal of Applied Physics*, 127, 213906, IF: 2.546.
- 11 Shustin, M. S., & Potkina, M. N. (2020). Effective easy-axis anisotropy of the two-sublattice single-chain magnet with twisted easy planes. *Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics*, 11, 659–665, IF: 0.964.
- 12 Denisov, K. S., Rozhansky, I. V., Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Lähderanta, E., & Uzdin, V. M. (2018). Topological Hall effect for electron scattering on nanoscale skyrmions in external magnetic field. *Physical Review B*, 98, 214407, IF: 4.036.
- 13 Uzdin, V. M., Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Bessarab, P. F., & Jónsson, H. (2018a). The effect of confinement and defects on the thermal stability of skyrmions. *Physica B: Condensed Matter*, 549, 6–9, IF: 2.436.
- 14 Uzdin, V. M., Potkina, M. N., Lobanov, I. S., Bessarab, P. F., & Jónsson, H. (2018b). Energy surface and lifetime of magnetic skyrmions. *Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials*, 459, 236–240, IF: 2.993.
- 15 Varentsova, A., Potkina, M. N., von Malottki, S., Heinze, S., & Bessarab, P. (2018). Interplay between size and stability of magnetic skyrmions. *Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics*, 356–363, IF: 0.964.
- 16 Lobanov, I., Potkina, M. N., Jónsson, H., & Uzdin, V. (2017). Truncated minimum energy path method for finding first order saddle points. *Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics*, 586–595, IF: 0.964.

## Funding Obtained

### Coordinator

- 2022 – 2024 ━ RSF 22-72-00059, "Nucleation and mutual transformations of topological magnetic structures".
- 2018 – 2020 ━ Grant of Icelandic Research Fund, 185409-051, 185409-052, 185409-053, "Simulation studies of local magnetic structures in antiferromagnets".

- 2018       Individual grant from German-Russian Interdisciplinary Science Center (G-RISC) for research in Germany, P-2018a-14.

## Participant

- 2022 – 2023       RSF 22-22-00632, "Physics of three-dimensional chiral topological nano and microsystems".
- 2020 – 2022       Foundation for the Development of Theoretical Physics and Mathematics "BASIS", 19-1-1-12-2, "Leader" ("Leading Scientist") "The nature of the topological stability of chiral magnetic and liquid crystal systems".
- 2019 – 2021       RSF 19-72-10138, "Energy efficient control of magnetization in nanostructures".  
 RSF 19-42-06302, "Investigation of topological magnetic textures as a basis for artificial neural networks".  
 RFBR 19-32-90048, "Stability and dynamics of topological spin structures in ferrimagnetic and antiferromagnetic materials".
- 2018 – 2020       RFBR 18-02-00267 A, "Lifetimes of magnetic states of nano- and microstructures".

## Skills

- Languages       English (upper intermediate), French (basic).
- Coding       Python, C, Matlab, Wolfram Mathematica, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Awards and Achievements

- 2023       Winner of subsidies for young scientists, Committee of Science and Higher Education of Saint Petersburg Government.
- 2018       Diploma for the most cited article in journal "Nanosystems: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics", <http://nanojournal.ifmo.ru/news/90/>
- 2013       Winner of the «Global Technology Practice» competition for the right to participate in an internship for engineering students in Hamburg, Germany («Lift to the Future» program).
- 2011       Scholarship of «Lift to the Future» program.  
 Special Scholarship of the Government of St. Petersburg in the field of physics.