

# **B38EM Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism**

## **Lecture 6**

# **Magnetic materials**

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# Magnetostatics

- Magnetic Flux Density

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$$

**Permeability** is the degree of magnetization of a material in response to a magnetic field.

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \quad (\text{m / s})$$



# Magnetostatics

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- Magnetic Dipole - Magnetic Fields in Matter

Just as the electric dipole was helpful to understand the behaviour of dielectric materials

**PERMITTIVITY**  $\epsilon$ : Level of polarizability

The magnetic dipole is helpful to understand the behaviour of magnetic materials



**PERMEABILITY**  $\mu$ : Ability to support formation of  **$B$**

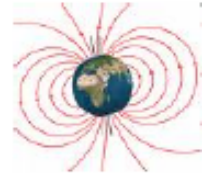
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# Magnetostatics

- Magnetic Fields in Matter

- All magnetic phenomena are due to electric charges in motion

- horseshoe magnets  , compass needles  , Earth,...



- Examination on atomic level reveals SMALL “CURRENT LOOPS”

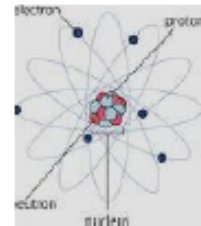
- electrons “orbiting” around nuclei or “spinning” about their axes

- Macroscopic purposes

- Treated as magnetic dipoles

- If no magnetic field is applied

- random orientation → dipole fields cancel each other out

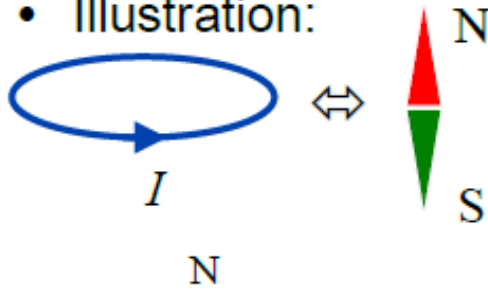


- What happens when we apply a magnetic field?

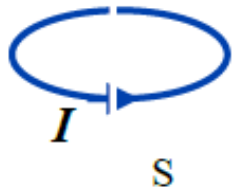
# Magnetostatics

- Magnetic Fields in Matter

- Illustration:



magnetic dipole can be viewed as pair of magnetic charges  
(in analogy to electric dipole)



magnetic dipole is the elementary source of the magnetic field

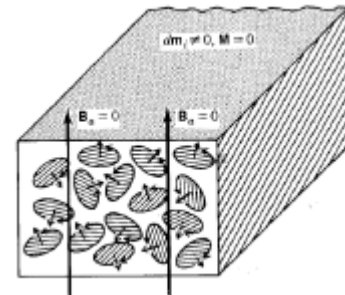


a magnetic field exerts a force (torque) on a magnetic dipole

- dipole moment distribution sets up induced secondary fields:

$$\text{Total field} \leftarrow \mathbf{B}_{total} = \mathbf{B}_{app} + \mathbf{B}_{ind} \leftarrow \text{Field due to induced magnetic dipoles}$$

Field in free space due to sources  
 ↓  
 $\mathbf{B}_{app}$



# Magnetostatics

- Concept of Permeability

- For most materials, the **magnetisation** is proportional to the **H** field,  
(**M** and **H** [A/m])  $\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}$  magnetic susceptibility  
(dimensionless)

- Furthermore, we obtain

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \mathbf{H} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

where  $\mu$  is the **permeability** of the material

\* **M** shows how the applied **H**-field affects the **H**-field inside the material

Material	Susceptibility	Material	Susceptibility
<i>Diamagnetic:</i>		<i>Paramagnetic:</i>	
Bismuth	$-1.6 \times 10^{-4}$	Oxygen	$1.9 \times 10^{-6}$
Gold	$-3.4 \times 10^{-5}$	Sodium	$8.5 \times 10^{-6}$
Silver	$-2.4 \times 10^{-5}$	Aluminum	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}$
Copper	$-9.7 \times 10^{-6}$	Tungsten	$7.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Water	$-9.0 \times 10^{-6}$	Platinum	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$
Carbon Dioxide	$-1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	Liquid Oxygen ( $-200^\circ \text{C}$ )	$3.9 \times 10^{-3}$
Hydrogen	$-2.2 \times 10^{-9}$	Gadolinium	$4.8 \times 10^{-1}$

# Magnetostatics

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- Concept of Permeability
  - Knowing the permeability of a magnetic material tells us all we need to know from the point of view of macroscopic electromagnetics
  - The **relative permeability** of a magnetic material is the ratio of the permeability of the magnetic material to the permeability of free space

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

# Magnetostatics

- Concept of Permeability

- **What happens when we apply a magnetic field?**
  - Medium becomes magnetically polarised (*magnetised*)
  - The induced magnetic dipole modifies the magnetic field... both inside and outside the magnetized material

- **Electric fields** → **electric polarisation** has always direction of **E**

- **Magnetic fields** → materials acquire different **magnetisations**

<b>MAGNETISATION</b>	Aligned as B	Aligned opposite to B	Magnetisation remains after external field is removed
<b>TYPE OF MATERIAL</b>	<u>PARAMAGNETIC</u>	<u>DIAMAGNETIC</u>	<u>FERROMAGNETIC</u>

- **Permanent magnet** (Material remains magnetised in the absence of an applied magnetic field)



# Magnetostatics

- Magnetic Properties of Solids

All materials react to an applied external magnetic field.

Magnetic materials can be placed in 3 categories:

Diamagnetic:  $\mu_r < 1$  (e.g.  $\mu_{r\_copper} = 0.9999994$ )

materials that get magnetized in **opposition** of an externally applied magnetic field. (**Most materials**)

They **repel B lines** (both poles).

**Silver, Lead, Copper, Water, superconductors**  
(levitation)

Paramagnetic:  $\mu_r > 1$

materials that get magnetized in the direction of, and **proportional** to, the applied magnetic field.

They **weakly attract B lines** (either pole).

**Platinum, aluminum, oxygen**

Ferromagnetic:  $\mu_r$  very large iron: 200 - 300,000 nickel=100 - 600,

materials that produce **magnetization** often orders of **magnitude greater** than the applied **B field**.

**Permanent Magnets**

# Magnetostatics

- Magnetic Properties of Solids

Material	Relative Permeability
Copper	0.9999906
Silver	0.9999736
Lead	0.9999831
Air	1.00000037
Oxygen	1.000002
Aluminum	1.000021
Titanium 6-4 (Grade 5)	1.00005
Palladium	1.0008
Platinum	1.0003
Manganese	1.001
Cobalt	250
Nickel	600
Iron	280,000

} Diamagnetic  
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