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**Confined vortex phase  
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Departement Fysica, Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium — In the fifties, Abrikosov  
found the coexistence of superconductivity with an external magnetic field in the  
form of vortices, quantized filaments that cross the material. The puzzling prop-  
erties of the recently discovered ferromagnetic superconductors are indicative of  
vortices, but stemming from the *internal* magnetic field. Here we analyze this latter  
phenomenon and propose a new superconducting phase, made of *confined vortex  
lines*, prior to the onset of experimentally visible spontaneous vortex phase. Sim-  
ilarly to exotic superconductors, internal complexes of vortex loops may also arise  
around embedded nanomagnets in artificial superconducting hybrids, where high  
density of magnetic particles can lead to a disordered vortex phase resembling a  
*vortex glass*. Our simulations in the Ginzburg-Landau framework also show the re-  
markable, three-dimensional dynamic effects of the Lorentz force on vortex loops in  
applied dc current. This provides unique method for the experimental detection of  
the confined phase through transport measurements, both for bulk and mesoscopic  
samples.

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